SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

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Winter has arrived also down here in southern Sweden. His week from -6 to -12C in the morning. We have also about 5-10 cm snow covering the fields. According to SMHI the same weather situation will continue also next week. Normally if we have got any snow it has gone the next day.

The pandemic situation remains the same with closed borders, r3estrictions and lack of vaccine. It is very boring not to be able to see relatives or even family.

This will also affect the annual convention for ARC & SWB which is normally held in April. This convention was cancelled in 2020 and with the present restrictions we probably have to do the same this year.

Thanks a lot for all contributions to this issue.

But – don't forget we always need more interesting info!

Keep on

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QSL, comments, etc.

Christer Brunström: T8WH Hope Radio, Palau 9965 beautiful QSL-card mailed from Pittsburgh, PA. **Free Radio Service Holland 3920**, 6160 folder confirming my reception of the 40th anniversary broadcast. The programme was relayed by Radio Piepzender 3920 in the Netherlands and Shortwave Radio 6160 in Germany. The package also included a letter and a 32-page booklet telling about the history of FRSH.

Manuel Méndez. FRS Holland, 7700, 8th November 40th Anniversary transmission, received eQSL in 70 days. FRS Holland, 7700, 27th December 40th Anniversary transmission, received eQSL in 32 days. Reception reports sent to: <u>frs@frsholland.nl</u>

Lennart Weirell. Ett QSL att rapportera: SDXF via Channel 292 - 9670 e-brev 4 t

Robert Wilkner. The Mosquito Coast, 8 February 2021. "Fair conditions on the bands in South Florida. Hope for a better report from my location soon."

Christoph Ratzer. Heute bestätigte mir All India Radio Srinagar den Empfang von **AIR Kargil** in Ladakh.

Seit meinem Besuch in Ladakh vor 38 Jahren fasziniert mich diese Himalayaregion, der seltene Mittelwellenempfang vor 3 Jahren auf 684 kHz war herausfordernd, eine Bestätigung zu erhalten noch die größere Aufgabe.





Kargil is a town in Kargil district and the joint capital of the union territory of Ladakh.

Kargil is the second largest town in Ladakh after Leh. It is located 204 km to the east of Srinagar and 234 km west of Leh to the east.

Kargil is the centre of the Suru River valley, historically known as Purig.

Kargil has an average elevation of 2676 metres and is situated along the banks of the Suru River (Indus).

During the 2011 census, the population of Kargil town was recorded at 16,338.

Log

(UTC)

3260	Jan31	1109	NBC Madang. Better reception today; can clearly tell the audio is still badly muffled (unre- adable). On Feb 1, noted off the air from 1118+, so still broadcasting erratically. (Ron Ho- ward, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
3310	Jan28	2320	Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba, weak signal. (Wilkner)
3330	Jan28	2320	CHU, time check. (Wilkner)
3910	Feb5	2240	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. Jammed. 34342 (CG)
3920	Jan30	2207	R.Piepzender, Zwolle. Du/G/E, mx, s/off & p.o.box addr. anns. 35433 (CG)
3920	Feb7	0122	R Piepzender mx Metalica, ID @ ADDR mx (TB)
3930	Feb5	2230	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. Jammed. Better on Feb 5, 2230. 24331 (CG)
3945	Jan31	-1103*	R. Vanuatu, just to prove me wrong, noted trx off at 1103*, instead of the recently consistent 1114:30. Propagation varies wildly from day to day. Sometimes can hear the harmonics (7890 & 11835), other days not heard. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
3945	Feb5	2242	R.Echo Of Unification (cland.), Chongjin. Kor to KOR, songs. 25342 (CG)
3955	Feb1	2302	Channel 292, Rohrdorf. Pops. 45333 (CG)
3980	Feb5	2244	R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Gyengi-do. Kor to KRE, tks, mx. Jammed. 34342 (CG)
3985	Jan25	2221	R.Bielorussia via Shortwave Sce., Kall-Krekell. G, mx, tks. 35332 (CG)
4450	Jan28	2212	Voice Of The People (cland.) (p), Goyang. Tks. QRM de CODAR + jammer. 22341 (CG)
4750	Jan31	1712	Bangladesh Betar, Shavar. Bengali, tks (nx?). Loud, yet overmodulated as usual. (CG)
4880	Jan30	1136	Echo of Hope - VOH. The weekend only program of reading a "Harry Potter" story in Eng-
			lish and explaining it in Korean. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
4880	Jan25	2235	R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Nowong-gu. Kor to KRE, classical & light mx. 35332 (CG)
4885	Feb2	2243	R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Nowong-gu. Kor to KRE, mx. QRM de B. 34342 (CG)
4885	Feb3	0000	Radio Clube do Pará, Belém, PA, om with music, good signal. (Wilkner)
4940	Feb3	0000	Colombian station, with weak signal. (Wilkner)
5009.94	Jan29	1506	Radio Madagasikara. Program of religious music; still decent reception at 1540. (Ron Ho- ward, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
5040	Jan30	1122	AIR Jeypore. Test tone till 1127; then IS; weak. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
5055	Jan31	0800	Radio 4KZ. "National News"; items about "lock down quarantine"; weather; spot about history of sports in Australia; pop songs (Peter Frampton - "Baby, I Love Your Way,"
5915	Feb2	1641	etc.), commercial announcements. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.) R. One/ZNBC1. One good thing about them moving away from ex 5995, is that I can now clearly hear them via long path, as 5995 was always jammed by N. Korea, making reception impossible; today with repetitive African pop music; almost fair reception. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
5915	Jan30	2130	ZBC from 2130 - 2245Z w/ talks by OM in FF, into high-life music. (Rippel, VA)
5915	Jan27	2232	ZNBC-R. 1, Lusaka. Vn, tks, Afr. mx. 25331 (CG)

5920	Jan29	1437	Vatican Radio, with a super strong signal; in Hindi. Voice of Freedom (Korea) has moved
			from 5920 and is now on 6045 per Aoki:
			5920 1430-1450 PHL VATICAN RADIO Hin Tinang 1-7
			5920 1450-1510 PHL VATICAN RADIO Tam Tinang 1-7
			5920 1510-1530 PHL VATICAN RADIO Mal Tinang 1-7 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
5939.4	Feb3	2215	R.Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Natl. nx magazine A Voz do Brasil. 35332 (CG)
5985	Jan29	1547	Myanmar Radio. Very late starting their English segment; was in vernacular at 1538, but by
0,00	0 un <u></u>)	1017	1547 check was in English with the news; 1557, ID and weather; CRI at *1559 (a few se-
			conds before 1600). (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
5985	Feb4	2307	Myanma R, Yegu. Tks, folk songs. 35342 (CG)
5995	Jan31	0738	Echo of Hope - VOH. The weekend reading of the "Harry Potter" story in English and Ko-
			rean; this station plays a four hour program loop, so this program was in fact heard again at
5995	Jan24	2150	1138. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.) R Mali, Kati Vernacular discussions @ 2150 by OM and YL. African highlife mx on a
5775	541121	2150	stringed instrument. Reminds me of listening to the 60MB after getting home from
			school (Rippel, VA)
5995	Feb2	2304	R.Mali, Kati. Vn, local songs. 55444 (CG)
6035	Jan30	1030	"Yunnan Radio International,". The usual multilanguage IDs; almost fair reception. (Ron Ho-
60.45	I O O	1 407	ward, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
6045	Jan29	1437	Back to alternate frequency 6045, Voice of Freedom. Ex 5920; now mixing with the N. Ko- rean super jamming here and an UNID station. Perhaps moved to get away from Vatican Ra-
			dio via Philippines. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
6115	Jan29	0527	R. Congo. Very unusual propagation; normally Japan is well heard by 0530, but today had
			not yet faded in, leaving RC in the clear; IS of pop African songs; BoH, YL with clear "Radio
			Congo" ID; the usual brief spots with kalimba music. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach,
(124.01	E.1.2	0100	Calif.)
6134.91 6135	Feb3 Feb2	0100 1350	Radio Santa Cruz, weak signal, seemingly Spanish announcer. (Wilkner) Radio Madagasikara. The N. Korea super jamming that had recently been here for a few days
0155	1002	1550	is now gone yet again; RM in the clear with pop songs. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach,
			Calif.)
6145	Feb2	1703	6145 // 9630, CNR17. Thanks very to Dr Hansjoerg Biener, (Germany) for his valuable feed-
			back about the // 6145, that I had not heard before; the usual long "Radio" jingle/song; 1720,
			weekday language lesson in Russian, along with Kazakh; multi-language intro ("Hi, Hello. Nĭ hǎo [Chinese for "Hello"], How are you?", etc.); repeating words and phrases in Russian;
			9630 slightly stronger than 6145. Jan 29 (Friday), language lesson was in English. (Ron Ho-
			ward, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
6200	Feb2	1604	Xizang PBS, via Lhasa. "Holy Tibet"; still fairly readable; items about the upcoming Chinese
			lunar New Year's Spring Festival, the biggest holiday in China and Tibet, also gives impro-
(220	E.1.2	2210	ved income figures for the people in Tibet. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
6230 6245	Feb3	2219 2233	Sound Of Hope R Int'l, unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 15341 (CG)
6243 6250	Jan25 Feb1	2255	R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, classical & light mx. 35433 (CG) R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, tks. Jammed. 34342 (CG)
6370.1	Jan29	2239	Sound Of Hope R Int'l, unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 15341 (CG)
6400	Feb1	2309	Pyongyang BC Stn, Kanggye. Tks. 35342 (CG)
6600	Feb2	2306	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. Jammed. 34342 (CG)
7140	Feb2	1448	VOBME 1. HOA music and chanting, via long path; better than usual reception; also heard
		-	7180, VOBME 2 (clearly not //) and both about equal strength. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State
		A /	Beach, Calif.)
7260	Feb4	-0659*	Radio Vanuatu, 0645-0659*. At tune in, was surprised to find RV still here, as they had con-
			sistently been heard with ex 0559*; nice music program (brief audio attached) and many IDs ("Radio Vanuatu, Vois Blong Yumi"); suddenly cut off. *0659 (ex: *0559), heard on 3945
			(poor), 2nd harmonic 7890 (best reception) and 3rd harmonic 11835 (poor); 0703-0727, with
			news/sports in Bislama (600 people quarantined in Australia, before the start of the Austra-
			lian Open Tennis Tournament, etc.). A one time anomaly or an actual change to their sche-
			dule? Needs more monitoring.
			Feb 5, - Yes, Radio Vanuatu, with new schedule till 0659*, on 7260 kHz.; almost fair by cut
7810.1	Feb3	2217	off time. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.) Sound Of Hope R Int'l, unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 25341 (CG)
9095	Jan31	1730	R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Taerung. Kor to KRE, tks. Adj. uty. QRM. 22441 (CG)
9630	Jan29	1636	CNR17. Program of nice indigenous music till 1700; a long "Radio" jingle/song; 1718-1727,
			weekday language lesson in English, along with Kazakh; multi-language intro ("Hi, Hello. Ni

			hǎo [Chinese for "Hello"], How are you?," etc.); into phrases in English ("I have a pen do you have money? Does he have a book[car]? Yes, he has a book [car]," etc.); as usual
			with the non-stop, self-QRMing whistling/humming throughout the entire program; it's not
			really in the background, but is too strong; just about semi-readable. The weekend language
			lesson schedule is timed very differently and I'm not familiar with that. (Ron Howard, Asilo-
			mar State Beach, Calif.)
9630.4	Jan28	2214	R.Aparecida, Aparecida SP. Natl. nx magazine A Voz do Brasil. Adj. QRM. 23441 (CG)
9635	Jan31	1733	R.Mali, Kati. Vn/F, tks, pop mx, phone-ins. 45433 (CG)
9664.9	Feb2	2301	R.Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Songs, fqs. ann., ref. to Arca da Vitória and Arca do
			Sacrifício for donations, infos. 35433 (CG)
9925	Feb2	1737	R. Pilipinas. Excellent reception (a rating I rarely use); in Filipino/Tagalog; // 12120 was also
			heard, but with pulsating noise and prominent het; as usual no carrier at all on 15190. (Ron
			Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
11460.1	Feb4	2309	Sound Of Hope R Int'l, unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 15431 (CG)
11610	Jan28	*2100-	MWV (Mahajanga). 8-note IS, quick orchestral sound bite & CH opening remarks (ID, web-
			site: <u>www.smzg.org</u>) into (presumably) uplifting religious chat. (Sheedy)
11770	Jan28	-2100*	unID. Big carrier with no (or very weak) modulation. suspect VoN as they occasionally have
			modulation problems. I usually catch their 1630 EG programme, so this log is a pretty late
11015	F 1 6	22.40	one for me [if, indeed, it is VoN]. (Sheedy)
11815	Feb5	2249	R.Brasil Central, Goiânia. Natl. nx magazine A Voz do Brasil. Vy. weak audio. (CG)
11820	Jan23	2010	Saudia Arabia Q'Ran chants and annes by OM in Arabie. Excellent levels. (Rippel, VA)
11835	Jan23	0807	(H), R. Vanuatu, Vanuatu, Port Vila; males in (seems) english discussion. Fair (LOB).
11835	Jan29	0600	(harmonic), from 0600+. Recently had been hearing good reception at this time, but today no signal at all. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
11905	Jan27	0110	11905-11910-11915-DRM, Nacional FM with mostly music, via TWR Bonaire KiwiSDR,
11905	Janz /	0110	SNR fluxuating 9-10 dB, which is not quite enough to avoid dropouts and skips at 12.46
			kbps; 0130-0135 break for interview about music to follow, now worsening circa 9, 0140
			classical flute/violin/guitar; \$tereo would be nice, but too taxing on DRM bandwith, can't
			even maintain solid modul in mono. But the one-line Journaline news headlines rotating
			come thru unscathed at 2.30 kbps. I was trying to show a few, but altho hilited they will not
			copy (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)
13840	Jan30	2221	R.NZi, Rangitaiki. Tks. 15331 (CG)
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Pirate Stations

3905	Jan23	2253	R.Technische Man - pir. Du/E, pops, thanking for a rec. rpt. from I. 35342 (CG)
3905	Jan26	1910	Zenith Classic Rock (IRL) - pir. Pops. USB tx. 35343 (CG)
3955	Feb1	2302	Channel 292, Rohrdorf. Pops. 45333 (CG)
4050U	Feb6	2300	Goat Cheese Radio @2300 till 2330 tune out playing oldies with annces in EE (Rippel, VA)
4872	Feb1	2305	Mystery R 21 - pir. Pops. 35433 (CG)
4875	Feb3	2213	Mystery R 21 - pir. Pops. 35343 (CG)
5140	Jan26	2253	Charleston R Int'l - pir. Oldies. 35332 (CG)
5780	Feb1	2307	Harmony R - pir. Oldies. 35343 (CG)
6200	Jan20	0735	Radio Onda Corta Venezuela, Venezuela, El Tigre; latin music. Very weak, precarious; seve- ral days trying this was the "best" signal received (LOB).
6205	Feb4	2313	Laser Hot Hits - pir. E, pops, tks. 35343 (CG)
6245	Jan25	2233	R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, classical & light mx. 35433 (CG)
6280	Jan24	1740	Laser Hot Hits - pir. E, pops, tks. Feed delay rel. to // 6205 weaker. 35433 (CG)
6280	Feb5	2247	Dazzle FM (G stn) via UNID, Irish? - pir. E, pops. 35342 (CG)
6305.1	Jan26	2256	R.Merlin Int'l - pir. Pops. 35432 (CG)
6925	Jan22	2352	Radio Compania Worldwide, Chile; latin music (some cuban style), male ToH announcements in SS. Poor to fair, HAM ORM (LOB).
6985	Feb2	2245	R.The Vault - pir. Pops. 35342 (CG)

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Station news

BOLIVIA. Radio Jatun Ayllu Yura. La Voz de los Ayllus, wurde Anfang Juli 2020 auf 5935 kHz gemeldet, doch blieben diese Meldungen umstritten.

(Dr. Hansjoerg Biener-D; Anker Petersen-DEN, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 29)

Dear Wolfgang, Hans Jörg and Anker,

Why controversial ("umstritten")?? There is no doubt that Radio Yura – La Voz de los Ayllus was active in July 2020. Please listen to my recording:

https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/radio-yura-heard-in-brazil-on-5935-july-6th-2020 with clear ID as "Radio Yura". Radio Yura is the correct name for the station. Not Radio Jatun Ayllu Yura.

This is what I wrote on the HCDX mailing list on July 9th 2020:

"A couple of years ago I visited Radio Yura in Bolivia and I'm still in touch with one of the announcers of the stations. He wrote me on Monday that Radio Yura was back on the air, so I started checking various SDR receivers in South America as from the (supposed) sign on time at 2200 UTC, and at 2240 UTC Radio Yura did indeed sign on - on 5935.0 kHz. Not too strong in the beginning but gradually the signal got better and many clear station IDs were noted. I recorded one of them - which you can hear here: <u>https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/radio-yura-heard-in-brazil-on-5935-july-6th-2020</u> (here you can also see a photo of the building where Radio Yura has its on air studio and check some of my other uploads, if you care. Press my name .. and perhaps you'll have to log in as well; I'm not really familiar with Soundcloud)

It has been reported that Radio Yura was not on the air yesterday. I might be so, yes. The thing is that Radio Yura has to rely on volunteers, so sometimes they are on the air - sometimes not. As my friend from Radio Yura put it: "Es así lamentablemente radio Yura encienden cuando tiene voluntad la locutora... Siempre fue asi..." What is controversial about all this?

(Best 73s, Stig Hartvig Nielsen)

HELLO dear Stig, re recent Radio Yura item. My comment: I see - you are already in correspondence with Hansjoerg.

Here is my knowledge of this South American radiostation. In 53 years of DXing editor, I never heard this rare station in all these years. Not even in the last 12 months, when log / audio reports were reported in few DX press.

Unfortunately, also the total absence of 3 - 4 Perseus units in South American Latin countries is one of the strongest arguments that there were no mass monitoring reports of this split fq of R Yura.

This excellent Perseus topreceiver from Italy is in no way comparable with the amateurishly performing - poor reception quality of JBA signals - for example of a KiwiNet_Set in Colombia or Brazil.

Sorry, on this side, there is total lack of knowledge or information about the R Yury report here in Stuttgart.

(good dx, 73 de wolfgang, wwdxc topnews)

Dear Wolfgang,

No, sorry - but I have to disagree. There is no lack of knowledge. I visited Radio Yura, I made an interview with one of the announcers of the station, I wrote an article about Radio Yura with lots of details and photos - published in DX-Aktuellt - and I am still in contact with the announcer of Radio Yura which I met.

Radio Yura is not on a split frequency. When I heard it in July 2020 it was on 5935.0 kHz. Please- why don't you listen to my recording which I made while listening to a SDR-receiver in Brazil: https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/radio-yura-heard-in-brazil-on-5935-july-6th-2020

(Best 73s, Stig Hartvig Nielsen)

INDIA. On Jan 25, at 1330 UT; "This is All India Radio. On the eve of Republic Day . . ."; National Anthem; president's address to the nation; heard only one station with audio. YouTube address https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=86wPs_4UBRs .

4760 Leh - No signal; on some days I have heard a weak carrier here, but not today.

4835 Gangtok - No signal.

- 4950 Srinagar Decent level carrier, but never any audio.
- 5040 Jeypore The best signal heard; president's address to the nation; first in Hindi and repeated again in English.

5050 Aizawl - No Signal - Only China (BBR) heard.

6030 Delhi - Only DRM from China (CNR1).

Rather sad that there are now so few AIR stations on SW, especially when compared to my log from **2013**: 4850, AIR Kohima, 1235-1424, Jan 25. Thanks to Alokesh Gupta's alert in dx_india yg. In vernacular, Hindi and English; 1304 "Program Highlights"; "sports talk" with detailed history of cricket in India; 1330 special broadcast of the annual President's speech to the nation on the eve of Republic Day delivered in English and repeated again in Hindi; 1400 time pips; local news in Hindi (1406-1410 dead air, only open carrier) and repeated again in English (was pre-empted from 1350 by the speech); poor to almost fair; light China QRM; several IDs; "This is the Kohima station of All India Radio". President's address noted //:

4760 AIR Port Blair 4970 AIR Shillong (very weak audio) 4775 AIR Imphal 4990 AIR Itanagar 4810 AIR Bhopal 5010 AIR Thiruvananthapuram 4880 AIR Lucknow 5040 AIR Jeypore

5050 AIR Aizawl (QRM) 9425 AIR Delhi (Khampur) 9470 AIR Aligarh (very faint audio, but there) 9870 AIR Bengaluru (QRM)

(Ron Howard, California)

NEW ZEALAND. Intersting tips from RNZ :-) AM Reception Tips + Planned transmitter maintenance. See https://www.rnz.co.nz/listen/amhelp

(TB, Tomas Burian, Morava, Moravia)

PERU. Peruvian shortwave stations which have been active in the past year or so (stations believed to be currently active as of January 2021 are {originally} in bold):

- 4747 Radio Huanta Dos Mil, Huanta (Ayacucho region) - until October 2020 (now on 4764)
- 4764 Radio Huanta Dos Mil has been on 4764 kHz (ex 4747) - since mid-October 2020
- 4775 Radio Tarma, Tarma (Reg. Junin), is active daily, but with shorter airtime.
- 4810 Radio Logos, Chazuta (Reg.S. Martin), reported since October 2020. (but note there is strong interference from STANAG (Nato) on 4812)
- 4920.8 Radio La Voz del Pueblo, Santiago de Chuco (Reg. La Libertad), was reported only in two months during 2020 and is not currently heard.
- 4930 Radio Sur Andina, Sicuani (Reg. Cusco) is still listed in WRTH 2021 but has not been reported internationally since May 2019
- 4940 Radio San Antonio, Villa Atalaya (Reg.Ucayali), reported to be on the air occasionally.
- 4955 Radio Cultural Amauta, Huanta (Reg.Ayacucho), became sporadic in 2020
- 5025 Radio Quillabamba, Quillabamba (Reg. Cusco), this catholic station is on air regularly but is using the same frequency as Radio Rebelde (Cuba) so is difficult to hear.
- 5980 Radio Chaski, Urubamba (Reg.Cusco), was heard in early 2020 but not subsequently.
- 6174 Radio Tawantinsuyo, Cd. Cusco (Reg. Cusco), reported again in January 2021.

(summary of report by Dr Hansjoerg Biener BC-DX TopNews 17 Jan)

([WOR] Feb BDXC-UK Communication items)

SPAIN. Radio Exterior de España, emisiones en Onda Corta. See info here:

https://www.rtve.es/radio/20201013/radio-exterior-espana-emisiones-onda-corta/2044620.shtml (73! Tomas Burian)

TAJIKISTAN. Voice of Tajik (Ovozi Tojik) (Gov). 1143 kHz & 7245 kHz. Daily: 0200-0400 Tajik / CAz 1000-1100 Uzbek / CAs 14.00-1600 Tajik / CAz 0400-0600 Farsi / ME 1100-1200 Hindi / SAs 1600-1800 Farsi / ME 0600-0800 Dari / WAs 1200-1300 Arabic / ME 0800-1000 Russian / CAS 1300-1400 English / WAs V: eQSL-letter, E-mail: ovozitojik2016@mail.ru, info@ktr.tj (WRTH 2021)

VANUATU. A-21, start from March 28, 2021. The first 'discussion' database of ITU Joint HFCC/ASBU/ABU Schedule hfcc.org, received of mid January(!) pre-pandemia-digital-conference discussion.

2485 1000-1900 VUT R.Vanuatu Eng Port Vila 1-7 5040 2000-2400 VUT R.Vanuatu Eng Port Vila 1-7 5055 3945 0600-1000 VUT R.Vanuatu Eng Port Vila 1-7 2100-0100 VUT R.Vanuatu Eng Port Vila 1-7 3945 1900-2000 VUT R.Vanuatu Eng Port Vila 1-7 7260 0100-0700(!) VUT R.Vanuatu Eng Port Vila 1-7

(73 wolfie df5sx, wwdxc)

Hi Mauno - Recently 3945 observed turning off the transmitter shortly after 1100 UTC (1114:30* and 1103*). (Ron Howard)

Answering my own question: yes, looks like they are today at 2015 on 5040 kHz, so maybe they are now: 0000-0700 1830-2000 3945 7260 2000-0000 5040 0700-1100 3945 (Best regards, Mauno Ritola)

Other radio news

[WOR] VOA Museum Virtual Tours: Stories from Bethany

Website : Thursday at 9 pm EST, Jack Dominic, the Executive Director of the National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting, will be here to talk about a new feature at the museum: virtual tours. Get a taste of what the museum has to offer, even when the doors are closed due to the pandemic. Hear stories of how the radio signals from VOA Bethany Station impacted countless lives.

Tune into Ham Talk Live! Thursday night at 9 pm EST (Friday 0200Z) by going to hamtalklive.com. When the audio player indicates LIVE, just hit the play button!

If you miss the show live, you can listen on demand anytime also at hamtalklive.com; or a podcast version is on nearly all podcast sites a few minutes after the live show is over. Some sites include Apple Podcasts, Stitcher, Google Play, SoundCloud, and iHeart Podcasts; and it's also available on YouTube. A replay is also broadcast on WTWW 5085 AM on Saturday nights at approximately 3:30 pm Eastern.

Be sure to CALL in with your questions and comments by calling 859-982-7373 live during the call-in segment of the show. You can also tweet your questions before or during the show to @HamTalkLive. (<u>https://www.eham.net/</u>) (via WOR)

CONGO. An update from Radio Kahuzi



https://swling.com/blog/2021/02/an-update-from-radio-kahuzi/

Many thanks to *SWLing Post* contributor, <u>Dan Robinson</u>, who writes:

SWLing Post readers have no doubt been wondering, along with the rest of us, about the status of **Radio Kahuzi**, the religious missionary station in Democratic Republic of Congo.

The station has been off the air for months, following a lightning strike in 2020 and various ongoing problems with power supply there in DRC.

Now, a note from Richard McDonald, founder of Radio Kahuzi, who says that they hope to be back on the air soon, though no timeline is provided.

For those who are not familiar with the station, it used a slightly off frequency of 6210.2 kHz in the 48 meter band. This was within the area of European pirate stations, and various broadcasters transmitting to North Korea and Iran, but propagation was usually such that Radio Kahuzi could be heard at European SDR sites in the hour or so before station sign off in the 1800 to 1820 UTC range.

Unclear from the note sent by McDonald is what power the station will be using when it does finally return to the air. Previously power was in the 500 to 750 watt range. McDonald provided a drawing of what appears to be the new studio building for Radio Kahuzi [see image at top of page].

Hi Daniel and our faithful Dxers !

Thank you for your interest and encouragement for Radio Kahuzi and BESI ! The Lord is GOOD and we are recovering from the malaria and the yearly flu; finding another Normal !

We received the repair parts Monday 1 Feb 2021 DHL from Mike Axmon and Son Set Solutions that we were not able to find locally, to repair our SW Transmitter, after a Lightning Strike that took out four Radio Stations the same day.

We hope the partial repair will now be complete to bring back the functions that thus far were uncontrolled after initially replacing the six transistors, etc. !

At the same time, SNEL is being converted to a Cash Power system at the Studio, and our Antenna will be re positioned Next Door.

A New Prime Minister will be installed soon, as the government is being transitioned, while we are all still in Lock Down with little changes being made backward and forward, locally and world-wide !

We trust you are all well and making progress where ever you are !

Keep Looking UP !

In His Love and Care, Richard and Kathy McDonald, Directors BESI / Radio Kahuzi / Bukavu, D R Congo

Many thanks, Dan, for the update! (from SWLing Post)

New RX-888 MK II SDR Receiver on the Way

Jinze (Justin) Peng, developer of the high performing, high value RX-888 SDR, has just announced an improved "MK II" version. I've been *very* pleased with my original RX-888 in all performance aspects, and it's wideband demodulation and IQ WAV recording have opened up new DXing possibilities (small capacity hard drives need not apply :^)

The new receiver is now appearing on eBay and AliExpress.

Details:

We are pleased to announce the second-gen of RX888. RX888 mkII is the new generation of RX888 with the following improvements and enhancements:

- 1. Add a tunable (variable) attenuator in the HF path, which can tune from 0 to -31.5dB.
- 2. Change the fixed LNA of RX888 to a VGA, which gives the -10dB to +33dB range. VGA applies to both HF and VHF.
- 3. Use the newer generation of tuner chip R828D instead of R820T2.
- 4. Use an enhanced version of 64M LPF to improve image rejection further.
- 5. A jumper can select the internal reference clock or an external 27Mhz reference clock.

The primary motivation is giving users smaller granularity control on the RF front-end and a big dynamic range to fit the demands of both strong and weak signals receiving. The tunable range is -41.5dB to +33dB for HF and 0db to 55dB for VHF, which covers most use cases.

During the mkII development, we are working very closely with the original author of BBRF103, IK1XPV, on his new universal driver. The new driver supports RX888 and RX888 mkII now. The new driver can download here: <u>https://git-hub.com/ik1xpv/ExtIO_sddc</u>. And we expect the power of open source will significantly improve the software support and the lifetime of RX888.

Guy Atkins is a Sr. Graphic Designer for T-Mobile and lives near Seattle, Washington. He's a regular contributor to the SWLing Post.

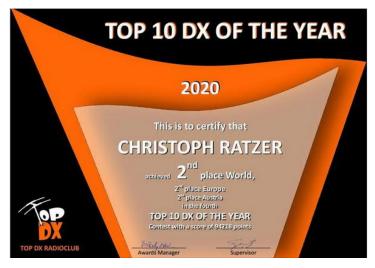
(from SWLingPost)

More details and a new groups.io discussing this new receiver.... https://groups.io/g/NextGenSDRs/topic/80433514#431

(Roger Need via SDR-Radio)

No mentions of having solved the issue re. having to dis- and reconnect the USB connection after a PC reboot. (Bjarne Mjelde via SDR-Radio)

TOP TEN DX OF THE YEAR



Soeben kam mein Zertifikat des Top-10 DX Contests. Eine großartiger Wettbewerb, vielen Dank dem Team um Istvan Biliczky für die Ausrichtung.

(Christoph Ratzer via A-DX)

Here you can find all details: <u>http://www.topdx-radioclub.com/top10dx.html</u> István Biliczky

(from A-DX)

The results from 2020 can be seen here: http://www.topdx-radioclub.com/dummy/Top_10_DX_of_the_year_contest_results_2020.jpg

Congrats to winner Patric Robic and Christoph Ratzer on second place for great DX-ing! /Thomas



Fines against Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty LLC

The magistrate court ruled on fines in the amount of 1.1 million rubles against Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty LLC (owner of a number of foreign media agents recognized in the Russian Federation) and its general director under four protocols drawn up for violation of media labeling rules recognized in RF acting as a foreign agent, the press service of the department reported.

The Magistrate's Court on January 27 made decisions on the first protocols on administrative offenses. They were drawn up by Roskomnadzor (RKN) in relation to foreign media agents under Article 19.34.1 of the Administrative Code of the Russian Federation. It is specified that the owner of Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty LLC was fined for the lack of labeling of information disseminated on the websites of foreign media agents Krym.Realii and Faktograf (two protocols of 500 thousand rubles each), as well as the general director of the organization (two minutes of 50 thousand rubles each). The total amount of the fine was 1.1 million rubles. The department recalled that according to the law "On Mass Media" (Article 25.1), materials from foreign media performing the functions of a foreign agent must be distributed in Russia with the appropriate labeling. "This provision of the law is designed to inform the Russian reader that the materials distributed by these media are pursuing the interests of other states," the RKN said. On January 12, RKN drew up the first eight protocols for the lack of labeling of media recognized by foreign agents in the Russian Federation on four sites that are projects of the Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty Corporation. In total, the department announced its intention to draw up 18 protocols in January - 9 each for the media and for the general director of Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty LLC, which, according to SPARK-Interfax, is the head of the Russian Service of Radio Liberty Andrei Shary (<u>https://vk.com/dxingradio</u>)

(RUS-DX #1118)

History of radio receivers.

The universal two-lamp battery radio receiver RP L2 (RPL - lamp radio, 2 - two-lamp) was produced by the Electrotechnical Trust of low-current factories since 1929. It could work as a detector, as a detector with an amplifier, as a regenerative single-tube and regenerative two-tube (the second radio tube is designed to amplify low frequency). The radio receiver could be used as a single-tube low frequency amplifier.

Tex and photos - <u>https://vk.com/radioreceiver?z=photo-163779953_457262656%2Falbum-163779953_00%2Frev</u> (<u>https://vk.com/radioreceiver</u>)

(RUS-DX #1118)

About radio hooligans, radio amateurs and radio pirates. In Russian -

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(RUS-DX #1118)

Tecsun PL-330. Full overview of the radio. In Russian.

At the end of last year, I bought myself a Tecsun PL-330, since the SDR with a laptop was hard to carry, and the reception quality on the VbestLife CS-106 upset me. For almost a month I studied the device and now I decided to make my own review of the receiver, including all the information collected in it.

Video - https://vk.com/radioreceiver?z=video-163779953_456241233%2Fd462058d24659ac09f%2Fpl_post_-163779953_47910. _____Roman Morozov, Samara, Russia. (https://vk.com/radioreceiver) (RUS-DX #1118)

The reasons for the collapse of the USSR radio plants on the example of a small receiver. In Russian. In the USSR there were more than a hundred radio factories, each of which produced dozens of items of radio equipment. With the collapse of the USSR, factories one after another began to go bankrupt, and by the beginning of the 2000s, we had practically no factories that produced household radio equipment.

To understand how a conventional radio factory works, consider the production of the simplest radio equipment - a pocket receiver. It would seem that even a school radio circle can collect such a trifle, but in reality everything is much more complicated ...

 $Details - \underline{https://zen.yandex.ru/media/poleznoe/prichiny-razvala-radiozavodov-sssr-na-primere-malenkogo-priemnika-601c48eca34fdb6f58a2e05f$

(RUS-DX #1119)

Joke.

- Why the hell did I learn this damn Morse code?! Now I can't sleep in the rain ... For example, yesterday I heard the rain call me to drink ... And three times and on the estate ...

(Magazine "The ice has broken" No. 11/2020) (RUS-DX #1118)

Give the air to "radio hooligans" - they will definitely restore LW (MW) radio broadcasting in Russia. In Russian.

I turn the control knob of my VEF-202, in the hope of catching a radio station in the MW range, at sunset they break through to the endless Russian expanses from abroad and suddenly I hear the painfully familiar intonation of the program but it's a "radio hooligan" !!! ! It turns out that these days they continue to air !!!! For about 20 minutes, the guy was telling the story of rock albums, diluting the perky monologue with excerpts of compositions of the past years, after which the program ended abruptly. These 20 minutes my soul soared somewhere in the 70s, plunging into the balm of memories of a dashing youth ...

Details - <u>https://zen.yandex.ru/media/poleznoe/otdaite-efir-radiohuliganamoni-tochno-vosstanoviat-dv-sv-radiovescanie-v-rossii-5ff66a12d1a90641ca1de2e6</u> (RUS-DX #1119)

How to restore broadcasting on Long and Medium waves. In Russian.

What Hitler could not do, our smartphone lovers in the Kremlin managed to do. In 2014, by their decree, they turned off the last LW and MW radio stations in Russia. The argument is iron-hard to maintain. This means that the USSR was a very rich country, since it could contain 105 powerful radio stations in large cities of the country. All in all, there were more than 300 radio stations in the USSR, including the SW range. For some reason, we quickly forgot even the lesson of the Great Patriotic War. When the enemy reached the outskirts of Moscow, a new super-powerful radio station for bro-adcasting in the MW range was built at an accelerated pace in the Kuibyshev (now Samara) region. Soon the whole world was listening to the famous Levitanovskoe "Moscow Says" through a radio station near the village of Staroye Semeikino

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(RUS-DX #1119)

The most indestructible radios in the USSR, which were given out for free. In Russian.

They were produced in very large quantities, but few had them for personal use. They were required to work in any conditions, up to a nuclear strike from the enemy. This class was called "combined arms broadcasting receivers" ...

Details - <u>https://zen.yandex.ru/media/poleznoe/samye-neubivaemye-radiopriemniki-sssr-kotorye-vydavalis-besplatno-601701e85930a614f24405cf</u> (<u>https://vk.com/club3877182</u>) (RUS-DX #1119)

2021 editions of ENDBH / GNDBH / NANDBH handbooks and CDs



The brand new 2021 editions of my NDB handbooks and CDs are ready now and have been updated extensively to reflect the latest changes and monitoring results.

The GNDBH 2021 shows the details of more than 17000 NDBs worldwide. It is the perfect listening companion for listeneres using the extensive and ever-growing network of WebSDRs.

The updated ENDBH 2021 now shows the data of more than 8200 NDBs, and the NANDBH 2021 features more than 5900 NDBs.

Please find all relevant details at the following URL: http://www.ndblist.info/beacons/NDBpublications2021.pdf>

Also this time I'd like to say thank you to all NDB DXers for your continuing support! Please keep it coming, I do appreciate your direct input to keep the handbooks up to date!

vy 73 + gd DX, Michael Oexner-D, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 30.

ENDBH, GNDBH & NANDBH editor http://ndbchangeblog.blogspot.com http://www.ndblist.info/beacons/NDBpublications2021.pdf

(WORLDWIDE DX CLUB Top News #1454 Jan 31, 2021)

The RFPI Story



Radio for Peace International or RFPI was a Media project started by James Latham, Debra Latham and Max Loffler who met in Oregon in 1985. The project was first suggested at a talk that James Latham gave in Portland, Oregon to a group of peace and human rights activists. The talk focused on a media approach to growing world crises by the creation of a world community radio station and network that would broadcast exclusively on the topics of peace and disarmament, human rights and the environment. Read the full story here: http://www.rfpi.org/About_RFPI.htm

Robert Wilkner heard the station in 1988 on a frequency of 21560 kHz.He got a nice verification shown below. Also a nice envelope received by snail mail was much appreciated in those days.



Robert, thanks a lot for sharing. /TN

DX nostalgia by RFK

A new edition of SWB and time again for some more SW related radio and DX nostalgia. It's been quite cold here in Sweden lately, with lots of snow. Finally winter has arrived! So I think I'll wait for a while going to the radio shack in Hälsingland. Meanwhile, let's have a look at some QSLs from way back when. The first QSL card comes from the collection of Lars-Olof Hansson LOH.

QSL CARD Surakarta, 28th. February 1989. Frequencies : Dear Mr. Lars-Olof Hansson 1053 KHz 972.KHz We are very pleased to inform you that your report 4900 KHz on RRI Surakarta dated .on November 13, 1988 4932 KHz at 20.35-21.05. Western Indonesia Time 2440 KHz frequency 4932 . Khz . (.... 61 metres) Call Sign : IND - G (YDG) is found to be correct. Thank you very much for your effort to monitor the transmission. RADIO REPUBLIK INDONESIA **REGIONAL I SURAKARTA** RAI JI. Abdul Rachman Saleh 51 Solo, 57133 **CENTRAL JAVA - INDONESIA** tono **Broadcasting Section**

The Radio Republik Indonesia station at Surakarta used to be one of the most common Indonesians in the 60 metre band on its frequency 4932 kHz. Obviously they found a sponsor for their QSL cards – just take a look at the other side of the card.



Below a QSL from Jan-Erik Räf JER which he received in 1945 from Radio Brazzaville in the then French Congo. The station was founded as Radio Club in 1940 and became the Voice of Free France through an initiative by Charles de Gaulle in 1942. From 1950 the station was used for relaying programmes of the French state radio ORTF and in 1972 it was nationalized after a coup d'état.

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 Fréquences : 15.595 - 11.970 - 11.685 - 9.440 Kilocycles

 Directions: France - Moyen-Orier - Extrême-Orient - Madagascar - Amérique du Sud - Amérique du Nord.

 Emetteurs : 50 Kw R. C. A. - 7 Kw - 2 Kw et 600 Watts

The next QSL card comes from Kanwar Sandhu. The Voice of the OAS was established in 1957 after an agreement signed between the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States and the Department of States of the United States of America. The station was heard over VOA transmitters.

February 24, 1988

Dear Mr. Sandhu:

This is to acknowledge your reception report No. ______ dated February 9, 1988 on ______ 25 ____ meter band, ______ 11.830 _____ Khz. Thank you for your information as to reception and other pertinent data.

Our programs are broadcast daily on the 19 – 15.160 Khz; 25 – 11.830 Khz and 31 – 9.565 Khz meter bands in Spanish from 23:45 GMT to 24:30 GMT.

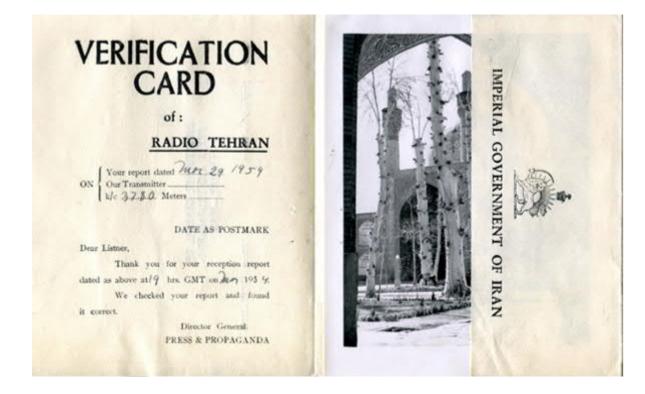
Very truly yours, "THE VOICE OF THE OAS" A QSL letter from the Barbados Rediffusion Service received in 1951 by Ullmar Quick UQ and scanned by John Ekwall JOE. The station was basically a wired broadcasting system but it did use a SW transmitter of Cable & Wireless for reports of certain sports events such as cricket games.

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As you will remember many stations used to send out pennants with the QSLs. Here is a small part of the collection of Lars Rydén LR.



This QSL folder from Radio Tehran, Iran was received by LR in 1954.



Finally a QSL letter from Brazilian station Rádio Timbira do Maranhão received by Lars-Olof Hansson LOH. V/s João Ferreira mentions the programme "The International Correspondent" dedicated to SW listeners. Anybody remember hearing this programme?

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