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Dear friends,

On January 14, 2012, Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II will have been head of state of Denmark, Greenland and the Faroes for 40 years. When her father, King Frederik IX passed away, she was inaugurated by the Danish Prime Minister at an age of 31. During these years the Royal Family has been very popular in all three countries. In her annual New Year speech on December 31, 2011, she pointed out, that Denmark is a good and safe country. But in the present global financial crisis the Danes has to take responsibility for themselves. The DSWCI sends our best wishes for the jubilee.

Since January 01 and until June 30, 2012, Denmark will hold the rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union. In her first New Year speech on January 01, the Prime Minister Mrs. Helle Thorning-Schmidt said, that Denmark is based upon hardworking men and women and is well prepared to take this important task once again. But in this financial crisis, she said to the Danes like John F. Kennedy in his inaugural address in 1961: "Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country. "

Thank you for your contributions from all parts of the world. Our very active member, Victor Goonetilleke in Sri Lanka writes: "My younger brother Ron is here from Australia where they have settled down and his antenna knowledge is fantastic. Last evening we built a K9AY. It is all make shift made in 2 hours!! and we will soon use a Fresh strong Bamboo for support, and anchor it properly. We do not care what it looks like, if it WORKS and it sure does!!!!. Its amazing, that it beats for noise my high matched dipoles for 80/40 at 45 feet off the ground. I had to ask my wife Niromi to skip watching TV to take the noise off, but with these lowband loops we can perfectly coexist."

Our good DX-friend in India, Jose Jacob, reports a new technological way of FM-DX-ing. This is not our target of interest in the DX-Window, but I still think, his e-mail is interesting: "During my trip to Kerala last week to attend International Conference on Wireless Technologies for Humanitarian Relief (<http://www.amrita.edu/acwr2011/>) . I did some FM Dxing with my cellphone radio (Akai 2212) from the 4th story of a hotel, where we were staying at Haripad, Alappuzha Dist.". See his tips under INDIA.

Our regular reporter John Wilkins writes from Colorado: "Here are the first logs of 2012, the Jubilee DX Year for me. I am not sure exactly when I first turned on the radio looking for distant stations, but the earliest QSL card I have is from WOAI 1200 kcs from March 1962, so I am using that date as Point Zero. Egad, 50 years ago! The earliest SWBC QSL I have is dated June 1963, from HCJB on 15395 kcs. Things have changed a bit since then..". Our congratulations!

Highlights this time:

R Bar-Kulan to Somalia announces to leave shortwave.
Special DX Test from Costa Rica.
R Djibouti reactivated on 4780 after 3 months.
Scandinavian Weekend R back next weekend with new staff.
New schedule for Kall-Krekel on 3995 and 6085.
Libya back on the air with French broadcasts on 11600.
Myanma R now also on 9590.
Samoa and Tokelau changed timezone.
South African R League on 4895 at new time.
R Dunamis, Uganda, reactivated on 4750.
WTWW, USA, testing 5085 and 9990.

Best 73, Anker

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DX NEWS

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AFGHANISTAN

7200, National R of Afghanistan, Kabul, 1520-1530, Jan 02, Afghan music, English ID (they still announce 6100 kHz) and news, good signals tonight when Ethiopia was off the frequency. Heard both in Sri Lanka and Denmark as on this Sound Cloud recording at <http://soundcloud.com/victor-goonetilleke/r-afghanistan-7200-khz1-2-2012> . (Goonetilleke in DXplorer and Koie). Also heard at 1532-1601, Jan 02, English news, mentions of Afghanistan, a delegation and the constitution, 1542 technobeat style of Western music, 1549 spoken word resumed but HAMS too strong now, at re-check 1557 Afghan music, 1601 ann, but again HAMS too strong. Best in LSB. Poor to very poor. (Sellers)

ARMENIA

4810, Armenian Public R, Noratus, Gavar, 1530-1545*, Dec 31, Bell IS, National Anthem, vernacular ID: "..... Yerevan", talk, 1545 IS, National Anthem and s/off. Not scheduled FS, maybe relay HS, 34343 QRM AIR Bhopal. (Petersen)

AUSTRALIA

2310, VL8A Alice Springs, NT, 1225, Dec 30, band still open with good audio. (Wilkner)

2485, VL8K Katherine, NT, 2050-2105, Dec 28, English interview, pop music, 2100: "ABC News" about flooding, a Melbourne scandal, advs and 2102 another interview about cricket, pop music; surprisingly strong: 45333, whereas 2310 VL8A and 2325 VL8T were hardly audible (both 15111). (Petersen). Also heard at 1215, Dec 30. (Wilkner). And at 1430-1435, Jan 02, best of the 120 mb Aussies with man and woman presenting news, 1434 weather and "ABC News" ID, promo ann, poor. (Sellers)

5025, VL8K Katherine, NT, *2130-2140, Dec 28, suddenly came on the air with English "ABC News" with interview about flooding; by 2200 taken over by R Rebelde which faded in, 33232 CWQRM. Only a weak carrier without audio heard on 4835 and 4910. (Petersen)

AUSTRIA

6155, Radio Ö1 International, Moosbrunn, *0559:30-0605, Jan 04, on with Blue Danube Waltz, IDs by man and woman, 0600 German schedule, into news, 43443. (Sellers)

BAHRAIN

6010 USB, R Bahrain, Abu Hayan, 0342-0352, Jan 02, English short talks with ID at 0351'10 as "Radio Bahrain ... 96.5 ..", western pop songs, fair-poor with Colombia in the background. (Timofeyev in DXplorer)

BANGLADESH

4750, Bangladesh Betar, Dhaka, 1450-1500*, Jan 02, talks, 25332. (Mille)

BHUTAN

5030/6035, BBS was off the air on Dec 28, 29, 31, Jan 01, 02, 07, 08 and 09 around 0015 and 1345. (Bredahl Jorgensen, Churchill and Goonetilleke in DXplorer, Koie and Petersen). An e-mail from Thinley Dorji (Transmission head at Thimphu) confirming, he is now in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia attending the Global SW Coordination Conference, mentioned in MISCELLANEOUS, says: "I believe our transmitter was down and will be back soon". (Howard)

BOLIVIA

3309.98, R Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba, 0030, Dec 28, good signal. (Wilkner)

4409.8, R Eco, Reyes, 0025, Dec 28, Spanish talk, fair to good signal. (Wilkner)

4451, R Santa Ana, Santa Ana de Yacuma, 2322-2330, Jan 07, Spanish talks "boliviano; para confirmar; atención Alvaro Fernandez", canned male and female on music "Radio Santa Ana", statics, 35433. (Otávio)

4699.6, R San Miguel, Riberalta, 0026, Dec 28, noted in passing, strong signal. (Wilkner)

5580.26, R San José, San José de Chiquitos, 0000-0040 fade, Dec 28, talk in slow Spanish, 0013 music, mentions of "... la hora proxima..", 0020-0025 voice utility on top. This the best reception for R San José this season. (Wilkner)

5952.37, Emisoras Pio XII, Siglo XX, 0032-0045, Dec 30, Spanish comments and traditional music, fair. (Bolland). Also heard at 1010, Dec 27, news show. (Perry)

6134.82v, R Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, 0030-0100, Jan 05 and 06, Spanish with music, but weak and heavily disturbed by the Voice of Russia in Spanish on 6135.00. Also heard at 0857-1035, Jan 05 and 06, with better reception, Spanish talk over church choir, 0858 IS on an electronic keyboard, many IDs and frequency (MW and SW) ann, 0900 song about Santa Cruz, 35333. (Bolland and Sellers)

BRAZIL

3365, R Cultura, Araraquara, SP(t), 2315-2346, Dec 26, Portuguese ann and music. (Wilkner)

4805, R Difusora do Amazonas, Manaus, AM, 0040, Dec 28, Portuguese ann with music. (Wilkner)

4845.2, R Cultura Ondas Tropicais, Manaus, AM, Dec 25, 0003-0006, Brazilian song, QRM CODAR, 13331. (Mille)

4865.03, R Verdes Florestas, Cruzeiro do Sul, AC, *1000-1100, most mornings e.g. Dec 29, segued ballads, no ann at all until 1055 when into an ID sequence: "Radio Verdes Florestas!" ID and then canned ID and frequency run-down. Signal holding up quite late most mornings and at times, surprisingly, the best Latin in the 60 mb here. Propagation on this one behaves much more like a Peruvian than a Brazilian, thanks to far western Brazil location. Holds up long after other Brazilians like 4885 have faded away. (Perry)

4915.00, R Daqui, Goiânia, GO, 2250-2255*, Jan 06, Portuguese ann, Brazilian songs, abrupt s/off, 35222. (Petersen)

5955.00, R Gazeta, São Paulo, SP (presumed), 1020-1029, Dec 29, classic US pops (Doors: "Love Her Madly"), a long telephone interview in Portuguese. *1029 QRM from another fairly strong station on 5955. (Perry)

5970, R Itatiaia, Belo Horizonte, MG, 2240, Dec 30, Portuguese with ID, good signal. Early fade-in as befits far SE Brazil location. (Perry)

5990, R Senado, Brasília, DF, 0755-0959, Dec 29, 30 and Jan 06, Portuguese pop song, taped ID with chimes, man in echo mentions frequencies and ondas curtas, "Bom Dia!" and another ID as "Radio Senado, a música regional de . . .". Then into a program of ranchera-like musical selections. Terrific reception this week, very early, noted several mornings blowing in with a big signal on nice clear frequency, 45444. (Perry and Sellers)

6059.96, Super R Deus é Amor, Curitiba, PR, 2300, Dec 30, clear ID for "Super Radio Deus é Amor" and then into program of Portuguese pop love songs. Big booming signal, easy listening. None of the SRDE //'s heard. (Perry)

6070, R Capital, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, 0605-0620, Jan 07, Portuguese talk, poor with local noise and QRM from 6075 (Vatican R) in AM SYNC with 2.3 kHz bandwidth, // <http://www.radiocapitalrio.com.br> . (Timofeyev)

6150, R Record, São Paulo, SP, 2300-2304, Dec 30, pop music atop one or two other weak stations with heterodynes, so I keep listening hoping for some Turkish from Northern Cyprus` R Bayrak; but no, 2304 ann definitely in Brazilian Portuguese. (Hauser)

9820, R 9 de Julho, São Paulo, SP, 2015-2022, Dec 24, religious in Portuguese, Holy Rosary, 23432. (Méndez)

11735, R Transmundial, Santa Maria, RS, 0930-0945, Jan 08, religious program, ID: "A Radio Transmundial, www.radiotransmundial.com.br", "Radio Transmundial, transmitindo desde o seu centro de produção, São Paulo, 7 horas 35 minutos", 23322. (Méndez)

11765, Super R Deus é Amor, Curitiba, PR, 2051, Dec 30, religious talks in Portuguese, "... en diference" followed by gospel song "trente unos portal deus é amor", 25332. (Liangas)

11780, R Nacional da Amazônia, Brasília, DF, 0635, Dec 30, strong open carrier, *0645 finally starts modulating with Portuguese wake-up talk in progress. (Hauser)

11815, R Brasil Central, Goiânia, GO, 0920-0940 and 1745-1753, Dec 24 and Jan 08, Brazilian songs and comments, 34433. (Méndez)

15190, R Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte, MG, 0936-1000, Jan 08, comments, Brazilian songs, ID: "R. Inconfidencia, o gigante do ar, www.inconfidencia.com.br", "Onda Media, 880 kHz, ondas curtas, banda de 49 metros, 6010 kHz, ondas curtas, banda de 19 metros, 15190 kHz, FM, 100.9 mHz, emissora da rede Inconfidencia de Radio, Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brasil", 34433. Also heard at 1733-1815, Dec 24, Portuguese comments, ID: "Rede Inconfidencia de Radio", "Cuatro y sete", "Inconfidência apresentando...", Brazilian music, 14322. (Méndez)

BRUNEI

For New Year's in the UT+8 zone I decided to try something exotic, according to Lou Josephs' recommendation at <http://newyearslive.blogspot.com/>. I listened online to R Television Brunei from about 1520, Dec 31, mostly pop music with DJ in local language, 1555 Qur'an segment, 1600 no timesignal, but apparently marking new year, 1602 sounds like national anthem, followed by speech, probably by the Sultan, one of the world's richest oligarchs, until 1612 jingle ID "National FM, Radio Brunei", but only the ID and occasional words were in English, back to pop music. (Hauser)

CANADA

6070, CFRX, Toronto, Canada, 0541, Jan 04, spots for Fire Monitoring Canada, 2-4-1 Pizza, Toronto International Boat Show, IDs for Newstalk 10-10, 44333. Also heard at 1425, Jan 02, call-in show discussing head injuries in hockey, 1430 ID and news, 34333. (Sellers). QSL-card received for an old reception report after a couple of earlier reports, or their QSL, went astray. Nice card with drawing of antenna and "Newstalk 1010 CFRB" and "CFRX 6070 Shortwave" on front, full-data on back. V/S Stephen Canney; in 9 days. (Berg in DXplorer)

6159.98, CKZU, Vancouver, 0512, Jan 04, program on what is a genius, 44444. (Sellers). Also heard at 1422-1431, Jan 06, Gogi Grant's "Wayward Wind," followed by man and woman chit-chatting to 1430, then CBC Regional News. Fair in the noise. (Wilkins in DXplorer)

9624.99, CBC Nord-Quebec, Sackville, 2145-2202, Jan 01 and 02, English talk, 35433. There was not "CBC news" at 2200 on Jan 01, but on Jan 02, 35333. (Wagai)

CHAD

6164.96, Radiodiffusion Nationale Tchadienne, Ndjamená, 0212-0230 and 0440-0448, Jan 02, French talks, Afropop music, strong signal, but fair only due to RNW, Bonaire, and weak starting from 0228'45 under BBC (24 h a day during last two months at least?), almost good at 0440-0448. (Timofeyev in DXplorer). Also heard at 0527, Jan 04, French, African music, 0529 wood drums, 0530 full ID and ann, 0531 speech with an international focus, mentioning countries such as Niger and Mali, 0533 announcer briefly and then back to speech, 43343. (Sellers)

CHINA

3950, Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi, 0000-0156, Dec 04 and 31, Chinese talks and music sounding like ads, 35433. (Otávio and Scholz). Also heard at 1255-1305 and 1700, Dec 18 and 28, Chinese programme, 35333. (Bredahl Jorgensen, Koie)

4330, Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi, 0223-0233, Dec 31, Kazakh (listed) male and female talks, short folk music, 45433. (Otávio)

4500, Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi, 0214-0222, Dec 31, Mongolian (listed) talks, exotic and strange instrumental music, predominant female and male talks, short instrumental music, 35433. (Otávio)

4750, Qinghai PBS-1, Xining, 2225-2235, Jan 06, Chinese talk, not // 4800, but at 2230 March and comments // 4800! 35233. (Petersen)

4800.00, China National R 1, 1130-1145, Jan 02, Chinese comments by different individuals, fair // 9630 (threshold signal). (Bolland)

4940.07, Voice of Strait, Fuzhou, 1055-1207, Dec 30 and Jan 02, Chinese comments, 1100 time tones - 4 short one long, Chinese comments, probably news? Music heard at 1107 briefly and followed by a talk, 1200 news. Signal was under the noise. (D'Angelo and Bolland)

5925.00, CNR-5, Beijing (pres.), 1115-1130, Dec 30, Chinese news program with reports from individuals outside the studio. At 1130 music, fair. (Bolland)

5955, Voice of Minorities, Beijing, 0015-0035, Jan 09, Mongolian (listed) talks, local instrumental music and later songs, 33333 // 7445 (poor), while 9615 was not heard. (Bredahl Jorgensen)

5960, Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi, Xinjiang, 0005-0015, Jan 09, Chinese talks by two persons all the time, 34433 // 5060 (weaker) and 3950 (which was more clear). (Bredahl Jorgensen)

6155, CNR 2 China Business R, Beijing (presumed), 1419-1442, Jan 02 and 03, Amazing Grace hymn, man and woman in Chinese, frequently speaking over this hymn and other Western music. Poor. (Sellers)

CLANDESTINES and other Target Broadcasts

4870, Voice of Kashmir, via AIR Kingsway, 1505-1528*, Dec 28, song, vernacular, 34333. (Mille)

5985, Shiokaze, via JSR Tokyo/Yamata, 1358-1400, Th Dec 29, Shiokaze ID in Japanese; pause, and 1400 Shiokaze ID in Chinese with piano, poor signal. Also heard Fr Dec 30 at 1341-1422 with Japanese all the time! (Hauser)

6003, Echo of Hope, South Korea, 1401, Dec 27, bit of William Tell Overture and Korean talk, well atop the continuous jamming. (Hauser)

7315, R Tamazuj, via Issoudun, France, *0359-0429, Jan 02 and 04, ID's by man (sounded like Radio Tamazee), girl with "Huna Radio Tamazuj" ID at 0400, then assorted talks in Arabic and short music clips of Afro music; went seamlessly into R Dabanga at 0429. Good signal on a noisy band // to 11940 which was poor. Both frequencies had been better the night before, with 11940 much better than 7315. (Jensen, Wilkins in DXplorer)

7560, Open R for North Korea, 1452-1459*, Dec 28, Korean talks, 34333. (Mille)

7575, Open R for North Korea, *1500-1503, Dec 28, Korean, 34333. (Mille)

7590, North Korean Reform R, via Tashkent, 1635-1659*, Dec 28, Korean talk, 44444. (Mille)

9950, Furusato no Kaze, via Palau, 1450-1452, Dec 28, song, Japanese, 55444. (Mille)

9960/15750, R Bar-Kulan has announced to drop shortwave transmissions with effect from Jan 01, 2012, per R Bar-Kulan. This follows a continuing reduction of audience and the need to expand their FM network within Somalia. Outside of the country R Bar-Kulan is still available on Thaicom 5 satellite and web streaming on the R Bar-Kulan website www.bar-kulan.com. (Gupta)

9975, Nippon no Kaze, via Palau, 1502-1505, Dec 28, Japanese, 55444. (Mille)

17745, Sudan R Service via Woofferton, 1534-1600, Jan 07, English "Road to Peace" discussion program about the importance of peacekeeping in South Sudan, requested feedback via SMS or e-mail, S.R.S. jingle, pop African songs in English, many ann about adjusting their SW schedule since Jan 01 from 4 hours to 3 hours and adds 9840. I edited 5 minute MP3 audio at <http://www.box.com/s/x7k0m4leceyiv63i0e40> containing the new schedule. (Howard)

COLOMBIA

5910, Alcaraván R, Lomalinda, 0648, Su Jan 01, music in the clear since TWR at 0645-0700 in Polish is Mo-Fr only via Wertachtal. (Hauser)

6010.04v, La Voz de tu Conciencia, Puerto Lleras, 0353-0411, Jan 02, Spanish talks, poor-fair in LSB to avoid Bahrain till 0400, then poor-weak with strong splashes from 6015 (RFE). (Timofeyev in DXplorer)

CONGO, Dem. Rep.

5066.3, R TV Candip, Bunia, 1644-1647, Jan 02, talks, very weak, 15331. (Mille)

CONGO, Dem. Rep. / SOUTH AFRICA

11795, R Okapi, Kinshasa, via Meyerton, 1600, Dec 28, French programme, 45544. (Koie)

COSTA RICA

R Miami International, in cooperation with our client Radio Republica, will be conducting a special DX test at 2000-2100 UTC January 07, 2300-2400 UTC January 07, and 0200-0300 UTC January 08, 2012 on the frequency of 5954 kHz from Cariari, Costa Rica. The programming aired will be R Republica in Spanish. The power will be 10 kilowatts. Shortwave listeners may be aware of the fact that R Republica has used this frequency in the past, but it has been off the air for several weeks now. R Miami International will verify all reception reports with a QSL card indicating the special tests. Reports may be sent to Radio Miami International, P.O. Box 526852, Miami, Florida 33152 USA, or by e-mail to info@wrmi.net. Thank you to the DXing community worldwide for monitoring these special tests and for letting us know, if you are able to hear them in your area. (White). "I understand that the R Republica transmitter site is indeed Cariari. It is the same city where REE is located, but a different site a few km away. I do not believe, it is in Guapiles." (White in an e-mail to Ed on Jan 09)

5954.27, WRMI/R Republica, Cariari, test at 2000-2100, Jan 07:

Not even carrier audible on the day path. (Hauser). Nothing heard. (Petersen)

5954.27, WRMI/R Republica, Cariari, test at 2300-2359*, Jan 07:

Music program with strong signal, but poor audio level. Some talk in Spanish with discussion with a person at a remote location. Good signal but poor audio and heterodyne. (D'Angelo). A steady S9+18 carrier with weaker heterodynes from both sides, something on 5955, and presumed Bolivia on 5952+. Weak talk on 5954+, can't be sure it's Spanish, as it is quite undermodulated. At *2330 QRM from almost as strong 5960 Turkey, but much less modulated; yet readability is improving little by little, and I could copy a few Spanish words, such as "derechos humanos" and "Santiago de Cuba", "Cuba Linda" song, ann frequencies 9490 [Sackville], and also mentions "5955" on the 49 mb. 2343 ID as "Radio República, Voz del Directorio Democrático Cubano", and familiar theme song. (Hauser). Carrier was quite strong, but hardly any audio was readable. (Berg and Kuhl in DXplorer). Spanish talk, 32432 QRM VOIRI 5955 in Chinese with splashes from Voice of Turkey on 5960. (Petersen). Unreadable audio, just recognized man and woman, and some music. Fair level heterodyne. Annoying splatter at moments when music from faulty Argentina transmitter on 6060, which has modulation problems. (Nigro in DXplorer)

5954.27, WRMI/R Republica, Cariari, test at 0200-0259*, Jan 08:

Weak but understandable 0205-0230, Spanish talks. R Republica is very strong at 0250. Transmitter is close to South Florida and there is no blocking signal and no jamming. (Wilkner in DXplorer). Spanish talk and guitar music, S=9+20dBm heard on remote unit in Virginia, US. Hit by adjacent carrier of S=9+40dB on 5950 kHz and latter later at 0300 ID in Chinese R Taiwan International in Chinese via WYFR. (Bueschel). At 0204 still definitely a signal from R Republica, but far too much QRM from 5950 (WYFR/Taiwan) and 5960 (Sackville/ NHK). (Hauser). Spanish female and male talks and music, weak on a quiet frequency, just too weak to understand exactly, what they were talking about. I sent an e-mail to Jeff White together with a mp3 recording. He answered he will send a QSL card. (Van Arnhem). No luck... Carrier only detected with BFO. Splatter QRM from 5965 R Transmundial, Brazil. (Nigro in DXplorer)

CUBA

6060, R Havana Cuba, 0705-0721'50*, Jan 07, regular prolonged schedule on this frequency, English news in details and commentary, good with slight local noise, fading and Super R Deus é Amor on 6059.96 deeply in the background, best in AM SYNC with 6 kHz bandwidth. (Timofeyev)

CYPRUS, Northern

6150, R Bayrak International, Yeni Iskele, 2210-2245, Dec 30, definitely // the web site www.brtk.cc . By 2240 strong enough to remove any lingering doubt. This is one time SW needs to thank the computer! I noticed something behind it. Perhaps this is Taiwan, and perhaps I did hear Taiwan mixing with Bayrak last night and then signing off at 2400. I suspect this is the situation. (XM via Wilkner)

CZECH Rep.

3333.44, R Bila Hora (pirate), 1900, Dec 31, orchestra Karla Blaha. Is on the air as every year on last night of the year. (Bueschel). Thanks to Bueschel, I also heard it at 0030-0050, Jan 01, Czech ann and nostalgic Czech songs, 34333, QRM CHU timesignals on 3330. Website: <http://rbh.czechian.net> . (Petersen)

DIEGO GARCIA

4319 USB, AFRTS feeder, Diego Garcia, 2345-0033, Dec 28 and 30, English advs, Peter Frampton live, 32433 heavy CWQRM. (Petersen)

DJIBOUTI

4780, R Djibouti, Arta, 1440-1600, Jan 04, reactivated and coming thru regular level. A weak open carrier was noted on Dec 28 from around 1500-1830. (Goonetilleke in DXplorer). Also heard in Denmark at 1815-1920, Jan 04, Arabic discussion by women mentioning Djibouti, Somali songs, 45434. But off the air at the same time on Jan 05 and 08. It was last heard in Sep 2011. (Petersen). Also off the air at 0310, Jan 07 and 08. (Hauser)

ECUADOR

6050, HCJB, Pichincha, 0910-0918, Jan 05, Ecuadorian flute music, comments in Quichua, 24322. (Méndez)

ECUADOR/ GERMANY

3995, HCJB, via Kall-Krekel, has put forward all its daily broadcasts in German, Low-German, Russian, German and English from 1800-2200 to 1600-2000. (Koie)

ERITREA

4770, Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, Asmara, 0323-0335, Jan 07, Arabic news, modern Arabic pop songs and instrumental music, fair with local noise // 7175 (almost good). (Timofeyev in DXplorer). Also heard at 1500-1700, Dec 31, East African languages // 7110.03 and 7175. At 1500-1600 wiped out by Chinese jamming machine on all three frequencies. After 1600 all 3 free of jamming. The Chinese white noise jamming puts the cold war years diesel generator noise jamming to shame. (Goonetilleke in DXplorer)

7175, Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, Asmara, 1648-1652, Jan 02, vernacular, 22332. (Mille)

ETHIOPIA

7235.23v, R Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, 0413-0435v*, Jan 02 and 07, Tigrinya talks with fragments of typical Horn of Africa music, then empty carrier during two minutes, fair and even better with local noise only. On Jan 07 also noise jamming // 9559.00 (poor). (Timofeyev in DXplorer)

9705.00, R Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, 1947-2020, Dec 15, initially heard underneath Family R, Meyerton, on 9705, which thankfully clears out after 2000*. Horn of Africa style pops and jazz with ann in English and presumed Amharic. Good signal by 2010. (Perry)

FINLAND

Scandinavian Weekend R will hit the airwaves on Jan 13/14, mark your calendar! The start to the New Year brings new faces to SWR, have a sneak preview of the new people at <http://www.swradio.net/>. Initial SWR broadcast dates in 2012: Jan 13/14, Feb 03/04 and Mar 02/03. (Gupta). Frequencies: 5980, 6170, 11690 and 11720 for 24 hours. (Ed)

25000, MIKES Time Signal, Espoo, 1300, Jan 07, Bip bip time signal, 333. (Giroletti)

GERMANY

The 3995 and 6085 kHz station of Kall-Krekel got a new tube. To conserve the transmitter tube, the 3995 is now on air throughout daily from 0500-2100 consistently. Tube wear in the long term would be higher in the 2-times ON and OFF as the power consumption by the end. (Milling in A-DX, via Bueschel in DXplorer, Jan 05)

3995, R 700, Kall-Krekel, 1455-1510, Jan 07, German ann, "Schlager", ID: "Radio Sieben Hundert", news, English pop songs. Also heard at 2045-2100*, Jan 08, German with same ID's and pop songs, abrupt s/off in the middle of a song, instead of relay of HCJB! 35333. Cf. changed schedule of HCJB under ECUADOR/ GERMANY! (Petersen)

6095, Mighty KBC, via Wertachtal, 1305-1320, Sa Jan 07, English, Mike Marwick with short talks with IDs as "KBC International Radio", jingle IDs, a lot of rock & roll oldies, almost good with local noise and slight fading. (Timofeyev). Also heard at 1440-1457, Mo Jan 02, English ID, pop songs, 35322. China R Int. started at *1457. (Wagai)

9480, MV Baltic R, 0845-0900*, Su Jan 08, pop music, German comments, ID in German and English: "MV Baltic Radio", "MV Baltic Radio, we repeat this program... bye bye", 44444. (Méndez). Scheduled from *0800. (Taylor, Jan 07)

9480, European Music R, via Göhren, will be on the air this Su at 0900-1000 with the usual programmes:

0900 Tom Taylor programme

0930 Mike Taylor (Mail Box programme).

EMR Internet radio service on Su and Mo repeats the programme at the following times: 0900, 1400, 1800 and 2100. Please visit www.emr.org.uk and click on the "EMR internet radio" button which you will find throughout the website (see the menu on the left). Please send all reception reports to: studio@emr.org.uk . (Taylor, Jan 09)

GERMANY/ SRI LANKA

1548 MW, Deutsche Welle via Trincomalee, 1730-1829*, Jan 08, playing non stop music and regular ann in German, English, French, Russian and Arabic: "This is Deutsche Welle, the external broadcasting services of Federal Republic of Germany in Bonn. We are sorry you are unable to receive our regular programs at this moment". 1548 MW was a popular DW channel from Trincomalee, including DRM. I thought that DW via Sri Lanka closed down for good. (Jacob)

GUYANA

3290, Voice of Guyana, Georgetown, 0035, Dec 28, English program. (Wilkner)

HAWAII

5000, Time Signal Station WWVH, 1724-1734, Dec 24, time signals, female ann: "At the tone...", at 1729 ID by female. Interference from IBF Turin, 12321. (Méndez)

HONDURAS

3250, R Luz y Vida, San Luís, 0031-0035, Dec 28, music, improving signal. Also noted often 1000-1100. (Wilkner)

INDIA

4747.5, R Kashmir, Leh, 1300-1630, Dec 31, continues on this frequency, but can never hear any audio. (Goonetilleke in DXplorer)

4775, AIR Imphal, 1757-1704, Dec 24, Indian music, 14321. (Méndez)

4820.8, AIR Kolkata (p) on their often heard off frequency 1449, Jan 07, nice subcontinent music. Of course best in USB to get away from QRM from Xizang PBS Chinese Service on 4820.0, so it actually helps reception of AIR when they are off frequency. (Howard). Also heard at *0025-0040, Jan 08, Bengali(p) talks and local hymns, but distorted, 22322 QRM Xizang PBS 4820 with heavy heterodyne in USB and AM. At same time Jan 09 strong carrier without audio. (Petersen)

4835, AIR Gangtok, 0050-0130, Jan 01, the best opening in at least several years. Nice subcontinental music, woman singing, typical instrumentation, flutes, sitar and presumed Hindi talk between rather long musical selections, English interview about 2012 economic predictions and, yes, astrology until 0129, fair. (Jensen)

4840, AIR Mumbai, *2355-0020, Jan 08/09, AIR IS, ann "Vande Mataram", hymn, Marathi (p) ann, sitar music, native singing, 45333. (Petersen). Also heard at 1653-1655, Dec 24, Indian music, 24322. (Méndez)

4880.00, AIR Lucknow, 1710-1716, Dec 24, comments in Hindi by male and female, 24322. (Méndez). Also tentatively heard at 0130-0200, Dec 29, comments in UNID language, very threshold signal. (Bolland)

4895, AIR Kurseong, 1653-1700*, Dec 24 and Jan 09, Indian music, English interview, 1659 Nepali (p) closing ann, 33333 heavy heterodyne from UNID on 4896.6. Carrier disappeared at 1701. (Méndez and Petersen)

4920, AIR Chennai, 0113-0147 fade out, Jan 01, Hindi vocal selections and talk in Hindi over flute music, poor to fair. (D'Angelo). Also heard at 1622-1653, Dec 24 and Jan 05, Indian music, 24322. (Méndez). However heard signing on already at *2230 running commentary in Tamil of some temple festival on MW frequencies and 4920 Chennai. (Jacob). It must be the Mylapore Festival being held from Jan 05 to 08. Mylapore being a southern portion of the city of Chennai. (Howard). But back to normal at *0013-0040, Jan 08, AIR IS, 0015 ann "Vande Mataram" and hymn, Tamil ann, Indian songs with drums, talk, advs, 0035 English: "This is All India Radio. The news read by", 43444. (Petersen)

4940, AIR Guwahati A, 0008-0045, Dec 31, Assamese folksongs, 0023 talk, sitar music, 0030 news in Assamese (p) with break for 1 minute, 0035 English news from Delhi, 0040 talk in Assamese (p), 35433. Early schedule. (Petersen). Also heard at 1648-1651, Dec 24, Indian music, 24322. (Méndez)

4970, AIR Shillong, 1521-1525, Dec 28, talks, 25332. (Mille)

5010, AIR Thiruvananthapuram, 0117-0206, Jan 01, long talks in Hindi, 0158 Jingle Bells in Hindi, fair. (D'Angelo). Also heard at 1626-1712, Dec 24 and Jan 05, Indian music, 23322. (Méndez)

7210, AIR Kolkata is noted back Jan 07 on SW after some weeks absence. Look out also on 4820. The schedule is of this 50 kW transmitter is: 4820 0025-0215 1220-1744 and 7210 0230-0401v (Sa,Su 0501), 0700-1000 (Su 1030). (Jacob)

7550, AIR Delhi, Khampur, 2121-2216, Dec 30, English service with program called Bain of Domestic Violence followed by General Overseas Service ID. At 2136 a Roundup of 2011, musical selection to 2200 ID and news. Commentary at 2210 about Japanese Prime Minister's visit to India on Dec 27 and 28. Good signal. (D'Angelo)

9195, AIR, Kingsway (Delhi), 1015, Jan 08, Urdu service instead of scheduled 9595, another punching error ? Scheduled till 1140. (Jacob)

Besides many FM-stations from Kerala, on Dec 21 from around 4.40 am IST, I got some stations from Bangalore which is about 585 kms away:

92.7 MHz in Kannada (presumed to be Bangalore)

98.3 MHz in Kannada (presumed to be Bangalore)

104.0 MHz Fever FM clear IDs. They broadcast the program "From Russia with Love" at around 5.45 am in Hindi. Sounded like AIR program to me at first!

Another station of interest monitored was the Community R station, R Macfast FM 90.4 MHz which was only 15 kms away. Their morning show was presented in a very professional way taking live calls etc. There were some advs and interestingly they were reading news also. I thought that news is not yet permitted on Community R stations. Their web site is <http://radiomacfast.org/index.php/home>

Also heard was AIR Kodaikanal on 100.5 from Tamilnadu, about 78 kms away. (Jacob)

INDONESIA

3325, RRI Palangkaraya continues to s.off at 1700* with the usual s.off format. (Goonetilleke in DXplorer)

9526, Voice of Indonesia, Cimanggis, 2051-2059*, Dec 30, nice selection of Indonesian vocals with brief French talks, ID in English at 2058 including frequency ann. Program ended by carrier stayed on until 2112. Poor. (D'Angelo). Not heard Dec 31 after distortion problems. (Goonetilleke in DXplorer)

9680, RRI Jakarta, Cimanggis, 1455-1459*, Jan 05, gamelan music atop China/Taiwan QRM, cut off at 1459 sharp; then in next minute an open carrier on and off a couple times. (Hauser)

IRELAND

252 LW, RTE Radio, Dublin, 1459, Dec 26, sport news, 333. (Giroletti)

ISRAEL

7635, Galeh Tzahal, Lod, Tel Aviv, 0829, Dec 31, Hebrew speech // 15850. Margial levels on both frequencies. (Liangas). Also heard at 2105-2115, Dec 28, Hebrew conversation, ex 9235, 35233. (Petersen)

ITALY

5000, Time Signal Station IBF, Turin, 1602-1700, Dec 24, Jan 05 and Jan 09, time signals, morse code and ID by male in Italian, French and English: "IBF, IBF, IBF, standard frequency and time signals from the National Electrotechnical Institute, Turin, Italy", 23322. Full data e-mail QSL card in 12 days. Reception report sent to qsl@radiomaria.org. (Koie and Méndez)

JAPAN

3945, R Nikkei 2, Chiba-Nagara, 0805-0818, Jan 08, English pop selections (sometimes sounding like a Japanese female singing in English). At music break, detected a weak signal underneath, which must be Vanuatu, 33533. (Otávio)

KOREA, North

3320, PBS, Pyongyang, 2120-2130, Dec 28, Korean national songs by a big choir on the day of the funeral of "The dear Leader", Korean statements, 15111 // 6250 (35333) and 6400 (44333 CWQRM). Only a weak carrier, but no audio on 3250. (Petersen)

LAOS

6130, R Nationale Lao, Vientiane, 1157-1213, Jan 02, exotic Asian vocals and flute music. Familiar 7 gongs at 1200 followed by flute music, presumed ID and news, poor. (D'Angelo). Also heard at 1245-1300, Dec 03, 04, 05 and 06, very enjoyable program of Laotian pop music -very familiar to me after my years of working in Laos. Usually tones on the hour, but one time noted playing straight thru on a local Su nite in Laos. (Perry)

LIBYA

11600, R Télévision Libye, Sabrata was irregularly heard Dec 25-28, but is now back with regular broadcasts in French at *1600-1800v*, Dec 31, Jan 03, 04, 05, 06, French comments about the assistance from France to the Libyan Revolution in Benghazi, with Vienna Waltzes in the background, ID: "Radio Télévision Libye". Now good voice audio! 55444. (D'Angelo, Liangas and Petersen)

MADAGASCAR

3215, R Feon'ny Filazantsana, via Talata-Volonondry, 1652-1659*, Jan 02, talks, 15331. (Mille)

5010, R Nasionaly Malagasy, 1846, Dec 30, talk in Malagasy, signal with S6, but undermodulated, 23231. (Liangas)

MALAYSIA

9835, RTM Sarawak, Kajang, 2115, Dec 30, Imam preaching, marginal signal still at 1600 which has better signal. (Liangas)

MALI

5995, Radiodiffusion-TV Malienne, Bamako, 0554-0653, Jan 04, carrier, *0555 stringed instruments music, Malienne song, drum music, ann in French and songs, 25332. (Sellers)

MAURITANIA

7245, R Mauritanie, Nouakchott, 0612-0647, Dec 28, 29, 31, Jan 01, 02 and 06, chanting. On Dec 27 it was missing at this hour. (Hauser). Also heard at 2135-2145, Dec 28, Arabic talk about Allah from a Mosque with echo, 53543 sideband QRM. (Petersen)

MEXICO

6009.96, XEOI R Mil, México D. F., 0816-0920, Jan 05, 06 and 08, Latin American songs, ID at 0900: "Radio Mil, radiomil.com.mx", "Radio Mil, información...", Radio Mil, transmite desde, Paseo de la Reforma, radiomil.com.mx", ID song "Vive México en Radio Mil", 14321. (Méndez and Sellers). Also heard at 1022-1028, Dec 31, Spanish pop vocals, ID: "En Radio Mil, muy buenos dias y cordiales saludos, amables oyentes . . . Mexico . . .". Good signal after phasing away the co-channel crud. Lite heterodyne was un-notchable. (Perry). Also heard at 1330, Dec 28, Spanish, very weak signal between much stronger jammer noise on 6003 and 6015. Might be better an hour earlier. (Hauser)

6185, R Educación, México D. F., 0805-0945, Jan 05, 06 and 08, numerous IDs in Spanish, classic and lyric music, ID: "Radio Educación, 85 años, 1060 AM, en internet: www.radioeducacion.mx/, y en onda corta, 6185 kHz, banda internacional de 49 metros, desde la Ciudad de México", 34333 in Spain, 45433 in B.C., Canada. (Méndez and Sellers)

MICRONESIA

4755, PMA-The Cross R, Pohnpei, 0814-0828, Dec 31, eloquent preacher in English "not according; God", male on music "we hope", fraternal instrumental music. Partially readable, 25333. (Otávio)

MYANMAR

9590, Myanma R, Nay Pyi Taw (presumed site, Ed), *0130-0330* and *0630-0830*, Jan 02, new frequency mostly with music. This does not include the English Service 0230-0330. (Goonetilleke in DXplorer)

9730.85, Myanma R, Yangon, Yegu, now scheduled *0230-1000*, Bamar, but including the English segments between 0230-0330 and 0700-0730. (Goonetilleke in DXplorer, Jan 07)

NEW ZEALAND

5950, R New Zealand International, Rangitaiki, 1300, Dec 28, English programme, 44444. (Koie)

9765, R New Zealand International, Rangitaiki, 0856, 1147 and 1650, Jan 03 and 08, cock's shouts and ann Wellington 0630. "Ave Maria" at 1655, signal about S2, but has strong QRM from 9770 VOA in presumed Dari. (Liangas)

NIGERIA

6089.86, R Nigeria, Kaduna, 0520-0535, Jan 07, Hausa talks with ID at 0526'05, native singing, strong signal, but fair only due to local noise, Caribbean Beacon on 6090 and heterodyne, best in LSB with 2.3 or 4.0 kHz bandwidth. (Timofeyev)

7275, R Nigeria, Abuja, 0630-0645 fading out, Jan 04, as Tunisia left the frequency, Nigeria was revealed with English news headlines and saying "good morning", gave a phone number, 0635 fanfare music and into news, heard mentions of "correspondent" several times, 25332, very weak signal. (Sellers)

9690, Voice of Nigeria, Ikorodu, 0822-0834, Jan 08, Hausa (listed) "Nigeria" and talk. Strong noise which sometimes covered the signal, 33533. (Otávio)

15120, Voice of Nigeria, Ikorodu, 1800-1813, Dec 29, English talks "meet the people; Nigeria", on African music "welcome to Landmark program". Medium modulation level, hum and heterodyne noise, 33433. (Otávio)

PAKISTAN

3975, Azad Kashmir, Rewat, 1718-1722, Jan 02, local song, 25332. (Mille)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

3325, NBC Buka, 1030-1200, Jan 05, decent reception of RRI Palangkaraya, along with weaker station underneath; by 1054 weaker station had improved with Country and Western song in English, 1130-1140 man and woman chatting in Tok Pisin, pop songs and island songs, public service ann in English, frequencies (SW 1 and MW) and "N-B-C Buka"; 1155 suddenly became fluttery and went downhill quickly. Lost or signed off at 1200? CW QRM and always poor; at times difficult to tell RRI and NBC apart. Great to hear them again! Edited MP3 audio with PSA at 00:36, frequencies at 01:10 and ID at 01:25 at <http://www.box.com/s/5416bshstr1vp0ctmi6q>. Buka was weaker on Jan 06. (Howard)

5960, R Fly: Nice looking Ok Tedi Mining QSL card and form letter signed by James Koltabie via surface mail after sending follow up email report with mp3 clip to Kabua Momo (Kabua.Momo@oktedi.com) on Dec 07. I did receive an eQSL from Kabua within 24 hours of sending that last report, but was not expecting the postal version which looks like it was posted in PNG on Dec 16. The eQSL has the correct date and time; the mailed card is blank except for a signature and my handwritten name and address. The colorful Papua New Guinea stamps and bold Ok Tedi Mining logo on the envelope is a reminder of the days when we used to get our QSLs in the mail. (Herkimer and Jensen in DXplorer, Jan 03)

PERU

3355, Radio JPJ, Lima, 0015, Dec 30, heard again on a noisy band (Cf. DX-Window no. 444). (Van Arnhem)

4774.98, R Tarma, Tarma, fade in 2235-2345, Dec 30 and Jan 06, Spanish ann, talk and Andean songs, 23222 improving to 35333, initially utility QRM. (Petersen). Also heard at 0055-0100, Dec 30, ballad type music interrupted by Spanish comments, treshold with QRM from a fax of some sort. (Bolland)

5039.32, R Libertad de Junín, Junín, *1000-1100, many mornings, opening with taped organ and echo-voiced ID ann at 1001 and then live announcer from 1004, strong signal with Havana absent. (Perry and Wilkner)

5120.00, R Ondas del Suroriente, Quillabamba (t), 2305-2315, Jan 06, Spanish talk, 15221. (Petersen)

6173.92, R Tawantinsuyo, Cusco (presumed), 1050-1100, Dec 29, Spanish comments mentioning Lima, music, poor. Noted a heterodyne produced by the signal on 6175. Also heard at 0040-0100, Jan 06, Spanish comments and music under noise. (Bolland)

RWANDA

6055, R Rwanda, Kigali, 2057-2251, Dec 31. Running late for New Year celebrations. Discussions in French and local languages among announcers, but also with phone calls from listeners. Lively musical selections. Several nice IDs at 2136 during three way conversation among announcers, local group singing from 2157 to 2200 and New Year in Rwanda. Apparently, a politician gave a speech after the song (only non-lively piece of programming) followed by more songs, phone calls and general merriment, mentioning Rwanda, fair signal until totally blocked by *2259 REE IS before its French service. (D'Angelo and Hauser)

SAMOA

The tiny South Pacific nation of Samoa and its neighbor Tokelau did jump forward in time on Dec 29, crossing westward over the international date line to align themselves with their other 21st century trading partners throughout the region. At the stroke of midnight on Dec 29, time in Samoa and Tokelau did leap forward to Dec 31 — New Year's Eve. For Samoa's 186,000 citizens, and the 1,500 in Tokelau, Friday, Dec 30, 2011, simply ceased to exist. The time jump back to the future comes 119 years after some U.S. traders persuaded local Samoan authorities to align their islands' time with nearby U.S.-controlled American Samoa and the U.S. to assist their trading with California. But the time zone has proved problematic in recent years, putting Samoa and Tokelau nearly a full day behind neighboring Australia and New Zealand, increasingly important trading partners. In a bid to remedy that, the Samoan government passed a law in June that will move Samoa west of the international date line, which separates one calendar day from the next and runs roughly north-to-south through the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Under a government decree, all those scheduled to work on the nonexistent Friday will be given full pay for the missed day of labor. The time shift will be marked by the ringing of church bells across Samoa's two main islands, and prayer services in all the main churches of the devoutly Christian nation. (Associated Press via Magrone)

SÃO TOMÉ E PRÍNCIPE

6080, VOA, via Pinheira, 0544-0552, Jan 04, English news on bombings in Afghanistan and Pakistan, New York and Los Angeles arsonists, Iowa caucus, 23232. (Sellers)

SAUDI ARABIA

15249.97, Saudi R, Riyadh, 1122-1144, Jan 01, English dialogues about Islam, 1127'35 short talks, western pop songs and more talks about Saudi students, fair-poor under local noise, QRM from 15255 (ROU). (Timofeyev in DXplorer)

SOUTH AFRICA

4895, South African Radio League, via Meyerton, *1730-1828*, Mo Jan 09. I heard in vain the announced "Amateur Radio Today" at 1630-1730 on this new frequency, ex 90 mb, referring to WRTH 2012 and Klingenfuss SWFG 2012. But I stayed on the frequency and at 1730 it was there! English talks about reception conditions on HF, VHF and UHF. Report from ARRL and latest HAM news from the African continent, 25232 improving to 25333. Broadcast on Mondays only. Website: <http://www.amateurradio.org.za/Amateur%20Radio%20TODAY.htm> new time. But what happened to the Zimbabwe Community R which in 2011 was heard at *1755-1855* ? (Petersen)

SOVIET UNION 1961

Listen to these four R Moscow LPs at http://www.southgatearc.org/news/january2012/1961_radio_moscow_lp.htm from the Cold War in 1961. The YouTube description reads "Radio Moscow and the Western Hemisphere," 1961 Cook Labs. These LPs compile several different shortwave radio broadcasts from the former Soviet Union during the Cold War. Seems silly now, but in 1961 this was serious business..... Thanks to Mike Barraclough for spotting this item. (Liangas)

SRI LANKA

9770.2, Sri Lanka BC, Ekala, 0234-0304'10*, Jan 02, English short talks, pop songs, poor under local noise, QRM from 9765 starting from *0257 (Romania), // <http://220.247.227.7/live> with 20 seconds delay. (Timofeyev in DXplorer)

SYRIA

9330, R Damascus, Adra, 1750-1815, Dec 28, Russian talk to 1759*, change of antenna for some seconds, *1800 German ann, news about the Arab League delegation in Homs who declared: "There are no problems in Homs"! Commentary and 1815 Arab songs, S9 +20-40 dB, 54544 some transmitter hum. (Petersen)

SWAZILAND

3239.93, TWR Africa, Manzini, 0308-0316, Jan 02, vernacular talk, poor-weak under local noise, blocked by utility transmitter on 3241-3242 at 0311 during one minute or so. (Timofeyev in DXplorer)

THAILAND

9535, R Thailand, Udon Thani, 2034-2048, Dec 30, English news, several IDs, promotional ann. Carrier broke around 2043, but returned at 2044 with familiar bells. Commenced Thai program at 2045. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo)

9720, R Thailand, Udon Thani, 1245-1254, Jan 01, English news, IDs: "You are listening to Radio Thailand News" and advs, reports on New Year celebration activities from different parts of the world. Fair. (D'Angelo)

9725, R Thailand, Udon Thani, 1410-1415, Jan 02, English woman profiling a national park, 33343. (Sellers)

TUNISIA

7275, R Tunisienne, Sfax, 0626-0629:45*, Jan 04, Arabic, instrumental music, man speaking with music bridges, 44343. (Sellers)

12005, R Tunisienne, Sfax, 1814-1825, Dec 29, Arabic conversation, slow and melodic music, 25433. (Otávio)

UGANDA

4750, R Dunamis, Kampala, 1550-1620, Jan 03 and 04, reactivated since going off on Dec 08 with technical problems. Please listen to my recording: <http://soundcloud.com/victor-goonetilleke/dunamis-4750-1-4-2012-16-03-22> . (Goonetilleke in DXplorer)

UKRAINE

11980.07, Dneprovskaya Khvylya, Zaporozhye, 0806-0824, Jan 01 and 07, relay Ukrainian 1st program in Ukrainian, "Ukraina segodnya" (=Ukraine today) with talks about the results of 2011, UEFA EURO 2012, fair with local noise, // <http://www.radio-rating.ru/cat/potok/2018> with 29 seconds delay. (Timofeyev in DXplorer)

UNITED KINGDOM/ SOUTH AFRICA

7265, FEBA Radio, via Meyerton, 1717-1727, Jan 01, FEBA classic interval signals and ID, 1718 Yawo talk, native music and singing, strong signal, but fair only due to CRI on the same frequency (strange, but at 1714-1715 Meyerton transmitter with FEBA IS was on 7261.0). (Timofeyev in DXplorer)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

5050, WWRB, Manchester, TN, 0215, Dec 30, is back on this frequency; was previously // 3195, but now has two separate preachers. Next check at 0415, 5050 inaudible and only 3195 audible during Friday 0430 WORLD OF RADIO. (Hauser)

5085, WTTW-2, Lebanon, TN, 0045, Jan 05, middle-C tone again on strong carrier, and this time I know they are testing their 2nd transmitter, as George McClintock has asked me to monitor for any spurs. No, none heard, so they have now been suppressed adequately; no heterodyne against WWCN 5070, for instance, while previously there was a spur circa 5072, and at plus/minus ~13 kHz intervals up and down. Then transmitter shifted to other frequency, 9990 which was also spur-free until 0048*. George says there are still a few other minor problems to work out, and Continental engineers are expected around January 15, after which regular service should be ready to start. (Hauser)

25910 FM, WBAP, Fort Worth, TX (tentative), 1416, Jan 07, English talk news, 111. (Giroletti)

25990 FM, KSCS, Arlington, TX, 1359, Jan 07, relay FM 96.3 MHz country music, 233. (Giroletti)

R Free Asia is happy to announce our 43rd QSL card. This new design commemorates 2012 as the Year of the Dragon; this is also the sixth card in our Chinese Lunar New Year series. According to the Chinese astrological calendar, 2012 is the Year of the Dragon, beginning on Jan 23, 2012 and ending Feb 09, 2013. This colourful QSL-card will be used to confirm all valid R Free Asia reception reports for Jan-Feb 2012. (Janitschek, Dec 28)

ZAMBIA

4965, Christian Voice, Lusaka, 0143-0203, Jan 07, English talks and jingles with many IDs, slow songs, fair-almost good with local noise, best in LSB to avoid utility QRM. (Timofeyev in DXplorer)

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UNIDENTIFIED

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3930.03, UNID, 1515-1545*, Jan 08, distorted talk in UNID language with songs, 22322 improving to 33332, heavily jammed which first stopped at 1633*. Could be R Voice of Kurdistan ? (Petersen)

4896.5, UNID, 1655-1920, Jan 09, spurious AIR station with distorted audio in USB with Indian songs and vernacular ann, but at 1730 AIR news in English e.g. // Kingsway on 5015. Continued for more than two hours with relay of MW or FM programme in AM, but not in LSB or USB, before 1845 when it came back on all modulation modes. Lively Indian songs and vernacular ann, 25222 – 35333. (Petersen)

4980.00, UNID, 0155-0201, Dec 29, conversation in UNID language, music on the hour and comments, signal was threshold. (Bolland). No doubt Xinjiang PBS in Uighur which is heard in Denmark strongly from *2330. (Petersen)

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Short Wave News

The next big SWN with 32 pages is planned to be posted on Jan 13, 2012, and the electronic version on the following weekend at <http://www.dswci.org/members/index.html>, the Member Area on our website. (Ed)

Tropical Bands Monitor

Owners of our Domestic Broadcasting Survey No. 13, please note that <http://www.dswci.org/tbmonitor/2011.pdf> was updated with the December worldwide loggings on Jan 05 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, 2008, 2009 and 2010. (Ed)

New access codes

The DSWCI will change the username and password to the Member Area on our website www.dswci.org during January. During the next couple of weeks, you will receive the new access codes from Erik Koie by e-mail. If you are a member of the DSWCI and have not received the codes by Jan 31, please contact the club. (Ed)

Special QSLs from the EDXP

To commemorate the 16th birthday of the Electronic DX Press Radio Monitoring Association (EDXP) on Jan 04, 2012, special QSLs are now being issued for all correct reception reports received up to the end of 2012 for "Radio EDXP" programs hosted by various international shortwave broadcasters, titled "The Australian DX Report". The full colour QSLs show Australian scenes and wildlife, and indicate the actual transmitter location and the name of the host broadcaster. The Australian DX Report Radio is the EDXP's long-time broadcasting service, offering news, reports and schedule updates about international broadcasting, propagation, and monitoring.

Host broadcasters include:

*Worldwide Christian Radio (WWCR) - Nashville, Tennessee, USA. Every week, on Sundays, at 0300-0315 and on Mondays at 1245-1300.

*World Harvest Radio International (WHRI) Indiana, monthly during the "DXing with Cumbre" English program.

*Adventist World Radio worldwide network, every month, during the "Wavescan" program, on weekends. This may be heard over transmitters in Guam, Germany, and WRMI (Miami).

Please refer to the Websites of the host broadcasters for actual times and frequencies.

QSL Reports must include sufficient details for validation purposes, and indicate the date (UTC), time (UTC), frequency, quality of reception, and interference effects, and should be sent to: Radio EDXP, 404 Mont Albert Road, Mont Albert, Victoria 3127, Australia. Return postage is mandatory - A\$2 in mint Australian stamps (for Australian addresses), one IRC or US\$1 elsewhere. (Padula)

Shortwave Coordination Conference begins in Kuala Lumpur

The 8th Global Shortwave Coordination Conference began in Kuala Lumpur Jan 09. The 5-day Conference, hosted by the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union, is attended by over 100 frequency managers representing some 50 shortwave broadcasters around the globe. The representatives of the three groups addressed the meeting at the opening session highlighting the challenges that shortwave broadcasters are faced with today.

The Global Coordination meeting is the joint meeting of the three coordination groups, HFCC from Europe, ASBU from the Arab States and ABU-HFC from the Asia-Pacific region. The three groups together comprise around 90% of the world's shortwave radio broadcasters. The three Groups, as a whole, deal with reduction of interference on frequency channels used for around 7000 shortwave radio transmissions that are put out by the broadcasters' every day.

Coordination is a bilateral process in which the frequency managers adjust their frequencies to accommodate each other's transmissions. This process is supported by a complex technical evaluation and validation process, the latter requiring very advanced software tools and fast computing facilities. (Gupta)

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