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Dear friends,

Oct 14, 2009

The visit to Denmark of President Barack Obama and Michelle Obama was a succes seen from a Danish point of view. They both addressed the International Olympic Committee (IOC), met Queen Margrethe II and the Prime Minister of Denmark, and made promotion for Denmark. When departing, Air Force One even flew over the house of our Board Member Kaj Bredahl Jorgensen! But as you all know, the IOC took the decision, that Rio de Janeiro shall hold the Olympic Games in 2016. On October 09, the Norwegian Nobel Committee decided to honour President Barack Obama with the 2009 Nobel Peace Medal for his peace initiatives.

During the past weeks several natural catastrophes have occurred in South and East Asia and the Pacific: Earth Quakes in Bhutan, Sumatra and near Samoa and Tonga with a devastating Tsunami. At the same time typhones have caused havoc in the Philippines, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, India and Japan. We hope that all our members in that area have survived.

Thank you for your contributions from all over the world. On October 04, I noticed a very weak carrier near 5005 which might be from R Nepal which has not been reported for a long time. I sent an e-mail to my friends in India and Sri Lanka asking about this unidentified station. I am grateful for the replies. Please have a look at NEPAL below.

Chuck Bolland reports of a power blackout which occurred between 2250 to 0100, Oct 07-08. "I would have done more listening, but my power pack ran out. Without any power in the neighborhood, the listening was rather clean and pleasant. Outside the stars were clear and bright. Without any light, the night critters came out in force. I almost stepped on a snake while walking along in the dark. This is Florida, do you know? "

Highlights this time:

R Vlaandern International leaves SW this month.
Bhutan Broadcasting Service back on 6035 after earthquake.
R Canção Nova, Brazil, reactivated on 9675.
R Prague leaves SW by the end of 2009.
R Bana, Eritrea, tentatively heard on 5060.
R Nepal still heard on 5005.
Samoan Radio survives Tsunami.
SIBC, Solomon Islands, is back on the air.
R Apintie, Suriname is reactivated on 4990.
No more QSL's from R Sweden.
WBOH on 5920 leaves SW this month.

Best 73, Anker

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ANTARCTICA

15476, LRA36, R Nacional, 1945, Oct 01, just a trace of a signal; nothing like the S9 peaks a week before. (Hauser)

ARGENTINA

6190v, 6220v, 6290v, 11423v, R Bosques, the SW pirate station of Argentina, now is a communitary FM station called FM Gonnet on 103.9 MHz, broadcasting with test transmissions from 1100 UTC +, and 24 hours on weekends. Contacts emails: fmgonnet103_9@yahoo.com.ar and radio_bosques@yahoo.com.ar . (R Bosques, via Barrera, Oct 02)

AUSTRALIA

2310, VL8A Alice Springs, NT, 2020, Oct 06, talks, music, fair. (Bernardini). Also heard 1228-1243, Oct 07+12. (Hauser)

2325, VL8T Tennant Creek, NT, 2023, Oct 06, // 2310, fair. (Bernardini). Also heard 1228-1243, Oct 07 and 12, English discussion with a promo/ID for "783, ABC Alice Springs", good. (Hauser)

2485, VL8K Katherine, NT, 1228-1330, Oct 03, 05, 07 and 12, Country and Western music, long phone interview 1320-27, then one last song; ABC news at 1330. Much better than usual, maybe best ever. (Hauser, Wilkins in Dexplorer)

4835, VL8A Alice Springs, NT 0700, Oct 05, poor signal // 4910. (Wilkner)

In December, R Australia (RA) will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary! RA wants its listeners - both long-time and new- to be an integral part of the festivities. Here is how listeners can join in. RA invites personal written and audio contributions about listeners' relationship with RA. The essay and/or statement should include some or all of the following information: How long have you been listening to RA? How do you hear RA? - shortwave, the Internet, World Radio Network, partner station, etc. Please check the details at RA's website <http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/> . E-mails should be sent to: radioaustralia@radioaustralia.net.au . (Ohtake)

AUSTRIA

6155, R Austria International, domestic relay still has token English news capsule, at least on weekdays, heard Mo Oct 05 in progress at 0609 after German, English probably started during 0608 (0708 in winter), with items about N. Korea, Sumatera rescuers giving up, Austria to preside over UN Security Council, very brief weather forecast, 0611 introducing equally token news in French. (Hauser)

BELGIUM

We are sorry to say, that VRT will no longer broadcast in shortwave from Oct 24 onwards. Hence, you will not receive any data from VRT concerning shortwave-frequencies for R Vlaanderen International.

Kind regards, Els Vandepierre, adviseur beleidsondersteuning. (Via van Horn, Oct 09)

BHUTAN

6035, Bhutan Broadcasting Service, Sangaygang, noted back after several days around 0100, Oct 03. (Jacob). Nothing else than probably VOA, Udon Thani, in Burmese heard here at *0000-0030* on Oct 11, 25222. (Petersen)

BOLIVIA

4409.81, R Eco, Reyes, 0235-0329*, Oct 03, Bolivian music, Spanish ballads and talk, weak. (Alexander in Dexplorer)

4699.99, R San Miguel, Riberalta, 0155-0230, Oct 04, Spanish ballads and talk. Poor in noisy conditions. (Alexander in Dexplorer). Also heard at *0934-1050, Sep 21, Oct 01 and 03, live Spanish comments with TC's every couple of minutes, ID, one musical selection, fair, much improved signal for last two weeks. (Alexander in Dexplorer, Bolland and Wilkner)

4716.633, R Yura, Yura, 0956, Oct 03, flauta and talk, fair signal. (Wilkner)

5952.46, Emisoras Pio XII, Siglo XX, 2343-0200, Oct 02 and 07, Spanish comments and music. Signal was fair. (Bolland)

6155.21, R Fides, La Paz, 2350-2359, Oct 07, Spanish comments, signal was fair. (Bolland). Also heard at 0950-1000, Oct 09, Spanish talk, Bolivian music and ID. Fair signal at tune-in, but adjacent splatter after 1000. (Alexander in Dexplorer)

BRAZIL

2379.9, R Educadora, Limeira, SP (p), 0930-1000, Sep 21, Oct 03 and 07, Portuguese talk, ann, deep fades. (Wilkner)

3375.41, R Municipal, São Gabriel da Cachoeira, AM, 0930-0950, Oct 07, Portuguese. (Wilkner)

4865, R Alvorada, Londrina, PR, 0950-1000, Oct 07, slow Portuguese ann with religious message and music bridge. (Wilkner). Also heard at 0224-0309, Oct 04, religious program of Portuguese talks and soft vocals, ID, fair. (D'Angelo)

4915, R Daqui, Goiânia, GO (ex Anhanguera), 0340, Oct 11, songs, ID, fair/good. (Bernardini)

4985, R Brazil Central, Goiânia, GO, 0313-0344 Oct 08, religious group vocals and preaching in Portuguese, fair. (D'Angelo)

5990, R Senado, Brasília, DF, *0928-0950, Oct 09, sign on with lite jazz music. Opening Portuguese ID ann, rooster crow and Portuguese talk. Some local folk music, strong. (Alexander in Dexplorer). Also 2110, Oct 06, politics, good. (Bernardini)

6009.95, R Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte, MG, 2325-0010, Oct 03-04, continuous Portuguese talk and IDs. Good signal. Fair signal with adjacent channel splatter after 0000. Appears to be irregular. (Alexander in Dexplorer)

9505, R Record, São Paulo, SP, 0920-0932, Oct 04, Portuguese ann, Brazilian songs, QRM from a Chinese speaking station on the same frequency, 23322. (Méndez)

9565, R Tupi (Super R Deus e Amor), Curitiba, PR, 0916-0925, Oct 04, religious predicts in Portuguese, healing of the sick, 24322. (Méndez)

9585, R Deus è Amor, São Paulo, SP, 0215, Oct 11, religious programme in Portuguese, never end sermon, good, (ex R Globo). (Bernardini)

9630, R Aparecida, Aparecida, 0150, Oct 11, Holy Rosary, fair. (Bernardini). Also heard at 0914-0918, Oct 04, religious talk, 24322 // 11855. (Méndez)

9645.2, R Bandeirantes, São Paulo, SP, 0205, Oct 11, talks and songs, fair in USB. (Bernardini)

9675, R Canção Nova, Cachoeira Paulista, SP, 2128-2135, 0128, 0601-0624 and 0912-0926, Oct 02, 04 and 11, reactivated ! Portuguese ann with jingles, religious talk, santo rosario, IDs "Rádio Canção Nova" in passing again and again, and promoting website <http://www.cancaonova.com/> which strangely enough does not say anything about SW, just AM, FM and TV! 34433 with deep fades. Modulation rather distorted, but carrier stable. Not heard since Jan 2009. (Bernardini, Hauser, Méndez and Petersen)

9695, R Rio Mar, Manaus, AM, *1000-1010, Oct 04, ID: "Radio Rio Mar, ..., ondas curtas, 31 metros, 9695 kHz, 49 metros, 6160 kHz, Radio Rio Mar, Manaus, Amazonia, Brasil", Brazilian songs, 24322. (Méndez)

9819, R Nove de Julho, São Paulo, SP, 0912-0927, Oct 04, Portuguese religious talk: "Celebración de Deus", "Esta profecía", hymns, 24322. (Méndez)

11725, R Novas de Paz, Curitiba, PR, 0940-0955, Oct 04, Portuguese talk and hymns, 24322. (Méndez)

11780, R Nacional da Amazônia, Brasília, 0932-0945, Oct 04, Brazilian songs, 33333. (Méndez)

11815, R Brasil Central, Goiania, GO, 0910-0935, Oct 04, Brazilian songs, comment, ID: "Radio Brasil Central", 34433. (Méndez)

11855, R Aparecida, Aparecida, SP, 0907-0910, Oct 04, Portuguese religious transmission from a mass, 24322. (Méndez)

11915, R Gaúcha, Porto Alegre, RS, 2311-2334 and 0905-0917, Sep 27 and Oct 04, Portuguese talk, promos, IDs, sports highlights to time pips at 2330, Brazilian songs, 24322. (D'Angelo and Méndez)

11925, R Bandeirantes, São Paulo, SP, 0901-0905, Oct 04, Portuguese talk: "Primeiro aniversario do programa", 34333. (Méndez)

CANADA

6159.96, CKZN, St Johns, New Foundland, 1900-1920, Oct 04, still slightly off frequency with English talk. Classical music. Weak but readable. (Alexander in Dexplorer). Also heard at 0555 Sept 29, discussion of viral mutations. (Hauser)

CHAD

4904.97, Rdif. Nationale Tchadienne, Gredia, N'Djaména, 1755-2230*, Sep 29 and 30, Oct 02, 09 and 12, French talks and news, local tribal music, Afro-pops. One minute of local drums at 2200 followed by French talk. Sign off with National Anthem, 45343. Best after Tibet signed off at 1805*. In USA always present CODAR QRM. (Alexander in Dexplorer, Petersen and Savolainen in Dexplorer). Off the air Oct 11, 1825-1910. (Petersen)

CHINA

5075, Voice of Pujiang, Shanghai (p), 1305, Oct 10, weak talk varying with utility beeps on hi side. (Hauser)

6200, Xizang PBS, Lhasa (tent.), 1000-1030, Oct 03, English news with many mentions of China. Signal was very theshold. PBS has a few English language schedules during the day, but none that I can find during the 1000 hour. (Bolland)

7620, China National R 5, 1057-1109, Oct 04, instrumental music until 1100 when man and woman gave ID and ann in Mandarin. News. Fair. (D'Angelo)

CLANDESTINES

4769.98, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, Salah-al-Din, Iraq (p), 0440-0450 fade out, Oct 11, Farsi (p) ann, Kurdish songs, 23222 jammer + heterodyne. (Petersen)

4880, SW Africa, via Meyerton, 1740, Oct 06, English, African politics, good. (Bernardini)

5910, Shiokaze, via Yamata, Japan, *1400-1430*, Oct 10, Korean talks, very good signal. (Wilkins via Dexplorer)

11500, R Dabanga, via Madagascar, 1657-1727*, Sep 28, Arabic talks, news and news features with several remote feeds, jingle IDs at 1714 and 1726. ID and closedown ann, fair // 13730 (Wertachtal, Germany) was poor to fair. (D'Angelo)

15430, Voice of Tibet, via Dhabbaya (250 kW, 070 degrees), 1330-1400, Tibetan, new frequency ex 17550 which both were jammed by China. (Ivanov via BC-DX and Jaisakhtivel Oct 01)

15665, Voice of Biafra International, via WHRI, 1915, Oct 09. After barely a month on 17520, it was found back on 15665 which it had used during most of the summer. Heard immediate ID by The Orator. This lower frequency is somewhat more reliable here, but what about Biafraland, where the audience is not even given the correct current frequency on website or in announcements? Voice of Biafra International is Fridays only at 1900-2000. (Hauser)

COLOMBIA

5910, Marfil Estereo, Lomalinda, 0305-0625, Oct 04 and 11, talks, keep-you-awake music, fair. (Bernardini and Hauser)

6010.17v, La Voz de tu Conciencia, Lomalinda, 0400, Oct 11, music, talks about family, good. (Bernardini)

CZECH REPUBLIC

12th October 2009

Dear Friends of Radio Prague,

You are probably not yet aware that the future of Radio Prague – the international service of Czech Radio – is under serious threat. The station began shortwave broadcasts in 1936 and, with the exception of the period of the wartime German occupation, has been broadcasting to the world ever since. Like most international public service broadcasters, Radio Prague is state financed. It is paid for through the state budget, via the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Radio Prague is facing a 20% cut in its budget for 2010.

At first glance, this figure does not seem like a mortal blow, but its impact will be devastating. The Foreign Ministry has stated explicitly that it considers shortwave to be an anachronistic means of broadcasting and has called on Radio Prague to terminate its shortwave broadcasts entirely from January 2010. As a result the transmitter in Litomysl (east of Prague), will almost certainly be dismantled. Radio Prague will continue primarily as a website.

The saving to the state budget will be tiny. In order to save around half a million euro, Radio Prague will end as a shortwave broadcaster after more than 70 years.

In the course of my time as a BBC correspondent and then as editor-in-chief at Radio Prague (until 2006), when I was also active in the European Broadcasting Union, I followed developments in international broadcasting closely. During that period a number of international broadcasters abandoned their roots in radio – nearly always at the bidding of bureaucrats rather than those involved in the stations themselves. Almost without exception the outcome, sooner or later, was the demise of the station altogether.

There are several reasons for this. One helpful parallel is to compare the position with that of a newspaper with a long and rich tradition, which stops appearing in paper form, and maintains only a web presence. Although the worldwide trend towards digitalization is clear, this does not mean that it is wise to throw out overnight all the advantages of producing a “traditional” newspaper. In the case of radio, the risks are still more evident, because public service broadcasting is a very specific medium with a distinct tradition and audience, and at its core is the spoken word.

In the seven decades of its existence, Radio Prague has built up a huge base of know-how and an impressive reputation internationally: Its role in the events of 1968, when Radio Prague journalists defied the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia is legendary. Radio Prague has built on this tradition in the two decades since the fall of communism, transforming itself into a thriving modern broadcaster. There can be little doubt that it has a far larger audience than any

other Czech radio station, but unfortunately these listeners are scattered around the world and do not form a strong domestic lobby.

Shortwave broadcasts are in decline, but they have to be seen as part of a broader mosaic. Today's international broadcasters have long been aware of the need to broadcast on a number of different platforms: shortwave, medium wave, FM, satellite, internet and others. The more forward-looking among them have learned to be flexible and innovative. In this respect, the modern transformation at Radio Prague began over fifteen years ago when it was one of the first international broadcasters to set up its own website. That was back in 1994. This was quickly followed by its daily email news service and other innovations, including its enthusiastic commitment to satellite broadcasting. At the same time it has modernized the way that radio is produced; its journalists today take it for granted that they are working in a multi-media environment, where the spoken word is reinforced by text and image.

And Radio Prague has learnt to be extremely cost effective, broadcasting around the world in six languages for the equivalent of less than three million euro a year.

In order for this to continue, it is absolutely crucial for Radio Prague not to forget its core activity. The station's current success is built on its status and tradition as a radio broadcaster. If it forgets its identity as radio, it will inevitably lose its way, desperately trying to compete in a field that is not its own.

The news of the latest cuts puts the staff and management of Radio Prague in a difficult position. It will not be easy for them to launch a campaign to save the shortwave broadcasts, as they could find themselves facing the alternative of having to cut jobs instead. Given that the amount of money needed to save the shortwave broadcasts is so small, I am convinced that the cause is worth fighting for and that it does not have to be a case of pitching jobs against shortwave. If the decision-makers in the government and at the ministry can be made to understand what is at stake, I am sure that the money can be found.

That is why I am writing this letter – to encourage listeners around the world to rally behind Radio Prague at this difficult time.

With warmest regards

David Vaughan, former head of the English Section of Radio Prague. (via Murphy)

You are strongly invited to send your letter of protest to The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Ministerstvo zahraničních věcí, Loretánské náměstí 5, CZ-118 00 Praha 1, the Czech Republic (e-mail: podatelna@mzv.cz) with a copy to Radio Prague, Vinohradská 12, CZ-120 99 Prague 2, Czech Republic (E-mail: cr@radio.cz).

You may also send a similar letter to the Czech Embassies and representatives in their own country. A List of Czech Embassies can be found at http://www.mzv.cz/jnp/en/diplomatic_missions/czech_missions_abroad/index.html. Also in this case, Radio Prague will appreciate to get a copy. (Petersen)

CUBA

5025, R Rebelde, Bauta, 1223-1225, Sep 30, report during Hacienda Radio show about R Cuba improving Rebelde coverage in the mountains of Guantánamo province, presumably more FM and also TV relay transmitters. (Hauser)

DJIBOUTI

4780, RTV Djibouti, 1720, Oct 06, music, good. (Bernardini)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

6025.07, R Amanecer, Santo Domingo, *1027-1410 and 0227-0303*, varies to 0455*, Sep 24, Oct 02, 03, 04, 05, 09 and 10, Spanish IDs, ann, promos, religious talks, prayer and music, hymns, best after 0300, 32442 - 45444. (Alexander and Churchill in Dexplorer, D'Angelo and Wilkner)

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

5005, R Nacional, Bata, 0502-0531, Sep 18, local dance music, some Country and Western, ann in Spanish, abrupt sign off. 34333 with QRM from WWV/WWVH. (Churchill in Dexplorer). Also heard evenings e.g. at 1748, Oct 06, English songs, African music, good, but heavy QRM by a utility station. Better in LSB. (Bernardini and Wernli)

ERITREA

5059.99, R Bana, Asmara (tentative), 1500-1629*, Sep 29, 30 and Oct 01, UNID language ann, Horn of Africa music, ex 5100 (Cf. DBS-11), 15121, not // 6030, 6110, 7110, 7145 or 7165, but possibly // Voice of Broad Masses of Eritrea, Asmara on 7175 which continued after 1630 in Oromo (p) (35333). A white noise jammer starts at 1500 and continues until 1600 on 5060. And then the similar jammer starts on 7175. (Petersen and Savolainen)

7165, Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, Asmara, *0356-0422, Oct 06, IS, 0400 opening ann in local language, news before music program at 0411. Jammer seemed to find them around the time the music program began. Poor to fair until jammer covered channel. (D'Angelo)

7175, Voice of Broad Masses, Asmara, 1818-1825, Oct 06 and 11, African music and talks, good. (Bernardini and Petersen)

ETHIOPIA

5980, Voice of the Tigray Revolution, Mek'el , *0255-0340, Oct 03, IS, 0300 vernacular talk, instrumental music. Horn of Africa music, fair // 5950 - weak, mixing with Okeechobee. (Alexander in Dexplorer)

5990.31, R Ethiopia, Geja Jewe, 1834, Oct 06, drama // 7110, very good. (Bernardini)

6030, R Oromia, Adama, via Geja Jewe (presumed), 0353-0420 fade out, Sep 28, Horn of Africa vocals, flutes and group singing. At 0400 news (?) in presumed Oromo with brief music segment at 0411, poor with buzzing noise. (D'Angelo)

6110, R Fana, Addis Ababa, 1908, Oct 06, African songs, QRM CRI, fair. (Bernardini)

6890, R Fana, Addis Ababa, *0257-0340, Oct 03 and 10, IS, opening ID ann at 0300 and vernacular talk, Horn of Africa music. Very weak. Stronger on // 6110. (Alexander via Dexplorer)

7110, R Ethiopia, Geja Jewe, 1809-1910, Oct 06 and 11, reports in Amharic (presumed), good. (Bernardini and Petersen)

GERMANY

6005, R 700, Kall-Krekel and BBC Seychelles, 1838, Oct 06, German and English, songs and reports. R 700 dominant in Milano, BBC dominant in Bocca di Magra remote. (Bernardini)

6140, MV Baltic R, via Wertachtal, 0923-1000*, Su Oct 04, German/English ann, English and German pop songs, ID: "MV Baltic Radio", 55555. (M ndez and Petersen). On the air this Su from 0900. (Taylor, Oct 03)

GREENLAND

3815 USB, KNR Tasiilaq, 2052-2108*, Sep 29, Oct 01, 02, 09, 10 and 11, jazz music and songs, Greenlandic ann, 2100 KNR newsjingle, news and report in Danish about "... statsministeren Obama til Koebenhavn...", some days a song after the news, 24232 - 34333 QRM occasional Russian utility calls. (Petersen and Aerenlund Pedersen)

GUAM

5765USB, AFRTS, Barrigada, 0955, Oct 03, talk on NASCAR. (Wilkner)

GUINEA

7125, R Conakry, 1910-2127*, Oct 09 and 11, French and vernacular talk. Some local African music. Abrupt sign off. Fair signal with good modulation for a change. Unstable transmitter. (Alexander in Dexplorer)

HONDURAS

3250, R Luz y Vida, San Luis, 1108, Oct 01, Gospel program with man and woman. (Wilkner)

INDIA

3945.0, AIR Gorakhpur, 1640-1645, Oct 10, Hindi programme with phonecall, 333. (Van Arnhem).

4760, AIR Port Blair, *2354-2400, Oct 11, AIR IS, Vande Mataram hymn, ann in Vernacular, 25222. (Petersen)

4800, AIR Hyderabad, 1730-1740, Oct 06, English news, fair (mixed with CNR1 till 1735 when China s.off). (Bernardini)

9425, AIR National Channel, Bengaluru, 1350, Sep 30, big but fluttery signal with loud but distorted Hindi talk. (Hauser)

9470, AIR Aligarh, *1318, Oct 07, extremely distorted blob covered 9475-9485, initially cutting on and off // clear Bengaluru 9425 with AIR IS. (Hauser)

INDONESIA

3976.06, RRI Pontianak (presumed), 1247-1248*, Oct 06, music. Just as I switched on the BFO to pin down the frequency compared to anything on 5975, it dumped off the air at 1248*. (Hauser). Other days heard at 1252-1612, Sep 27 and Oct 10, talks and Indonesian songs, 1359 local IS on piano and local news, 322. (Van Arnhem, and Wilkins in Dexplorer)

3995.02, RRI Kendari 1254-1553*, Sep 28 and Oct 10, vocal music, then SCI and short Jakarta program in Bahasa Indonesia at 1300; local program at 1306 with short ann and vocal music, s/off at 1553 with South Sea music, pretty good signal 353/4. (Van Arnhem, and Wilkins in Dexplorer)

4749.94, RRI Makassar, 1025-1035 and 1242-1317, Sep 29, Oct 01, 05, 06 and 09, music sounded very sad and reflective, ann in Bahasa Indonesia and Qu'ran recitation, a string of hard-sell advs, 1302 playing music rather than news, Indonesian songs; nice S9+10 signal, as usual stronger signal than Jambi 4925, but 4750 has co-channel QRM. (Bolland and Hauser)

4925.00, RRI Jambi, 2248-2310, Oct 11, Indonesian folksongs, 2250 Bahasa Indonesia ID: "Radio Republik Indonesia, Jambi", a short piece of "Song of the Coconut Islands", Jakarta news and reports, 35343. (Petersen). Also heard at 1249-1330, Sep 30, Oct 05, 06 and 12, singing ballad, occasional brief ann, 1259 three reptions of local 10-note IS on local instrument; followed by "Radio Republik Indonesia Jambi warta berita..." at 1300 (local news); 1306-1330 English pop Oldies, with every other song a Beatles tune; one long adv or promo at 1312-17. Good signal topping my local noise level, which takes some doing. Have noticed an improved signal from them for the past 2 or 3 weeks and today was the best ever. (Hauser, and Wilkins in Dexplorer)

9680, RRI, Oct 2 at 1301 in Indonesian, full ID with several kHz and MHz, web streaming address I could not quite catch, then trying to phone Sumatera RRI stations, notably Pekanbaru, which is across the mountain range from Padang. BTW, Pekanbaru is stressed on the U; neither of those on SW for years now. Good signal and modulation, not much QRM at this hour. (Hauser)

ISRAEL

15785.88v, Galai Zahal, Lod, 1845-1855, Oct 04, Hebrew talk. Good signal, but with a very slight wobbly carrier. Threshold signal on // 6973. (Alexander in Dexplorer)

MADAGASCAR

5009.45, R Madagascar, Ambohidrano, 1758, Oct 06, talks and music (Opera! Also Carmen by Bizet), good. (Bernardini)

MALAYSIA

5030.03, Sarawak FM(p), Kuching, 1345-1355, Sep 26, vernacular talk, regional vocal music at 1347. Fair signal but covered by strong CRI. (Wilkins in Dexplorer)

5964.93, Klasik Nasional FM, Kajang, 1310-1328, Oct 05, vocal music, ann, fair signal, but QRM from R Habana Cuba on 5965. (Wilkins via Dexplorer)

6049.63, Asyik FM (p), Kajang, 1258-1317, Oct 05, vocal music past 1300, vernacular ann 1304, then more vocals, some in English. Fair/good. (Wilkins via Dexplorer)

7270.01, Limbang FM?, Kuching, 1341-1402, Oct 05, vocal music, ann, a "Limbang FM ...MHz" jingle at 1357, but at 1400 after the 2 pips, the ann was "Warta berita...Wai FM", so still not sure of the Wai/Limbang schedule. Good signal. (Wilkins via Dexplorer)

As RTM moves forward, their future plans for radio are not less than impressive. The government radio stations have not only started planning for the dawn of digital radio but its implementation is also underway. "There are two areas when talking about digital radio; the station and the transmission. So far at RTM, we have developed our digital radio infrastructure since 1995, with digital radio studios set up throughout the country." said the General Director. He added, "The next step will be the transmission phase, which is divided into two categories, DRM (digital radio mondiale) and DAB + (digital audio broadcast plus). For DRM, basically it is a secondary transmission, with DAB+ being the primary transmission, thus those who want to replace FM should use DAB+."

For short wave the use of DRM is best. With DRM, one can use analog and digital, but DAB+ can only be used for digital transmissions. "In most of our radio stations, we use FM except in Kajang and Kuching where we have DRM and also for Suara Malaysia and Suara Islam stations, short wave transmission is used. However for Suara Islam and Suara Malaysia we have introduced Internet protocol." Datuk Ibrahim goes on to explain that it was in the year 2008 that the DRM trial run was carried out in Kajang and MCMC has reported good transmission on DRM is received all over the country including Sarawak. "Our ultimate goal is for all major stations to be equipped with DAB+. DRM will be mainly for areas which need their own transmitter, such as rural areas surrounded by hills and mountains." It is with this encouraging start that RTM hopes to implement digital radio along with digital TV in 2012. The only obstacle to this plan is the issue of cost as for listeners to enjoy digital transmission, they need to be equipped with a digital radio set. At the moment, digital radio is not yet available in Malaysia thus cost cannot be calculated. However, taking the America as a reference point, a digital radio set costs US\$100. (Excerpts from interview of RTM General Director in Adoimagazine via Gupta)

MEXICO

4800, XERTA, R Transcontinental, DF, 0935-1020, Sep 22 and Oct 03, ID, poor and very subdued signal. (Wilkner)

6104.75v, XEQM, Candela FM, Merida, 1030-1337, Oct 02, 09 and 10, local music, Spanish ballads with Spanish and Maya talk. Phone talk. Mentions of Merida. In the clear with a fair to good signal. Frequency slowly drifting downward. Was on 6104.76 at 1030, 6104.75 by 1055, and 6104.74 by 1115. (Alexander in Dexplorer and Hauser). Also noted 0558, Oct 09, Spanish conversation, but blocked from *0559:30 by BBC Ascension in French. XEQM still succeeded in getting it. (Hauser)

6185, R Educación, México D. F., 0855-0905, Oct 04, classical music, 24322. (Méndez)

MYANMAR

5770.02, Myanmar Defence Forces, Taunggyi, 1228-1233, Oct 10, Burmese (?) ID (?), fanfare, utility QRM, 33343. (Wagai)

5985, R Myanmar, Nay Pyi, 1328-1352, Oct 03, pop music, usual instrumental IS and a brief Burmese ann; 1330 chimes and long talk, a mix of pop music and chat, very good signal, best in a long time. (Wilkins in Dexplorer)

NEPAL

5005.03, UNID, maybe very irregular R Nepal, 0043-0140 fade out, Oct 04, vernacular talk, 15321. Nothing heard on Oct 11 at 2312-2355. (Petersen). Almost daily I have a S-3 carrier on 5005 before Thirivananthapuram signs on on 5010 and then its sooooo strong, that it knocks out anything. I have wondered whether it could be Nepal, but impossible to confirm anything. (Goonetilleke). Just tried listening to the frequency 5005, Oct 05. There was a strong carrier on the channel with occasional UNID talk until 0050. When AIR Thiruvananthapuram signs on at 0050 at 5010, strong co-channel splatter made reception impossible. Perhaps it may be R Nepal with their damaged transmitter or something else. Could not confirm. (Rajeesh)

It is indeed R Nepal. During the past 10 days or so I am regularly monitoring 5005. The carrier is with S3 level very steady, but the modulation is very very faint. Very difficult to get any voice on this channel. On Oct 04 around 0400 I could hear the carrier. I have just written to R Nepal on this and hope to get a reply very soon. (Dasgupta).

Respected Anker Petersen,

For past several months I am keeping a close watch on this frequency of 5005 specially in the early morning hours..i.e. from 2330 to 0300UTC or so both via my Grundig YB 400 Rx plus with ordinary Philips Analog Rxs. It is no other radio stationbut R Nepal broadcasting with their what TR Rajeesh rightly pointed out ("their damaged transmitter ...") with their not so good transmitter. And sometime around 0045UTC onwards, I can hear poor audio of Nepali language broadcast and yes, the carrier's signal was strong...but the audio was very poorly heard. I recorded earlier several audios of R Nepal on 5005 kHz in the early morning. With both kinds of receivers, I got the almost the same reception. I shall try to send you all a few audio files of R Nepal recordings via e-mail attachment. Alokesh Gupta, my first DX Friend, from time to time seeks updates on R Nepal on 5005kHz. Alokesh Gupta also informed me a few months back about poor condition of the shortwave transmitter of R Nepal might be the sole cause of such poor audio of R Nepal. But there was a time during my school days (1980s), R Nepal used to be heard almost all parts of Assam with loud and clear signal on SW even with ordinary receivers available then in the market. I used to listen to their Hindi Film Music programme perhaps during 1000-1030UTC. Many persons used to listen to R Nepal's Hindi Filmmusic Programme slot. Still the sound of their promos plus signing off music announcements are fresh in my mind. Time has changed everything. Perhaps now-a-days no such programmes are on air. This morning i.e. Oct 09, I also found around 0059 UTC Nepali broadcast of R Nepal on 5005 kHz with weak signal.

Thanking You. 73 and 55, Yours Faithfully, Gautam Kumar Sharma(GK), 26°18'20"North, 90°37'50"East. (Sharma)

The NETHERLANDS

7600.14, Free R Service – Holland, 0925-1000* and 1250-1301*, Su Oct 04 and 11, English tests, many ID's, requested reception reports, English pop songs, talk on propagation, mentioned internet, greetings to Koie and Petersen, 35333 // 7685.05. (Koie and Petersen)

7685.03, Free R Service – Holland, 1305-1400*, Su Oct 04, English ann, ID, English pop songs, 35333. (Petersen)

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0800-0900	7600	Inverted V dipole	Main rig (higher power)
0800-0900	7685	Vertical antenna	Spare rig (lower power)
0900-1000	7685	Inverted V dipole	Main rig (higher power)
0900-1000	7600	Vertical antenna	Spare rig (lower power)
1200-1300	7600	Inverted V dipole	Main rig (higher power)
1200-1300	7685	Vertical antenna	Spare rig (lower power)
1300-1400	7685	Inverted V dipole	Main rig (higher power)
1300-1400	7600	Vertical antenna	Spare rig (lower power). (Verbruggen, Oct 10)

NEW ZEALAND

11725, R New Zealand International, Rangitaiki, 2015-2040, Oct 06 and 11, English talks, poor/fair. (Bernardini)

NIGERIA

4770, R Nigeria, Kaduna, 0552-0600, Oct 10, show choral lite music, bonker on the hi side, evitable by tuning to lo side, and not much CODAR. Just before 0600 went to ann, timesignal seemed about right, and more talk, I think in English, but too poor to be sure. Signal averaged S9, fluctuating S6 to S9+10, better than Perú 4790, but quite undermodulated. Kaduna could be quite listenable, if they would modulate adequately. (Hauser)

PAKISTAN

The Pakistan government has decided to reverse the clocks by one hour from Nov 01, 2009 the Online news agency reported Sep 28, citing the interior ministry. The government had decided to advance the clocks by one hour for seven months from April 1 to Oct 31 every year to overcome the energy crisis, while the clocks would be reversed by one hour from Nov 1 to Mar 31, the report said. The main purpose to advance the clocks is to use maximum daylight, it added. (Indo Asian News Service at <http://in.news.yahoo.com/43/20090928/876/twl-pakistan-to-reverse-clocks-by-one-ho.html> via Jacob, Sep 29)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

3275, R Southern Highlands, most mornings 1000-1020, per John Herkimer, thanks. (Wilkner)

PERU

4746.90, R Huanta 2000, Huanta, Ayacucho, 1023, Oct 05, instrumental music, Peruvian vocals "mucho mas.....en todos el pais...". (Wilkner)

4774.94, R Tarma, Tarma, 1015-1045, Sep 23 and Oct 01, melodic Peruvian music, ID: "Radio Tarma....onda corta...". (Bolland and Wilkner)

4790, R Vision, Chiclayo, 0320, Oct 11, religious talks, fair. (Bernardini). Silent 0900-1010, Oct 03. (Wilkner)

4824.49, La Voz de la Selva, Iquitos, after 1020 each morning since Sep 23, music, occasional IDs, very strong. (Wilkner)

4835.42, R Marañon, Jaén, 1028-1100, Sep 23 and Oct 01, "... Radio Marañon..." ID over Peruvian music, good signal. (Bolland and Wilkner)

5039.13, R Libertad, Junín, 1038-1050, Oct 01, Huaynos type music and live Spanish comments giving ID as: "... Radio Libertad ...". Signal was fair here. (Bolland)

5460.06, R Bolivar, Cd. Bolivar, 0020-0030, Sep 18, music, fair signal strength. (Wilkner)

6019.30, R Victoria, Lima, 2345-2359, Oct 07, Spanish comments, signal was fair. (Bolland)

6173.90, R Tawantinsuyo, Cusco, 0010-0030, Sep 17 and 23, talk in Spanish and music. Not noted 0900-0100. (Wilkner)

9720, R Victoria, Lima, 1056-1105, Oct 01, a male talking in Spanish to a female on the telephone. At 1059 canned ID followed with promos or advs, fair to threshold. (Bolland). Also heard at 0120, Oct 11, usual sermons, good. (Bernardini)

The PHILIPPINES

6170.4, PBS relay of DZRM, R Magasin (tent.), 1212-1233, Oct 03, with thanks to Ron Howard for tip to try LSB. Heavy QRM from both sides, but after 1212 woman anc could be heard weak, but occasionally clear – seemed to be a continuous news program with a man talking from time to time, as if a field reporter, being interviewed by the female announcer. One QRM source quieted for 3 min from 1230-1233 allowing clear copy of the woman announcer and man talking. Programming was likely coverage of recent Typhoons Ketsana and Parma and their disastrous impact on the P.I. Language had the tone and cadence of Tagalog, 12531. (Churchill in Dexplorer)

RUSSIA

5920, R Rossii, Yelizovo (p), 0945-0949, Oct 03, Russian talk, 34433. (Slaen)

5940, R Rossii, Arman (p), 0950-0954, Oct 03, Russian talk and instrumental music, 22332 // 7320 (24432). (Slaen)

7320, R Rossii, Magadan, 0525, Oct 07, circus music, a bit of it reminding us of Looney Tunes and Merrie Melodies; 0530 brief ann introducing a pizzicato piece; 0533 into the Vladimir Danov show, discussion with an academic about organ music? good signal. (Hauser)

SAMOA

Across in independent Samoa, another DJ also stayed on duty as the earthquake struck the islands. Radio 2AP broadcasts at 540AM from sea level near the capital, Apia, and Epati Tamati felt the earthquake and also realized a tsunami was likely. He also chose to stay on the air, accepting hundreds of calls from worried and frightened listeners and broadcasting emergency messages. You can see a photo of Epati inside the 2AP studios and read his story in the article 'Radio Man Risks Life for Listeners' in the Oct 07 edition of The New Zealand Herald newspaper online at www.nzherald.co.nz. (Radio Heritage Foundation, Oct 07)

Olga Keil of R Polynesia in Apia (On 5 FM-channels in Samoa acc. to WRTH 2009. Ed) is also reported on the BBC Asia-Pacific website with her comments about the earthquake. You can find this story at www.newsbbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/8282115.stm and find out more about the four stations of R Polynesia at www.fmradio.ws. Since the earthquake, the staff have been broadcasting from makeshift studios in the hills behind Apia, close to their transmitter complex. According to the World Radio TV Handbook [www.wrth.com] there are one AM and eight FM stations on the air in Samoa [population 178,000] but none of the local stations currently stream services online. (Radio Heritage Foundation, Oct 07)

SAMOA (American)

In Pago Pago, American Samoa, the morning DJ at KKHJ-FM felt the earthquake and activated emergency warnings immediately. Lupe Lohmann then broadcast calls for residents to head for higher ground and by the time she realized that a tsunami was heading up Pago Pago harbor towards the studios, it was too late for her to leave. She stayed on the air as surging waters smashed into the ground floor of the Pago Pago Plaza, home of KKHJ-FM. You can hear her interview with the BBC describing the events at www.newsbbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/8281616.stm and look at photos of the devastation caused by the tsunami at the KKHJ-FM website [www.khjradio.com] where you can also listen to KKHJ-FM streaming live and see more images of the temporary studios being used at the transmitter site. (Radio Heritage Foundation, Oct 07)

SÃO TOMÉ

4960, VOA, via Pinheira, 0415-0500, Oct 04, VOA feature "Our World" with man talking on a new telescope at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, 0500 Hausa , best signal heard this season thus far, 35333. (Churchill in Dexplorer)

SOLOMON ISLANDS

5020.00v, SIBC, Honiara, 0927-1310 fade out, Oct 07, 08 and 10, Pidgin comments and music. 1200 Relay BBC in English. Reactivated frequency with upgraded 10 kW transmitter ? Signal was weak to fair. (Bolland, Hauser, Jensen and Wilkner). Also tentatively heard in Denmark at 1640-1714, Oct 07 and 10, talk in UNID language, 25321. (Petersen)

SOMALIA

7145, R Hargeisa, Somaliland, 1740-1859*, Sep 29, Oct 06 and 10, vernacular and Afro-Horn music, fair with weak modulation, very regular. (Bernardini; Goonetilleke, Savolainen and Titarev via Dexplorer)

SRI LANKA

9770.2, Sri Lanka BC, Ekala (presumed), 0110-0114, Oct 11, off frequency, QRM from Voice of Turkey 9770, not usable even if signal was fair. (Bernardini)

The Wannu service of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, which has been suspended temporarily due to the war in the North in the past, resumed its service again. SLBC confirmed that the Wannu service had commenced a testing transmission on Oct 12. SLBC is transmitting its services to the Wannu region from Irattaperiyakulam in Vavuniya. The Wannu service suspended its broadcasting in 2002 due to the heavy fighting between Sri Lanka Army and the LTTE. According to the SLBC sources the service will transmit its programs in both Sinhala and Tamil languages. (ColomboPage News Desk via http://www.colombopage.com/archive_091/Oct1255354668RA.html , via Gupta)

SUDAN

7200, R Sudan, Khartoum, 1824-2104*, Oct 02 and 06, talks in Arabic mentioning Sudan and Omdurman, jingles, abrupt sign off, fair to good, better in LSB. (Alexander in Dexplorer and Bernardini)

SURINAME

4989.98, R Apintie, Paramaribo (tent.), 0455-0623, Oct 04 and 11, heard for first time in many months with typical non-stop pop music (or so it appeared), threshold signal with no QRM from the Brazilian on 4985, 15331. At *0456-0530* QRM strong utility carrier on 4989.73. Also heard a weak carrier on 4990.04 at 2305-2312 on Oct 11, but no audio. (Churchill in Dexplorer and Petersen). UNID carrier also heard at 1100. (Wilkner)

SWEDEN

6010, R Sweden, via Sackville, 0140-0200, Oct 02, English news and views, signal was good. (Bolland)

Short Wave News

A small SWN/November is planned to be posted on November 13 and published the following weekend by our webmaster Rolf Wernli on the Member Area at <http://www.dswci.org/members/index.html>. (Ed)

Tropical Bands Monitor

Owners of our Domestic Broadcasting Survey No. 11, please note that <http://www.dswci.org/tbmonitor/2009.pdf> was updated on Oct 03 with the September loggings as an extra service to their purchase. Any DX-er can download the complete monitoring view at <http://www.dswci.org/tbm> of stations heard broadcasting on tropical bands during 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. (Ed)

Japan SW Club won second prize amongst 130 Clubs

As reported last month, Tokyo HAM Fair 2009 was held on Aug 22-23 at Tokyo Big Site, and attracted 31,000 visitors, which were 2,000 more than last year. JSWC opened our own booth to promote SW radio listening. The HAM Fair Committee announced JSWC booth won the second place at the popularity pole voted by visitors, because of its excellent design and display. This vote was conducted for the first time in the Fair history and we are very proud of this winning among the 130 participated clubs. (Ohtake)

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