

# SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

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Tid igen för att sammanställa SWB. Antalet artiklar som legat på lager är nästan slut och därför blir det ett tunt nummer.

Mina problem med hälseneinflammationen har nu övergått till en partiell hälsenruptur, dvs 75% av hälsenan har gått av.

Min husläkare rekommenderade cykling och det skulle ju inte kunna gå snett. Men, när jag snackat med en granne och skulle hoppa på cykeln, hördes ett krasande ljud och det gjorde ont som f-n. Det gick att cykla med hjälp av hälen för foten saknade ordentlig styrsel. Akuten var det som gällde och nu sitter en ortos runt foten samt bruk av kryckor de närmaste 8 veckorna. Så kan det gå när man vill mer än vad kroppen klarar.

Har kollat MV varje morgon och den 2/4 gick ett antal Colombia starkt som bara den. Det blir alltså några tips till ARC.

Keep on ....

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## QSL, kommentarer, mm.

**Giampiero Bernardini:** Ciao Thomas, I was some days in Bocca di Magra (La Spezia province, North Italy) with Dario Monferini for our Bocca di Magra DX nights edition 23 (Boc 23). Here is our log. I hope you can find some of interest for SWB. Bocca di Magra is at the seaside and we had very nice sunny days. Have a nice Sunday.

**Christer Brunström:** Här kommer resultatet från en lyssnarkväll hos Mikael Aspenström.

**Stig Adolfsson:** Inget särskilt att rapportera till detta nr. Har lyssnat lite på MV (på frekvenser där störningen inte är så stark) efter Commando Solo som man nog kan förvänta dyker upp nu när Libyens flygvapen och luftförsvaret är utslaget. Fast jag har inte hört den. Någon annan som hört den och i så fall på vilken QRG?? Hälsningar Stig A

**Harry Holm:** Det känns bra att kunna skicka in ett bidrag till SWB efter så många år. Jag blir mer och mer hemtam på banden och har förstås konstaterat att mycket har förändrats. Jag saknar venezolanerna på 60 mb till exempel. Men det finns fortfarande mycket att lyssna på och jag har mycket att ta igen.

Några QSL har det också hunnit komma. Jag tar med de senaste: **1Africa Radio via Zambia-9505** med brev. **Radio Damascus-9330**. Kort och en CD med kristen julmusik på arabiska. **CVC The Voice Asia via Tashkent-9500**. Brev och kort. **AFRTS Diego Garcia-4319** med kort. **Voice of Korea-15245**. Kort, julkort, månadstidningen Korea Today. **WTJC-9370** med kort och dekal. **EWTN-15610** med brev och kort. **Rádío Voz Misionária-9665**. A4-certifikat, dekal. **La Voz Cristiana, Chile-17680**. Kort. **Alcaraván Radio-5910** med kort och dekal.

QSL Verification Card	
Dear Iwao Nagatani, We are pleased to verify your report on the reception of Radio Free Sarawak.	
Date:	2010-11-15
Time:	22:33h - 23:00h UTC
Frequency:	7590 kHz
Your report has been checked with the schedules of Radio Free Sarawak and found to be correct.	
Date:	Stamp & Signature:
2011-02-07	
Bruno Manser Fonds Socinstrasse 37 4051 Basel	

From the most recent JSWC bulletin via DXplorer, Jerry Berg.

2310	19/3	2006-	<b>ABC VL8A</b> , Alice Springs, Australia, songs, weak but clear. No signals on 2325 & 2485. SUFF. (BOC23)
3200	19/3	0301-	<b>TWR</b> , Swaziland, talks in English, WEAK/FAIR. (BOC23)
3230	18/3	1928-	<b>Family Radio</b> , via South Africa, usual long religious talks in English, WEAK. (BOC23)
3255	18/3	1930-	<b>BBC</b> , via South Africa, reports in English, WEAK/FAIR. (BOC23)
3290			<b>Voice of Guyana</b> was off for 24 hours, per John Herkimer tip, back 0950 -1006 with om Cricket talk, West Indies loss to Pakistan. 23 March [Wilkner]
3355			<b>Radio Dif. Acreana</b> noted fading out 1030, 23 March [Wilkner]
3922	19/3	2142-	<b>Borderhunter</b> , Dutch Pirate, folk music no stop, some blank space among the traces. FAIR/GOOD. (BOC23)
4026	18/3	1934-	<b>Laser Hot Hits</b> , pop songs, FAIR. (BOC23)
4319	18/3	2140-	<b>AFRTS</b> , Diego Garcia, talks about Iraq, USB. FAIR. (BOC23)
4716.7	21.3	0005	<b>Radio Yura</b> , Bolivia med önskeprogram HH
4717	27.3	0030	<b>Radio Yatun Ayllu</b> , Yura med musik. 2-3 CB
4749,995	ibl	1850	<b>OID</b> med EE annonsering, psalmer och afrikanska rytmer. Stänger runt 19. Dunamis ?? 1-2 SA
4750			<b>Dunamis BC</b> , Mukono, 1811-1905*, 18 Mar, English, African pops; 35433 (never so good as this), but deteriorating fast. (Carlos Gonçalves - POR)
4750	20/3	-	<b>Dunamis Shortwave Radio (presumed)</b> , Uganda, no stop African songs and music, some religious songs, without talks, no id. with fading. Off at 1921. FAIR. (BOC23)
4754.885		1921*	<b>Radio Imaculada Conceição</b> , Campo Grande, MS 2250 to 2300 excellent program of music 19 March [Wilkner]
4765	18/3	1925-	<b>Radio Tajikistan</b> , folk slow songs. GOOD. (BOC23)
4796	2.4	0140	<b>Radio Lipez</b> , Bolivia med många korta id:n HH
4810	18/3	1918-	<b>Armenian National Radio</b> , reports in Arabic, mentioning many time Armenia, songs. GOOD. (BOC23)
4835	18/3	2133-	<b>ABC VL8A</b> Alice Springs, Australia, reports in English. Not audible signals on 4910. FAIR. (BOC23)
4845.24	21/3	2225-	<b>Radio Cultura</b> , Manaus, Brazil, Brazilian songs. FAIR. (BOC23)
4880	19/3	1815-	<b>SW Radio Africa</b> , via South Africa, long political talks in English. GOOD. (BOC23)
4895	18/3	0009-	<b>Mongolian Radio</b> , talks, modulation a little bit low. Then music. FAIR. (BOC23)
4940	18/3	1910-	<b>VOA</b> , Sao Tome, international reports in English. VERY GOOD. (BOC23)
4955	1.4	2303	<b>Radio Cultural Amauta</b> , Peru med långt id denna tid HH
4990			<b>R. Apintie</b> , Paramaribo, 2237-., 20 Mar, Dutch (presumed), unreadable talks; music; 25321. Always bad reception of this one, never a decent signal. (Carlos Gonçalves - POR)
4986.45			<b>Radio Manantial</b> , Huancayo 2355 with strong signal 25 March [Wilkner]
5005	21/3	-2005*	<b>Radio Nacional Bata</b> , Guinea Equatorial, News in Spanish read by a woman, at 2005 one minute blank, then African songs. Heard again after some time. FAIR. (BOC23)
5010	19/3	1735-	<b>Radio TV Malagasy &amp; AIR Thirun....</b> , India... both strong making jamming each other. Talks. GOOD. (BOC23)
5025	19/3	*2129-	<b>ABC VL8K</b> Khaterine, Australia, start BC on 60 meters. "Good morning" and English news. // 4835 with nice signal too; no signal on 4910 kHz. Good. (BOC23)
5035			<b>R. Centrafrique</b> , Bimbo, 1911-1914*, 17 Mar, Verancular, talks, abrupt closure; 35342. Audible again on 19/3 at 1835, and off a few minutes past 7PM. (Carlos Gonçalves - POR)
5040	19/3	1738-	<b>AIR Jeypore</b> , India, reports in English, mentioning Pakistan. GOOD. (BOC23)
5045			<b>R. Cultura do Pará</b> , Belém PA, 2245-2258, 17 Mar, VdoB end of part 2; 44422, adj. QRM de CUB on 5040. If I am not mistaken, I have observed this one airing R.Senado news during this schedule after which they relayed A Voz do Brasil. (Carlos Gonçalves - POR)
5050	26.3	2257	<b>Beibu Bay Radio</b> med musik. Sedan ID på CC och engelska. Mellan olika musikinslag klämde man till med "BBR" på engelska. 2-3 CB
5066.3			<b>R. Candip</b> , Bunia, 1816-1904*, 18 Mar, Vernacular, phone-ins, French for rlgs. propag. prgr "seasoned" with songs in French too, s/off announcements at 1903; 35433, but deteriorating. (Carlos Gonçalves - POR)
5066.35	19/3	-	<b>Radio Candip</b> , Bunia, Congo Democratic, Tentative. just final talk and S/off. On 19/03 at 1742 woman talking. At 1820 still on air, talks in French, better signal. FAIR/WEAK. (BOC23)

5066,338 5865	ibl 19/3	1845 2156-	<b>OID</b> men <b>troligen Candip</b> , nu ganska regelbundet till cd A19. Effekthöjning ?? SA <b>Radio Algerienne</b> , via TX France, Holy Kuran. Some talks in Arabic. VERY GOOD. (BOC23)
5952.362			<b>Pio XII</b> , Siglo Veinte 1032 noted with narrow filter, cochannel slop. 28 March [Wilkner]
5954.22			<b>Radio Republica</b> , Costa Rica 2350 - 0000 subjected to unsuccessful jamming, ID en espanol 25 March. [Wilkner]
5954.25	18/3	0000-	<b>Radio Republica</b> , Clandestine via Costa Rica, id talks in Spanish against Cuba govern, strong QRM like jammer. FAIR/POOR. (BOC23)
5990 6025.11	25.3 19/3	2130 0021-	<b>Radio Senado</b> , Brasilia med god styrka HH <b>Radio Amanacer Internacional</b> , Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep. religious talks in Spanish about the Adventist Church. FAIR. (BOC23)
6047,15 6055	19/3	2020-	<b>Radio Santa Rosa</b> , Lima noted at 1210, 23 March [Wilkner] <b>Radio Rwanda</b> , african slow songs, talk in Vernacular and some French with a clear id. GOOD. (BOC23)
6070	27.3	0040	<b>CFRX</b> , Toronto, med relä av Newstalk 10-10 och ett intervjuprogram. Hördes riktigt bra. 3 CB
6070	19/3	2032-	<b>Radio Belarus</b> , African music (we are not crazy) introduced and discussed by a girl, clearly in Belarus language. May be a program dedicated to African workers in Belarus ???. GOOD. (BOC23)
6135 6174	23.3 27.3	0108* 0003	<b>Radio Santa Cruz</b> , Bolivia med många ID:n HH <b>Radio Tawantinsuyo</b> med flera IDs men så mycket mer blev det inte. Synd på en så rar pärla. 2 CB
6173.933			<b>Radio Tawantinsuyo</b> , Cusco 0955 -1010, music y om, "cinco y cinco minutos", signal seems to be improving. 23 March [Wilkner]
6185 6185 6192.066	19/3 19/3	-1525* 0249-	<b>Voce della Turchia</b> , in Italian "Impriamo il Turco". GOOD. (BOC23) <b>Radio Educacion</b> , Mexico, latin nice songs, at 0259 strong QRM splash. FAIR. (BOC23) <b>Peru R Cuzco is incorrect</b> . Another Florida dxer has <b>Radio Marti spur</b> here? Reception here is poor/fair. [Wilkner] Tnx XM -Cedar Key
6215	19/3	1945-	<b>Unid</b> (Clandestine presumed), in Arabic, talking about Libya, Hamas, Arafat, Egypt, mujahedin... with like militant songs. GOOD. (BOC23)
6310	18/3	2203-	<b>Pirate</b> , Spaceshuttle presumed, reported by Dr.Tim, nice music and songs no stop: blues, country, jazz... good broadcast quality. FAIR/GOOD. (BOC23)
6877	20/3	1045-	<b>Odyssey Dawn operation</b> , Mediterranean Sea or Sky. Loop message to people of Libya in 3 languages : Arabic, English, French. In USB. At 1150 Jamming but good reception the same. Then activity in French observed on 6712 kHz at around 1130 UTC. 4196 was observed active in the afternoon. At 1733 UTC O5M... calling EL1, then others, man voices speaking in English with French accent. Another frequency involved in Odyssey Dawn operation is 6688 as reported by Borgnino and BCL news. SUFF/GOOD. (BOC23)
6959.54 7124,999	19/3 22.3	1918- 1905	<b>Radio Atlantic</b> , Ireland, talks in English and pop oldies. FAIR. (BOC23) <b>Radio Guinee</b> , Conakry på FF och "highlife" music. Oregelbunden och QRM från amatörer. 2-3 SA
7200 7200	18/3 19/3	1945- 2000-	<b>Sudan RTVC</b> , Sudanese usual music and songs. FAIR. (BOC23) <b>VOIRI</b> , Voice of Iran in Bosniac, reports, talks about Sudan. Clobbering Sudan Radio. VERY GOOD. (BOC23)
7255	19/3	2110-	<b>Voice of Nigeria</b> , long talk in African language (reported Fulani) mentioning some countries. At 2123 African music and talks about Nigeria. Modulation little low. GOOD. (BOC23)
7265	19/3	2125-	<b>CRI, China Radio Int.</b> Tx Urumqi, China, in Italian, Chinese lessons to help you to eat at the restaurant. Rice & Fish... VERY GOOD. (BOC23)
7295 9370	18/3 26.3	0015- 2220	<b>Traxx FM</b> , Malaysia, songs and talks in English. FAIR. (BOC23) <b>WTJC</b> med ett insamlingsprogram. Man behövde \$1.200 per dag för att driva hela erksamheten. Lite senare noterade jag att sändaren hade ett problem - mycket otydligt ljud. 4 CB
9479 9479 9500	26.3 18/3 18/3	2156 2022- 2226-	<b>WTWW</b> med Scriptures for America Worldwide. 4 CB <b>WTWW</b> , Lebanon, TN, USA, religious program in English. FAIR. (BOC23) <b>ABC</b> , Radio Australia, reports in English, ids at 2029 and 2030, then songs. FAIR. (BOC23)
9525	20/3	1935-	<b>TWR</b> , Swaziland, start program in French with religious talks about life meaning. In LSB to avoid QRM from Voice of Indonesia on 9525.9 in English. FAIR. (BOC23)
9525.96	18/3	1940-	<b>Voice of Indonesia</b> , in English, Indonesian pop songs. Repeated Ids and address at 1956. At 1958 ids in French and start of the French program, stopped by CRI broadcasting to Europe in Russian on the same frequency since 2000. Not a good idea! GOOD/POOR. (BOC23)

9675	26.3	2244	<b>Rádio Canção Nova</b> med "Segmento DX" producerat av Associação DX do Brasil. Allt ingick i programmet "Além Fronteiras".
9705	18/3	-2100*	<b>Radio Ethiopia</b> , nice Horn of Africa songs, like cultural program, at 2055 news, National Anthem and S/off at 2100. SUFF/GOOD. (BOC23)
9705	18/3	2100-	<b>La Voix du Sahel</b> , news in French, weak signal audible only after Ethiopia S/off. WEAK. (BOC23)
9745	27.3	0000	<b>Radio Bahrain</b> med ID på arabiska om jag uppfattade allt rätt. 2 CB
11725	26.3	2135	<b>Rádio Marumby</b> med predikan. 2-3 CB
11735	26.3	2001	<b>Radio Trans Mundial</b> stängde av sändaren efter att ha presenterad religiös musik. 3-4 CB
15190	25.3	19.30	<b>Radio Inconfidência</b> stark tidigt denna kväll med önskeprogram HH
15190	26.3	2035	<b>Rádio Inconfidência</b> hördes länge med sertanejamusik. Trevligt! 3 CB

## Stationsnyheter

**AUSTRALIA:** No sign of VL8T Tennant Creek this morning (local) on either 2325 or 4910kHz. 3210 & 5050kHz have been silent for around a week/2 weeks respectively or so.  
(Ian Baxter via DXLD)

**AUSTRALIA. 7140.00 Radio Australia**, here at 1443, with M and F in EE, talking, but too much ham QRM. Short mx piece from 'Peter and the Wolf' at 1446. Continued their conversation. At 1459, Radio Australia ID. Weak by 1506. Found // to 7240. 3/23 (Young-CA via DXLD)

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It was back in March 2009 that I first reported on this. Have occasionally heard it since then and sometimes reported it, but I am sure people must have wondered if I was imagining things here. What would RA be doing in the ham band where they are not supposed to be and no one else ever reported hearing them here? So I am glad to have someone else independently confirm my observations. I still wonder what this is? A spur of some type?

Jim, thanks for reporting on such an interesting assortment of stations. We are indeed fortunate here on the west coast to be able to have such unique reception.

(Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, NASWA YG via DXLD)

**INDONESIA. 3344.97, RRI Ternate**, 1330-1403, March 31. Excellent program of the "Bali International English Club" (BIEC) in English; scheduled for Thursday from 1300 to 1400 UT; two young men chatting about the history of North Maluku (aka Moluccas); reading messages sent in by listeners; on air calls; BIEC meeting this Sunday at 10 o'clock to practice English, seems they are going on a tour with a guide, for a fee of 1000 rupiah; numerous mentions of "North Maluku"; almost fair; 1408 back to Bahasa Indonesia after some music (Kenny G, etc.).

Very entertaining! A 10 minute audio of this interesting show at < <http://www.box.net/shared/43112tum1h> >.

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BTW – It seems that Kang Guru Indonesian's (KGI) English program is only broadcast via FM for North Maluku, not on SW (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Etón E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**INDONESIA. 7289.86 RRI, Nabire**, Irian Jaya, found at tune-in at 0754 with pop mx and singing to 0058, orchestral mx, then IS to TOH (no TS), anmts, ID, all by M voice, talking continued (news?), and got stronger by 0820. Orchestral mx/singing to 0828, and off mid- sentence with F voice at 0829\*. 3/23 (Young-CA via DXLD)

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Fantastic Jim! Very pleased to see another NAm reception of this one. Believe they can regularly be heard here on the west coast and surely up in British Columbia too. Not sure how far east of here that it could be heard, but others in the mid-west should certainly give a listen, as Ralph Perry has suggested. This is great motivation to get out of bed at that time!

(Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, NASWA YG via DXLD)

**MADAGACAR. 5010.00 RTV**, Madagascar here at 1427 // **6135.29** (there AM), but here USB. Mx, lively singing to 1429. Mixing with AIR. Into language at 1430 by M voice. Back to mx px at 1438. Quite strong! Another stn wiped out them at \*1430 on the 6135 channel. 3/23 (Young-CA via DXLD)

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Thanks Jim for confirming that 6135.29 is still off frequency. Seems to be yet another instance of the best reception of this is here on the west coast.

(Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, NASWA YG via DXLD)

**MYANMAR. 7200.06v, Myanma Radio**. 1212-1330\*, April 1. In vernacular with EZL ballads/songs. The last time heard here during this time period was back in late June 2010; poor to fair with ham QRM (one of them mentioned a foreign

radio station on frequency and he thought it was Japan). Am pleased to hear this again, as it is by far the strongest Myanmar station that I can hear (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, Etón E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**PAPUA:** But monitoring (no ID) & other dxers logs indicate that Radio Madang quickly returned to air within days or a couple of weeks - not often the case with PNG regionals. Still no sign of 4960 kHz Radio Maria - Vanimo. (Ian Baxter via DXLD)

**PAPUA: Radio Maria** is on air in Papua New Guinea on the frequency of **4960 kHz**. The antenna is located in Vanimo, in the North of the country, not far from the Indonesian border. Power is **1 Kw**. It was reactivated few days ago. You can find a picture of the antenna on <http://rxreport.blogspot.com/>  
Reports can be sent to Giampiero Bernardini: QSL (at) radiomaria.org, Recorded clips are welcome (73, Giampiero Bernardini, QSL manager Radio Maria World Family)

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I initiated an enquiry about the report that Radio Maria had reactivated on 4960 kHz from Vanimo, PNG. The reports are simply not true. This is now the second PNG 60mb SW rumour this year - so what gives? Radio Maria (Vanimo) was last reported on SW airwaves in 2008. The Vanimo based SW station shouldn't be regarded as extinct. The bishop in Vanimo just needs to get motivated to organise the reactivation of the SW station & maybe it could return to the airwaves in some months, but that maybe just wishful thinking on my part.  
Regards Ian Baxter via DXLD

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Ciao, Sorry for my delay, but I had to contact the chief engineer that works with Radio Maria Papua Network and other 14 Radio Maria National Networks. He is often in travel so I need some time to get his answers. Then I'm not a radio professional, I have another job, so I can't answer in real time to the mails. And Radio Maria World Family is a real complex network of networks and it is not so easy to get all info.

About the schedule it is random. Technics would like 24 h service but there are some problems. He the mail I received:  
"Papua is a difficult country. In the remote areas the electrical power is on and off many times a day and the blackouts can last for many hours. In Vanimo we have a generator in the FM site only. The SW site, due to the higher power of the transmitter and the aircons is not connected to the small existing generator because it will be overloaded. This problem will be solved..."

I hope they can solve the problem. The antenna looks ok.

About the name: now it is Radio Maria.

Ian Baxter wrote about the Bishop of Vanimo, but this radio is no more a local radio. It doesn't belong to this Bishop but it is a National Catholic Network of Radio Maria.

A DXer asked me If I can confirm Radio Maria Russia on MW. I contacted the Chief Engineer of Radio Maria World Family, Claudio Re, (that worked also in Saint Petersburg about this project) and I'll try to do it. But you can't think that I can know everything about is happening in Russia as in Santo Domingo, about all their local problems. I got this job just talking with Claudio Re, that is a good friend, a radio listener, an Ham and a builder of receivers and antennas. There were several reports from DXers "lost" in the boxes. He and me talked about this problem with the President of Radio Maria World Family. So I started to answer to the reports they found in the boxes or over the desks... It's not an honor and I don't get an euro. I only give some of my time, hoping to help other DXers. If I do mistakes... yes I am a simple man, I bag your pardon. Sorry for my bad English.  
(Have nice DXing, Giampiero Bernardini via DXLD)

**TAJIKISTAN.** On 23 March at 0940 noted Tajikistan HS on appr. 14295.12 (3 x 4765). A bit unstable carrier. This harmonic pops up every now and then when troubles occur at the transmitter.  
(Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland via DXLD)

## Övriga radionyheter

### Concedida licencia en SW de Free Radio Nova

**This afternoon we have just heard from the 'Agentschap Telecom'** and the great news is that the shortwave radio license for Free Radio Nova has been granted!

This means the team behind the application now has a maximum of two years to fund and set up the radio studios needed to broadcast legally Free Radio Nova on 3.935 kHz

Free Radio Nova' project Coordinator Frank Carson said, "This is a massive boost to the shortwave community group, and we look forward to being the extra voice. We realise there is now a new list of things to do, and the work will be long and hard - but our plan is to start official broadcastings by Summer 2011."

Free Radio Nova upon launching, will broadcast for a total of five years, and openly encourages anyone and everyone with an interest in shortwave broadcasting, to get in touch.

Tony, a Bacup resident says, "This radio station is for all the people, and we invite everybody to get involved at whatever level they wish. If you have an interest in presenting a radio programme, then, with a small amount of training, why not come and present your own show?" We can be contacted through our website.

Best Regards, Frank Carson, owner and operator of Free Radio Nova, [www.freeradionova.com](http://www.freeradionova.com)  
(JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO via DXLD)

## VOA

Friday, 25 March 2011 06:07

**HARARE - Relentless jamming by President Robert Mugabe's** forces is depriving Zimbabweans of a wide array of free entertainment sources provided by foreign governments.

Music and soccer have become the latest battlefronts, with talented musicians forced to sing praises of Mugabe while footballers play in tournaments named after him.

But the latest deployment of Chinese-made jamming has forced even the VOA to acknowledge routinely in its Zimbabwe broadcasts that the waves are jammed.

An announcer is now regularly heard to say: "This is Studio 7 for Zimbabwe broadcasting on 909 AM, but due to jamming your best reception would be on Shortwave..."

Zanu (PF) made external broadcasts a major issue during the negotiations for a settlement in 2008, demanding that they be banned.

Recently, the controversially-appointed Broadcasting Authority announced it was ready to take applications, which would be a first step for the so-called pirates to come home. None of the big players have taken up the offer, citing continued insecurity in the country and the sheer economics of setting up independent broadcasting in a collapsing economy.

Surprisingly, Zanu (PF) officials are clamouring to be heard on the Voice of America Studio 7, which is virtually banned in Zimbabwe by Mugabe's government. Recently, senior Zanu (PF) and pro-Mugabe officials Rugare Gumbo, Joram Gumbo, Mines Minister Obert Mpofu and Attorney General Johannes Tomana have freely given interviews to the 'pirates'.

[http://www.thezimbabwean.co.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=38374:zanu-pf-jamming-on-studio-7&catid=53&Itemid=37](http://www.thezimbabwean.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=38374:zanu-pf-jamming-on-studio-7&catid=53&Itemid=37)

(via Robert Wilkner)

## This year's Aprilia, or????

**4723 kHz, unidentified, 4/1, 0737-0801\* seemingly from S. Pacific**, weak and deep fades but mostly segued island type music, woman with occasional anmts in what seemed pidgin. ff after repeated IS, sound of falling coconuts.

Who? (Don Jensen via DXPlorer)

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Don, I seem to recall that RPKD Similarlugnuts has been reported near this freq, and the IS was described as the sound of halting coconuts. Keep checking even if it takes another year to pin it down!

(Bob Hill via DXPlorer)

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yes, I recalled that from the original report. . . the "sound of halting coconuts." But I always had trouble imagining what "halting coconuts" would sound like. If they were no longer moving, would they even make a sound? So – mia culpa -- I let my imagination get the better of me and I described the sound made by the aforementioned coconuts as "falling." Having listened again to my recording of said reception, I now agree with you, Bob. It DOES SOUND more like "halting coconuts," Maybe conditions will be right next Apr. 1 to log it again, just to be sure.

(Don Jensen via DXPlorer)

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Hmmm ... If I'm not mistaken (and there has to be a first time) the sound of falling coconuts is easily mistaken for augmented single digital aural Aprilia, which of course typically precedes plunging expectations ...

(Tony (VE3NO) ComputerViz, NYAA Starfest via DXPlorer)

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Once again, Tony, you've taken the words right out of my mouth.

(Bob Hill via DXPlorer)

## Back from Haiti

**Les denne fine fortellingen om radio i Haiti.** <http://seecc.net/HH8%20Story.html>

(Geir Stokkeland via NORDX)

