

# Medium Wave News

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**Argentina** 1630 kHz from La Plata captured in Europe --- 1630, Radio Buen Ayre, Red 92, La Plata. 0730, captured in Troon, Scotland by Paul Crankshaw, December 7. Henrik Klemetz, our good friend in Sweden, indicates that it has been captured by Arne Nilsson, near the Arctic Circle yesterday, with exactly the same ID, which indicates that they are with operating license but have been given distinguishing marks.

The audio and these comments have been posted on the Yahoo group "Real DX" (in English) which is a community of people (DXers) published audio of their deposits (mostly Medium Wave) in order that other helpers with your ID. [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RealDX/files/Paul\\_Crankshaw/1630.mp3](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RealDX/files/Paul_Crankshaw/1630.mp3) Paul Crankshaw, Troon, Scotland / Scotland & Henrik Klemetz, Sweden via Real DX via Nigro, Uruguay, December 7, via DXLD

**Australia** The Melbourne Jewish community is currently testing on 1674kHz in the Expanded AM band. It will be interesting to listen after dark to see if there is any significant co channel interference from Vision Radio, Brisbane. I'm not sure if this is the only other occupant of 1674.

Brian Goldsmith via mwoz

Melbourne Jewish Radio, now on 1674 kHz AM, was previously on 96.1MHz FM here in Melbourne Vic AUS between June 2009 and about July 2010, when their short term FM test license expired.. They ID'ed as "Lion FM" at the time and have continued to do so on their new 1674 kHz despite no longer operating on the FM band. One of their most recent ID's has been "Lion 16-74". If they have an official call sign, it would more likely be 3MJR.

They mention on their website of hoping to go back to the FM band, but as they were only temporally given the FM frequency to allow them to run a short term broadcast, which actually lasted just over a year, I think that it would be doubtful that they will be on FM again anytime in the near future. Their 1674 kHz frequency actually gives them a far better coverage, providing their listeners can tune to the extended area of the AM band.

Robert Copeman via mwoz

**Faroe Islands** 531, Kringvarp Føroya informs that the power is now 25 kW instead of 100 kW, due to power saving. The head of technology, Mr. Hans Andor Johannesen, reports that "our transmitter is not shot-down yet."

Bengt Ericson, ARC mv-eko, via NRC IDXD Dec 23 via DCXLD

**GERMANY.** WDR switches off 1593 kHz DRM signal and announces this through the transmit signal itself:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4Mr86vo8UU>

Another recording in the quality as transmitted:

[http://www.hochstrasse.ch/forum/drm\\_langenberg\\_1593khz\\_2011-12-24.wav](http://www.hochstrasse.ch/forum/drm_langenberg_1593khz_2011-12-24.wav)

This comes to no surprise, as already months ago the program audio was no longer Kiraka but this looped announcement that hammered the message into the non-existent listeners by saying "if you hear us please keep in touch with us":

[http://web.me.com/nils.schiffhauer/Website/Monitoring/Eintr%C3%A4ge/2011/12/3\\_Audio\\_Clips\\_-\\_Medium\\_Wave\\_\(%26\\_Longwave\)\\_files/1593%20WDR\\_DRM%200630.mp3](http://web.me.com/nils.schiffhauer/Website/Monitoring/Eintr%C3%A4ge/2011/12/3_Audio_Clips_-_Medium_Wave_(%26_Longwave)_files/1593%20WDR_DRM%200630.mp3) via Kai Ludwig in DXLD

Several medium wave stations in Germany are due to cease transmissions within the next couple of weeks. The first to go, on Friday 30 December, is the low power (0.6 kW) SWR station at Ulm on 1413 kHz.

The following day it is the turn of high power (700 kW) gospel station ERF at Mainflingen on 1539 kHz and the WDR medium

wave transmitter at Langenberg on 1593 kHz which has been broadcasting in DRM mode.

On 8 January SWR will cease its mediumwave broadcasts of the "Bodensee Sender" on 666 kHz (150 kW). In addition, the broadcasts of the WDR medium wave transmitters at Muhlacker on 576 kHz (100 kW), Freiburg on 828 kHz (10k W) and RheinSender/Wolfsheim on 1017 kHz (100 kW) will close.

Source: Mediamagazine.nl

Andy Sennitt comments: The closure of Freiburg on 828 kHz is interesting, as it may improve reception of Dutch broadcaster Radio 10 Gold in some locations after dark, though there is still an NDR transmitter at Hannover active on this frequency

Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD

**UK** Yorkshire based Fresh AM on 936 & 1413kHz has ceased operating, there is a continuous loop of music and announcing that a new Dales station is coming soon. The website displays the following message, We are building you a great new radio station, come back and check soon! So watch this space. Ed

**USA** Oklahoma 1340, KJMU Sand Springs, OK has been silent since 07NOV11. FCC paperwork says "landlord will not allow access to transmitter site" Bruce Winkelman, AA5CO, Tulsa, OK, Dec 26, NRC-AM via DXLD

WOSU AM 820, Columbus, is gone, apparently permanently. I noted WVKO 1580 running a continuous loop inviting its listeners to tune to the "New permanent home of St. Gabriel Radio, AM 820." The new call on 820, as I heard it, is WVSG and the regular WVKO programming is all there, including the usual EWTN shows and Vatican World News is on 820. There is no indication of what the new programming on 1580 will be, though having recently invested in a power increase with new transmitter & towers, I think it will stay on as something. There do not appear to have been any other changes in Columbus radio, though the 920 is almost never heard here.

David Faulkner, Dec 22, IRCA via DXLD

**Members Tips** Arabic language stations listened in Puerto del Carmen, Lanzarote on Medium Wave during day time between 13 and 19 December.

**ALGERIA**, 1550, Radio TV Algerienne/Sahara Arabic Republic Radio. Whennlistened, Arabic program, mentioned various times "Arabia Saharaia". 34433.

**MAURITANIA**, 783, Radio Mauritania, Nouakchott. Parallel with 7245. SINPO 34433.

**MOROCCO**

540, Radio Tanger, Tanger, SINPO 34433.

612, Radio Télévision Marocaine, Sebba Aioun, SINPO 34333.

936, Radio Agadir, Agadir, SINPO 45444.

With thanks to Manuel Méndez.

Radio Heritage Foundation is an excellent site for Pacific Asian Radio History and also has a useful searchable database also which can be downloaded complete for either AM or SW

[http://www.radioheritage.net/PAL\\_searchM.asp](http://www.radioheritage.net/PAL_searchM.asp)

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