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Freq.	Date	Time-UTC	ITU Station, Language and Programme Details.	SINPO/Contributor
558	13.03.17	1840	E RNE R.5, Valencia, SS: Regional NX Comunidad Valenciana.	G. RP
666	14.03.17	1840	E R.Barcelona, CT: Interview.	G. RP
747	08.03.17	1835	E RNE R.5, Cadiz, SS: Regional NX "Andalucia".	G. RP
783	08.03.17	2320	SYR Syrian R., Tartus, AA: Holy Quran.	F. RP
828	17.03.17	1710	I Z100, IT: MX. E-mail: z100milano@ondemedie.am	G. RP
882	01.03.17	1745	G BBC R.Wales, Cardiff, EE: NX.	G. RP
882	01.03.17	1755	E COPE Alicante, SS: ID+Commercials for local business	G. RP
882	06.03.17	2255	E COPE Valladolid,SS:ID+Commercials for local business	G. RP
954	24.03.17	1835	TUR TRT, Trabzon, TurKish: MX.	G. RP
963	09.03.17	1900	TUN R.Tunis International, Tunis/Djedeida, SS: ID, MX.	G. RP
1008	10.03.17	2005-2023	CNY ES R.Las Palmas, Las Palmas, SS: Football live match 12321 Español/Las Palmas+Commercials for local business, ID	MM
1008	31.03.17	2239	E R.Extremadura, Badajoz, SS: ID+Commercials for local business	G. RP
1026	06.03.17	1850	IRN R.Tabriz, Azarsharh, Farsi: TK.	G. RP
1026	06.03.17	2115	E R.Reus, CT: ID, Commercials for local business.	G. RP
1026	24.03.17	1830	IRN R.Tabriz, Farsi: radioplay.	G. RP
1035	20.03.17	2305	G Northsound 2, Aberdeen, EE: ID, MX.	G. RP
1053	27.02.17	2257	E COPE Zaragoza, SS: ID+Commercials for local business	G. RP
1071	01.03.17	1750	IND AIR Rajkot, Urdu: NX.	F. RP
1080	21.03.17	1825	E R.Huesca, SS, Local NX.	G. RP
1098	22.03.17	1835	E RNE R.5, Avila, SS: Regional NX reg Castilla y Leon.	F. RP
1130	11.03.17	0420	USA WBBR, New York, EE: NX.	F. RP
1134	27.03.17	2157	E COPE Pamplona, SS: ID+Commercials for local business	G. RP
1170	26.03.17	2155	SVN R.Koper/Capodistria, Beli Kriz, IT: MX.	G. RP
1179	30.03.17	2234	E R.La Rioja, Logrono, SS: ID+Commercials for local	F. RP
1224	16.03.17	1755	E COPE Mallorca, SS: ID+Commercials for local business	G. RP
1260	29.03.17	2234	E R.Murcia, SS: ID, Commercials for local business.	G. RP
1269	10.03.17	1756	E COPE Zamora, SS: ID, Commercials for local business	F. RP
1341	28.02.17	1758	E Onda Cero R., Ciudad Real, SS: ID, Commercials for local business.	G. RP
1350	02.03.17	1745	HNG Magyar R, Gyor, Slovak: MX.	G. RP
1350	05.03.17	0120	B Super R.Cristal, Salvador, PP: Rlgs TK.	F. RP
1350	05.03.17	0910	I I AM R., IT: DX PX By R.Scaglione. info@iamradio.am	G. RP
1350	12.03.17	0910	I I AM R., IT: DX PX by R.Scaglione. info@iamradio.am	G. RP
1350	19.03.17	0910	I I AM R., IT: DX PX by R.Scaglione. info@iamradio.am	G. RP
1368	20.03.17	2120	I R.Challenger, Villa Estense, EE: NX relayed from VOA	G. RP
1368	20.03.17	2125	G Manx R., Douglas, EE: MX.	F. RP
1377	02.03.17	1800	ARM TWR, Gavar relay, Farsi: TK.	G. RP
1377	06.03.17	2125	CHN China National R. 1, via Xingyang, CC: MX.	G. RP
1395	20.03.17	2115	IRN IRIB, Hajiabad, Farsi: MX.	F. RP
1413	27.02.17	1835	E RNE R.5, Girona, CT: Regional NX Catalunya.	G. RP
1431	08.03.17	1725	DJI R.Sawa, Doraleh, AA: MX.	F. RP
1449	25.03.17	0435	G BBC R.4, Redmoss, EE: NX.	G. RP
1500	11.03.17	0430	USA WFED, Washington, EE: NX.	F. RP
1510	11.03.17	0425	USA WMEX, Boston, EE: TK.	G. RP
1539	15.03.17	1830	E R.Manresa, Manresa, CT: Regional NX Catalunya.	G. RP
1550	04.03.17	2016-2022	ALG R.Nacional República Árabe Saharai, Rabouni, AA: TK 32432	MM
1550	10.03.17	2015-2023	ALG R.Nacional República Árabe Saharai, Rabouni, AA: TK 12321	MM
1560	11.03.17	0415	USA WFME, New York, EE: Gospel.	G. RP
1566	21.03.17	1650-1710	KOR HLAZ FEBC, Jeju, JJ: At 1600 Pips & ID, Rlgs songs.	33343 PR
1566	22.03.17	0410-0420	BEN TWR Benin, Cotonou, VV: Rlgs PX.	34343 PR
1584	26.02.17	1755	I R.Studio X, Momigno, IT: ID, MX.	G. RP
1584	05.03.17	1840	I R.Studio X, Momigno, IT: ID, MX.	G. RP
1584	15.03.17	1945	I IBC, via R.Studio X, Momigno, IT: TK. ibc@Europe.com	G. RP
1593	27.03.17	2010	F R.Bretagne 5, Quessoy, FF: Jazz MX.	G. RP
1610	27.02.17	2110	PIR R.Batavier,EE: ID, MX. Mail: radionorthcoast@live.nl	G. RP
1610	05.03.17	0050	AIA Caribbean Beacon, The Valley, Anguilla, EE: Rlgs TK.	F. RP
1610	11.03.17	0410	AIA Caribbean Beacon, The Valley, Anguilla, EE: Rlgs TK.	F. RP
1610	22.03.17	0423-0428	AIA Caribbean Beacon, The Valley, EE: PX by University Network. // 5935 kHz (WWCR).	25342 PR
1646	13.03.17	2130	PIR R.Vrolijkje Mijnerker, Holland, DD: ID, MX. E-mail: vrolijkjemijnerker@hotmail.com	G. RP
1655	05.03.17	0040	PIR R.Relmus, EE: ID, MX. E-mail: relmusfm@hotmail.com	G. RP
3310	05.03.17	0141-0146	BOL R.Mosoj Chaski, Cotapachi, Quechua: TK.	14321 MM
3330	26.03.17	0005	AFS R.Sonder Grense, Meyerton, Afrikaans: MX.	F. RP
3900	18.03.17	2335	PIR R.Technical Man, EE: ID, MX. technicalman@hotmail.nl	G. RP
3905	12.03.17	0005	PIR Skyline R.International, EE: ID, MX. E-mail address: skylinehorizon221@hotmail.com	G. RP
3975	01.03.17	1835	I IBC Italian Broadcasting Corporation, IT: MX. E-mail	G. RP

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4010	22.03.17	1610	KGZ	Birinchi R., Bishkek, Kyrgyz: NX.	F.	RP
4055	04.03.17	0605	GTM	R.Verdad, Chiquimula, EE: Rlgs TK and songs.	25432	MM
4055	04.03.17	0539-0601*	GTM	R.Verdad, Chiquimula, EE: Rlgs songs,TK, ID, NA, QRT	15431	MM
4055	22.03.17	0523-0532	GTM	R.Verdad, Chiquimula, EE: Rlgs TK/songs. Better LSB	14321	MM
4055	26.03.17	0520-0550	GTM	R.Verdad, Chiquimula, EE: Rlgs songs, TK.	14321	MM
4055	30.03.17	0458-0510	GTM	R.Verdad, Chiquimula, EE: Rlgs songs and TK.	14321	MM
4765	05.03.17	0010	TJK	Tajik R, Dushanbè. Taijik: NX.	G.	RP
4765	05.03.17	0443-0504*	CUB	R.Progreso, La Habana via Quivican, Cuban songs.	34433	MM
4765	30.03.17	0308-0315	CUB	R.Progreso, La Habana/Quivican, SS: Cuban songs, TK.	24322	MM
4800	12.03.17	1714-1720	CHN	China National R.1, Geermu, CC: TK, MX. QRM from AIR	43433	AN*
4885	04.03.17	0604-0630	B	R.Clube do Pará, Belém, Brazilian songs.	34433	MM
4885	05.03.17	0015	B	R.Clube do Pará, Belem, PP: NX.	G.	RP
4885	12.03.17	0010	B	R.Clube do Pará, Belem, PP: NX.	F.	RP
4885	12.03.17	0540-0620	B	R.Clube do Pará, Belém, PP: Brazilian songs, TK.	24322	MM
4885	13.03.17	0637-0650	B	R.Clube do Pará, Belém, PP: Songs in EE & PP, TK.	34433	MM
4885	18.03.17	2340	B	R.Clube do Pará, Belem, PP: MX.	G.	RP
4885	22.03.17	1615	KRE	Echo of Hope, Seoul, Korean: TK.	G.	RP
4885	25.03.17	0410	B	R.Clube do Pará, Belem, PP: MX.	G.	RP
4885	26.03.17	0510-0540	B	R.Clube do Para, Belém, Brazilian songs.	24322	MM
4885	30.03.17	0620-0635	B	R.Clube do Pará, Belém, - Brazilian songs.	24322	MM
4910	04.03.17	1731-1733	IND	AIR Jaipur, EE: NX.	14321	MM
4910	29.03.17	1734-1737	IND	AIR Jaipur, Hindi: TK.	14321	MM
4920	04.03.17	1730-1732	IND	AIR Chennai, EE: NX.	21321	MM
4920	11.03.17	1730-1736	IND	AIR Chennai, EE: NX. At 1734 into Hindi with TK.	13321	MM
4920	19.03.17	1730-1734	IND	AIR Chennai, EE: NX.	14321	MM
4920	29.03.17	1730-1735	IND	AIR Chennai, EE: NX, then into Hindi with TK.	24322	MM
4930	12.03.17	1706-1711	BOT	VOA, Selebi Pikwe relay, Shona: TK, ID.	45333	AN*
4949.7	11.03.17	1832-1843	AGL	R.Nacional de Angola, Mulenvos, PP: TK, Songs.	24322	MM
4949.7	29.03.17	1820-1845	AGL	R.Nacional de Angola, Mulenvos, PP: TK+African songs	14321	MM
4949.8	04.03.17	1942-2020	AGL	R.Nacional de Angola, via Mulenvos, PP: TK.	14321	MM
4985	13.03.17	0640-0704	B	R.Brasil Central, Goiania, PP: TK, Brazilian songs.	21331	MM
				Strong RTTY QRM. // 11815 kHz.		
4985	26.03.17	0520-0530	B	R.Brasil Central, Goiania, Brazilian songs. RTTY QRM	12321	MM
4996	06.02.17	1740	RUS	RWM, Mendeleevo, - Pips	G.	RP
5005	05.03.17	0546-0604	GNE	R.Nacional Guinea Ecuatorial, Bata, SS: songs, TK.	14321	MM
5005	11.03.17	0530-0550	CGE	R.Nacional Guinea Ecuatorial, Bata, SS: Songs, TK.	14321	MM
5005	17.03.17	0525-0540	CGE	R.Nacional Guinea Ecuatorial, Bata,- African songs.	14321	MM
5005	22.03.17	0520-0550	GNE	R.Nacional Guinea Ecuatorial, Bata, SS: TK. Hrd LSB.	14321	MM
5005	26.03.17*	0513-0540	GNE	R.Nacional Guinea Ecuatorial, Bata: Initially, only	14321	MM
				carrier detected but after 0525 some songs were heard		
5005	30.03.17	0522-0536	GNE	R.Nacional Guinea Ecuatorial, Bata, SS: African and	14321	MM
				other songs, TK. Very weak.		
5010	04.03.17	1730-1733	IND	AIR Thiruvananthapuram, EE: NX.	14321	MM
5010	11.03.17	1725-1736	IND	AIR Thiruvananthapuram, EE: Local MX. At 1730 NX.	14321	MM
5010	18.03.17	1731-1737	IND	AIR Thiruvananthapuram, EE: NX,then into TK in Hindi	14321	MM
5024.9	05.03.17	0118-0125	PRU	Presumed R.Quillabamba, Ed: SS? TK, songs. Better on	14321	MM
				LSB. NB: Radio Rebelde was off-air.		
5025	18.03.17	2325	B	R.Rebelde, Habana via Quivican, SS MX. Reactivated!	G.	RP
5040	04.03.17	1731-1733	IND	AIR Jeypore, EE: NX.	14321	MM
5040	12.03.17	1730-1734	IND	AIR Jeypore, EE: NX. Very weak.	14321	MM
5040	18.03.17	1730-1737	IND	AIR Jeypore, EE: NX, then into TK in Hindi.// 5010.	24322	MM
5040	29.03.17	1732-1734	IND	AIR Jeypore, EE: NX.	24322	MM
5060	12.03.17	1650-1705	CHN	PBS Xinjiang, Urumqi, CC: Songs, Time Pps, TK.	43333	AN*
5860	26.02.17	1740	KWT	R.Farda, Washington via Kuwait, Farsi: MX.	G.	RP
5910	04.03.17	0650-0750	CLM	Alcaraván R., Puerto Lleras, SS: LA songs, Rlgs TK.	14321	MM
5910	05.03.17	0521-0710	CLM	Alcaraván R., Puerto Lleras, SS: LA songs, "Boleros"	34333	MM
				At 0628 ID and Time, Martin Stendhal, rlgS TK.		
5910	11.03.17	0620-0640	CLM	Alcaraván R., Puerto Lleras, Latin American songs.	14321	MM
5910	12.03.17	0640-0730	CLM	Alcaraván R., Puerto Lleras, SS: Rlgs TK by Martin	14321	MM
				Stendhal.		
5910	25.03.17	0420	CLM	Alcaraván R., Puerto Lleras, SS: MX.	F.	RP
5910	22.03.17	0522-0533	CLM	Alcaraván R., Puerto Lleras, LA songs. 14321 MM		
5910	26.03.17	0525-0540	CLM	Alcaraván R., Puerto Lleras, LA Songs.	24322	MM
5910	30.03.17	0618-0640	CLM	Alcaraván R., Puerto Lleras, LA songs.	14321	MM
5910	26.03.17	1600	ROU	R.Romania Int., Bucharest via Tiganesti, IT: ID, NX.	E.	RP
5915	25.02.17	0459-0555	ZMB	ZNBC, Lusaka, EE: IS mixed w/fanfare, ID, NX. @ 0517	F.	DV
				w/manufacturing ad for Zambia Bureau of Standards by		
				OM, then ID by studio OM DJ in VV+lively Afro Pop MX.		
5940	05.03.17	0020	B	Voz Missionaria, Camboriu, PP: Rlgs TK.	G.	RP
5940	18.03.17	2345	B	Voz Missionaria, Camboriu, PP: Rlgs TK.	F.	RP
5950	07.03.17	1810-1825	ETH	VO Tigray Revolution, Addis Ababa, VV: East African	23322	MM
				songs, TK.		
5950	11.03.17	1805-1812	ETH	VO Tigray Revolution, Addis Ababa, VV: East African	33433	MM
				songs, TK.		
5950	29.03.17	1834-1842	ETH	VO Tigray Revolution,Addis Ababa, East African songs	32332	MM
5952.4	05.03.17	0106-0115	BOL	R.Pio XII, Siglo XX, SS: TK, Bolivian songs.	14321	MM

5985	26.03.17	0010	MYA	Myanmar R., Yangon, Burmese: TK.	G.	RP
5995	05.03.17	0732-0745	MLI	R.Mali, Bamako, FF: TK.		14321 MM
5995	13.03.17	0706-0715	MLI	R.Mali, Bamako, FF: TK.		14321 MM
5995	18.03.17	2350	MLI	R.Mali, Bamako, FF: African MX.	F.	RP
5995	26.03.17	1550	NZL	R.New Zealand Int, Wellington via Rangitaiki, EE: MX	G.	RP
5995	29.03.17	1849-1910	MLI	R.Mali, Bamako, FF/VV: Local songs and TK.		14321 MM
6000	13.03.17	1800	ARM	R.Adygeya, via Gavar, Adygeyan: TK. Ed: In 2014 Artur Fernadez Llorella from Spain, got an E-mail verification in RR from: gtrkadygeya@yandex.ru	F.	RP
6010	05.03.17	0701-0750	CLM	La Voz de tu Conciencia, Puerto Lleras, SS: LA songs and Martin Stendhal's Rlgs PX.		14321 MM
6010	12.03.17	0720-0749	CLM	La Voz de tu Conciencia, Puerto Lleras, SS: Rlgs TK.		14321 MM
6030	12.03.17	1740-1746	ETH	R.Oromiya, Addis Ababa, VV: TK.		24322 MM
6050	05.03.17	0509-0850	EQA	HCJB, Pichincha, SS: Rlgs TK and songs, Time Ann, ID		24322 MM
6050	12.03.17	0630-0649	LBR	ELWA R., Monrovia, EE: Rlgs songs and TK.		14321 MM
6050	13.03.17	0643-0711	LBR	ELWA R., Monrovia, EE: Rlgs TK and Rlgs songs.		14321 MM
6050	23.03.17	0650-0715	LBR	ELWA R., Monrovia, EE: Rlgs songs/TK.@ 0700 Time Ann		14321 MM
6050	30.03.17	0615-0624	LBR	ELWA R., Monrovia, EE: rlg TK and songs. Very weak.		14321 MM
6065	15.03.17	1740	ZMB	VO Hope, Lusaka, EE: MX.	F.	RP
6070	04.03.17	0920-0930*	D	Hobart R. Internatonal, Rohrbach Waal, EE: Special show Hobart Radio International, TK. At 0930 S/OFF.		14321 MM
6070	04.03.17	1100	D	Frequenzfieber???, GG: MX.	G.	RP
6070	04.03.17	1700-1715	D	R.Sylvia, via Rohrbach Waal, GG: ID.Co-ch QRM fm CRI	P/F.	LB
6070	05.03.17	0025	CAN	CFRB, Toronto, EE: NX.	F.	RP
6070	05.03.17	1100	D	R.BCL News, via Rohrbach Waal, IT: DX PX "Studio DX" by Roberto Scaglione. E-mail: info@bclnews.it	G.	RP
6070	16.03.17	1610	D	R.Jammin Oldies,???, via Rohrbach Waal, EE: ID, MX.	G.	RP
6070	18.03.17	1900-1915	D	SM R. Int., via Rohrbach Waal, EE: oldies, IDs.	F/G.	LB
6070	19.03.17	1400-1415	D	8 R., via Rohrbach Waal, EE: IDs by OM.	F/G.	LB
6070	19.03.17	1425	D	8 R., via Rohrbach Waal, EE: ID, MX. E-mail address: studio@8radio.com	G.	RP
6070	29.03.17	1845-1850	D	Italian Broadcasting Corp. (IBC), via Rohrbach Waal, EE: DX PX "Italian Shortwave Panorama" with logs.		35333 AN
6085	05.03.17	1000	D	R.Mi Amigo International, via Kall Krekel, DD: ID, MX. info@radiomiamigo.es	E.	RP
6085	04.03.17	1700-1735	D	R.Mi Amigo, via Kall Krekel, Ed: EE? pop MX, ID.		24322 MM
6085	26.03.17*	0658-0720	D	R.Mi Amigo, via Kall Krekel, EE: Pop MX, ID, TK.		24322 MM
6090	12.03.17	1735-1747	ETH	VO Amhara State, Addis Ababa, VV: East African songs TK.		24322 MM
6100	10.03.17	1602-1629	AFG	R.Afghanitsan, Kabul, Urdu?: TK, MX Bridge. At 1610 Song "Husn Hazirhain" (from Lajla Majnu) by female singer Lata Mangeshkar. At 1629 TK by YL.		34433 AN*
6100	19.03.17	1607-1620	AFG	R.Afghanistan, Kabul, Urdu: TK, @ 1609 & 1619 songs.		44333 AN*
6100	21.03.17	1607-1620	AFG	R.Afghanistan, Kabul, Urdu: EE: End of PX in EE with closing anmmt, then into Urdu with TK.		35333 AN*
6115	07.03.17	1813-1821	CGO	R.Congo, Brazzaville, 1813-1821, 07-03, French, TK.		12321 MM
6115	11.03.17	1801-1847	CGO	R.Congo, Brazzaville, FF: NX about Congo, ID.		13321 MM
6115	13.03.17	1815-1827	CGO	R.Congo, Brazzaville, FF: TK about Congo.		13221 MM
6115	19.03.17	1817-1830	CGO	R.Congo, Brazzaville, FF: TK. Very weak.		14321 MM
6115	29.03.17	1815-1840	CGO	R.Congo, Brazzaville, FF: TK, African songs.		14321 MM
6134.8	05.03.17	0115-0120	BOL	R.Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, SS: TK.		13221 MM
6135.6	08.03.17	0005-0045	B	R.Aparecida, Aparecida, PP: TK. whistling with R. Santa Cruz on 6134.5.		32442 PR
6150	05.03.17	0727-0740	D	R.Europa 24, Datteln, GG: Pop songs, ID, NX.		14321 MM
6150	05.03.17	1020	D	R.Europa 24, via Datteln, GG: ID, MX.	G.	RP
6150	26.03.17	0645-0720	D	R.Europa 24, via Datteln, GG: Pop songs, ID, TK.		24322 MM
6180	04.03.17	0610-0630*	D	Deutscher Wetterdienst, Pinneberg, GG: WX. NB: Radio Nacional da Amazonia was off-air.		45444 MM
6180	04.03.17	2010-2030	D	Deutscher Wetterdienst, Pinneberg, GG: WX.		33433 MM
6180	18.03.17	0545-0640	B	R.Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, PP: PX "Madrugada Nacional" and "Aló Brasil", ID.		24322 MM
6180	30.03.17	0614-0628	D	Deutsche Wetterdienst, Pinneberg, GG: WX.		14321 MM
6185	04.03.17	0540-0553	MEX	R.Educación, Ciudad de México, SS: TK, songs.		14321 MM
6185	11.03.17	0547-0600*	MEX	R.Educación, Ciudad de Mexico, Songs in SS language.		14321 MM
6185	12.03.17	0543-0600*	MEX	R.Educación, Ciudad de Mexico, Mexican Songs.		14321 MM
6185	13.03.17	0545-0555	MEX	R.Educación, Ciudad de México, SS: TK, Mexican songs		14321 MM
6185	19.03.17	0550-0601*	MEX	R.Educación, Ciudad de México, SS: Classical MX, PX: "Mujeres Compositoras", ID "Radio Educación".		14321 MM
6185	26.03.17	0522-0545	MEX	R.Educación, Ciudad de México, SS: classic songs, TK		14321 MM
6190	18.03.17	0728-0759	D	Hamburger Lokal R., Gohren, EE: Glenn Hauser's DX PX		14321 MM
6200	12.03.17	0950	PIR	R.Borderhunter, EE: ID, MX. E-mail address: borderhunterrado@hotmail.com	G.	RP
6220	13.03.17	1720	PIR	Laser Hot Hits, EE: ID+MX. studio@laserhothits.co.uk	G.	RP
6220	21.03.17	1710	PIR	Laser Hot Hits, EE: ID+MX. studio@laserhothits.co.uk	G.	RP
6235	12.03.17	0945	PIR	R.Waves Int., EE: ID, MX. E-Mail: rwaves@free.fr	G.	RP
6235	19.03.17	0945	PIR	R.Waves Int., FF: ID, MX. E-mail: rwaves@free.fr	G.	RP
6235	26.03.17	0840	PIR	R.Waves Int, FF: ID, MX. E-mail: rwaves@free.fr	G.	RP

6295	25.03.17	1730	PIR R.Tower, EE: ID, MX. E-mail: radiotoweram@gmail.com	G.	RP
6240	04.03.17	1350	PIR R.Casanova, EE: ID, MX. radiocasanova@hotmail.com	G.	RP
6260	19.03.17	1005	PIR R.AC DC, EE: ID, MX. E-mail: radioacdc@gmail.com	G.	RP
6265	04.03.17	1740	PIR R.Mexico, GG: ID, MX. E-mail: radiomexico@web.de	G.	RP
6265	11.03.17	1700	PIR R.Mexico, EE: ID, MX. E-mail: radiomexico@web.de	G.	RP
6305	12.03.17	1010	PIR R.Merlin International, EE: ID, MX. E-mail address: radiomerlin@blueyonder.co.uk	F.	RP
6423	25.03.17	1745	PIR R.Studio 52, DD: ID, MX. E-mail: studio52@planet.nl	G.	RP
6950	12.03.17	0930	I Enterprise R., IT: ID, MX. E-mail address: enterpriseradio@hotmail.com	G.	RP
7120	11.03.17	1836-1845	SOM R.Hargeisa, Hargeisa, Somali: TK and songs.	24322	MM
7120	29.03.17	1839-1847	SOM R.Hargeisa, Hargeisa, Somali: TK.	22322	MM
7255	11.03.17	1757-1806	NIG VO Nigeria, Ikorodu, EE: IS, TK. Co-channel QRM CRI	21321	MM
7259.9	07.03.17	0959-	VAN R.Vanuatu, Bislam: End of song, TK, fanfare, OM then YL anncrs briefly, usual conch shell blowing ToH signature at 1000:41, then NX by YL w/many actualities.	XXXXX	DV
7290	17.03.17	1903-1915	BUL R.City, Kostinbrod relay, EE: Pop MX, ID, TK.	12321	MM
7236.4	22.03.17	0356-0430	ETH VO Peace & Democracy of Eritrea, Addis Ababa-Gedja, VV: TK. PX repeated at 1801.	35443	PR
7238.5	22.03.17	1801-1835	ETH VO Peace & Democracy of Eritrea, Addis Ababa-Gedja, VV: TK.	22542	PR
7255	29.03.17	1830-1845	NIG VO Nigeria, Ikorodu, EE: NX.	34433	MM
7300	27.02.17	2125	G R.Akhbar Mufriha, Wooferton relay, AA: TK. E-mail: email@akhbarmufriha.com	G.	RP
7340	26.03.17	1800	CHN China R.Int, via Kashi-Saibagh, IT: ID, NX. // 7435	E.	RP
7480	12.03.17	1800	MDA R.Payam-e Doost, via Kishinev, Farsi: TK. E-mail address: payam@bahairadio.org	G.	RP
7700	12.03.17	1715	PIR UNID. Not Marconi R.Int. which uses USB! Non stop MX	G.	RP
7700U	14.03.17*	1743-1855	I Marconi R.International, EE/IT/Other Languages: IS, ID.Later Mailbag PX & DX Show in IT.Also SINPO 24322	13221	MM
7700U	19.03.17	1725	I Marconi R.International, IT: DX PX. E-mail address: marconiradiointernational@gmail.com	G.	RP
7700U	19.03.17	1750-1945	I Marconi R.International, IT: DX NX, ID in EE and other languages, songs.	14321	MM
7850	26.03.17	0015	CAN CHU, Ottawa, EE/FF: ID and Pips.	G.	RP
9100	15.03.17*	1800-1810	KOR Echo Of Hope, Seoul, Korean: S/on with TK.	23442	PR
9300	23.03.17	1500-1527	PLW R.Free Asia, Tinian relay, EE: ID, then into Korean PX with TK.	45333	AN
9390	09.03.17	1905	THA R.Thailand, Bangkok via Udon Thani, EE: NX.	E.	RP
9390	10.03.17	1459-1505	UZB FEBA/IBRA R., Tashkent relay, Bengali: FEBA vintage IS, MX Bridge, TK (Sounded like a radio drama).	45444	AN*
9390	26.03.17	1500-1503	UZB FEBA R., Tashkent relay, Bengali: IS, Chant, TK.	45444	AN*
9390	26.03.17	2000-2003	THA R.Thailand, Bangkok via Udon Thani, GG: ID, NX.	45444	AN
9445	07.03.17	1941-1951*	IND AIR, Delhi, EE: Song Alvida by KK, TK, ID, SCH, QRT.	45444	AN*
9445	18.03.17	1803-1806	IND AIR, New Delhi via Kamphur, EE: NX, ID.	45444	AN
9475	18.03.17	1752-1815*SWZ	TWR Swaziland, Manzini, VV: TK, Rlgs Song. At 1815 IS and QRT. At 1800 QRM from VOa on 9485 kHz!	45444	AN
9485	19.03.17*	0900-1000*	D European Music R., Goehren, EE: ID, Pop MX, TK.	34433	MM
9485	19.03.17	0935	D European Music R., Goehren, EE: Pirate NX. E-mail address: emrshortwave@gmail.com	G.	RP
9490	26.03.17	2004-2008	KWT VOA, Kuwait relay, FF: NX, ID, Rock MX.	35433	AN
9490	27.03.17	1820	EGY R.Cairo, Cairo via Ablis: IT: NX. Very poor!	P.	RP
9495	18.03.17	1800-1803	MDG Madagascar World Voice, Antananarivo, RR: IS, TK, Song "I don't know why" by Nora Jones.	34433	AN
9500	10.03.17*	1801-1805	SWZ TWR Swaziland, Manzini, EE: IS, ID, Rlgs TK. Song: "Your Presence is Heaven" by Marinatha!	45333	AN*
9500	18.03.17	1817-1822	SWZ TWR Swaziland, Manzini, EE: Web address, Rlgs TK.	34433	AN
9500	20.03.17	1800	SWZ TWR Swaziland, Manzini, EE: ID.	G.	RP
9515	13.03.17	2110	B R.Marumby, Curitiba, PP: Rlgs TK.	F.	RP
9526	26.02.17	1750	INS VO Indonesia, Jakarta-Cimanggis, SS: ID, MX.	G.	RP
9526	07.03.17	1937-1940	INS VO Indonesia, Jakarta-Cimanggis, EE: ID, MX show.	45444	AN*
9526	18.03.17	1736-1739	INS VO Indonesia, Jakarta, SS: ID, Song "Tegar" by Rossa	45444	AN
9526	26.03.17	1451-1455	INS VO Indonesia, Jakarta-Cimanggis, Indonesian: ID, Song: "Bila Aku Jatuh Cinta" by Nidji.	43433	AN*
9550	26.03.17	0430-0515	D Bible Voice Broadcasting (BVB), Nauen relay, AA/EE: PXs: "Dardasha Seven" (AA), "Day of Decision" (EE).	45544	PR
9565	26.03.17	2010	D AWR, Nauen relay, FF: Rlg PX, TK+Addr in Ivory Coast	34433	AN
9590	07.03.17	1933-1935	STP VOA, Pinheira relay, FF: NX. ID. //12075 kHz.	45444	AN*
9635	04.03.17	1710-1712	MLI R.Mali, Bamako, FF: TK.	14321	MM
9635	13.03.17	0809-0816	MLI R.Mali, Bamako, FF: TK.	14321	MM
9635	26.03.17*	0801-0815	MLI R.Mali, Bamako, FF: IS, ID, TK.	14321	MM
9650	04.03.17	0700-0730	GUI R.Guinée, Conakry, FF: African songs, ID, TK.	44444	MM
9650	11.03.17	0700-0704	GUI R.Guinée, Conakry, FF: NX. . At 0703 Song "Nyingui" by Fode Kouyati, ID.	35433	AN
9650	12.03.17	0715-0840	GUI R.Guinée, Conakry, FF: African songs, ID, TK.	34433	MM
9650	19.03.17	0658-0702	GUI R.Guinée, Conakry, FF: African MX and many IDs.	35333	AN
9650	26.03.17*	0703-0730	GUI R.Guinée, Conakry, FF: MX, ID, NX, TK.	43443	MM

9660	19.03.17	0655-0657	CVA	Vatican R, S.Maria di Galeria, EE: NX report from UN about Philippines, End of "World around us" ID, S/OFF	35433	AN
9674.9	09.03.17	2011-2020	B	R.Cancao Nova, Cachoeira Paulista, PP: Rlgs "Santo Rosario" (Ed: Holy Rosary prayer).	14321	MM
9674.9	16.03.17	2055-2117	B	R.Cancao Nova, Cachoeira Paulista, PP: Rlgs TK, ID.	24322	MM
9674.9	18.03.17	2058-2109	B	R.Cancao Nova, Cachoeira Paulista, PP: Rlgs TK, ID.	14321	MM
9675	20.03.17	2110	B	R.Cancao Nova, Cachoeira Paulista, PP: Rosary.	G.	RP
9725	06.03.17	2100	B	R.B2, Curitiba, PP: NX.	F.	RP
9740	18.03.17	1807-1812	KOR	KBS World, Kimjee, SS: NX, ID PX: "Cine en la radio"	45444	AN
9765	20.03.17	*0759-0803	NZL	R.New Zealand Int., via Rangitaiki, EE: IS, Pips, NX	35433	AN
9790	26.03.17	0900	D	AWR, Nauen relay, IT: PX Obiettivo DX by R.Scaglione	E.	RP
9810	26.03.17	1955-2000	IRN	VO Islamic Republic of Iran, EE: Mailbag PX, ID.	55444	AN
9818.9	04.03.17	2037-2046	B	R.9 de Julho, Sao Paulo, PP: Rlgs TK.	14321	MM
9930	04.03.17	1300	PLW	T8WH, Palau, EE: ID, Rlgs TK.	F.	RP
9940	07.03.16	*1903-1908	SWZ	TWR Swaziland, Manzini, EE: IS, ID. At 1905 into Lingala with MX bridge, TK, Song.	35433	AN*
9940	18.03.17	1903-1906	SWZ	TWR Swaziland, Manzini, EE: IS, ID. At 1905 into Lingala with MX bridge, TK, Song.	35222	AN
9960	23.03.17	1429-1455	PLW	Furusato No Kaze, via WHRI T8WH, EE: ID by WHRI then into JJ with MX Bridge, TK, Songs "Medaka No Gakkou" by Hibari Children's Chorus. At 1451 Song: "Azusa Nigou" by Karyudo.	45444	AN*
10000	04.03.17	1340	CHN	BPM, Lintong, CC: Pips	G.	RP
10000	04.03.17	2032-2036	B	Observatorio Nacional, Rio de Janeiro, PP: TS+ID.	13321	MM
10000	18.03.17	2330	USA	WWV, Fort Collins, EE: ID and Pips.	G.	RP
10000	17.03.17	2034-2050	B	Observatorio Nacional, Rio de Janeiro, PP: ID, Time, Pips. QRM from Italcable. Back to its original QRG.	12321	MM
10000.4	16.03.17	2055-2120	B	Observatorio Nacional, Rio de Janeiro, PP: TS, ID, Time. After a few days on 10010 kHz (See log of 15 March 2017) it returned to its original frequency.	14321	MM
10010	15.03.17	2120-2133	B	Observatorio Nacional, Rio de Janeiro, PP: TS+ID+Time	15321	MM
11550	11.03.17	1800	F	R.Publique Africaine, Issoudun relay, Kirundi: Afri-can MX. E-mail: sibo82@gmail.com	G.	RP
11550	18.03.17	1830-1845	F	R.Publique Africaine, via Issoudun, FF: IDs.	F.	LB
11550	18.03.17	1836-1842	F	R.Publique Africaine, via Issoudun, FF: NX on Burundi	54444	AN
11615	18.03.17	1824-1830	*BOT	Afia/Hallo Darfur, via Selebi Pikwe, AA: TK (Speech) At 1829 MX bridge and final anmnt, then S/OFF.	45444	AN
11730	19.03.17	1315-1317	GUM	KTWR, Agana, Assamese: Phone nr, ID, Song.	45444	AN*
11735	04.03.17	1914-1933	B	R.Transmundial, Santa Maria, PP: Rlgs TK. ID.	14321	MM
11735	11.03.17	1843-1857	B	R.Transmundial, Santa Maria, PP: Rlgs songs and TK.	13321	MM
11735	26.03.17	1425-1429	TZN	Zanzibar BC, Dolè, Swahili: Phone-in PX.	44444	AN*
11750	26.03.17	1641-1644	CEY	SLBC, Trincomalee, Sinhala: TK, Song "Paramitha" by Shashika Nisansala, Interview, Song "Obe Atha Gena", by Rohana Siriwardana.	45444	AN*
11764.6	12.03.17	0859-0915	B	Super R.Deus e Amor, Curitiba, PP: Rlgs TK, ID+QRGs	24322	MM
11765	06.03.17	2105	B	Super R.Deus e Amor, Curitiba, PP: Rlgs TK.	G.	RP
11765	20.03.17	1945	B	Super R.Deus e Amor, Curitiba, PP: Rlgs TK.	G.	RP
11780	04.03.17	1930-2113	B	R.Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, PP: Brazilian songs, TK. At 2133 ID with mention of PX's title.	24322	MM
11815	06.03.17	2110	B	R.Brasil Central, Goiania, PP: MX.	G.	RP
11815	13.03.17	0708-0720	B	R.Brasil Central, Goiania, PP: TK. // 4985.	24322	MM
11855	06.03.17	2115	B	R.Aparecida, PP: Rlgs TK.	F.	RP
11895	04.03.17	2001-2030	B	R.Boa Vontade, Porto Alegre, PP: Rlgs TK.	13221	MM
11925	04.03.17	2024-2037	B	R.Bandeirantes, Sao Paulo, PP: Football live, TK.	24322	MM
11925	06.03.17	2120	B	R.Bandeirantes, Sao Paulo, PP: NX.	G.	RP
11934.8	04.03.17	2035-2043	B	R.RB2, Curitiba, PP: Rlgs songs and TK. // 9725.	13321	MM
11965	11.03.17	1710	F	Dimtse R.Erena, Issoudun relay, Tigrinya: TK. E-mail address: radioerena@gmail.com	F.	RP
11975	26.03.17	1600-1630	GUM	KSDA AWR, Agat, EE: Wavescan DX PX feat.B.Padula rpt	25422	PR
12050	10.03.17	*1800-1801	ASC	Dandal Kura R.Int., Ascension relay, Kanuri: ID, TK	35333	AN*
12050	18.03.17	1832-1835	ASC	Dandal Kura R.Int., Ascension relay. Kanuri: ID, TK.	35333	AN
12075	07.03.17	1914-1928	BOT	VOA, Selebi Pikwe relay, FF: TK.	35322	AN*
12085	18.03.17	1845-1859	*???	VOA, Amharic? HOA songs "Ethiopia" mentioned often, At 1852 TK by YL. At 1859 ID in EE and S/OFF.	55444	AN
12120	10.03.17	1542-1559	*GUM	KTWR, Agana, EE: ID, Rlgs TK. AT 1559 ID and S/OFF.	45444	AN*
12120	18.03.17	1105	GUM	KTWR, Agana, Mongolian: Rlgs TK.	F.	RP
12120	23.03.17	1528-1545	GUM	KTWR, Agana, EE: Rlgs TK, Song "We praise your Righteousness" by Sovereign Grace Music, song "Miracle Child" and ID.	45544	AN*
13630	10.03.17	1707-1716	BOT	VOA, Selebi Pikwe relay, PP: Interview.	35333	AN*
13680	19.03.17	1435-1505	ZMB	VO Hope Africa, Lusaka, EE: IDs by OM.	F.	LB
13680	26.03.17	1608-1640	ZMB	VO Hope Africa, Lusaka, EE: Rlgs TK, 1630 ID, Song "Some trust in Chariots" by Robin Mark. At 1634 PX: "Turning Point".	35333	AN*
13800	10.03.17	1120	SOM	Puntland R., Garowe, Somali: TK.	F.	RP
15140	10.03.17	1444-1454	OMA	R.Oman, Muscat, EE: Songs "That's What I like" by Bruno Mars, "It ain't me" by Kigo & Selena Gomez,	55444	AN*

15140	23.03.17	1423-1428	OMA	"Call on me" by Starley, interspersed with jingles R.Oman, Muscat, EE: Song "Welcome to the Black Para- de" by My Chemical Romance, TK, ID.	45444	AN*
15140	26.03.17	1515-1530	OMA	R.Sultanate of Oman FM, EE: (Increased time for EE?) Ed: Don't be surprised. I also noted many times that they "forget" to switch to PX in AA after 1500 hrs!	35333	PR
15190	04.03.17	1735-1850	B	R.Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte, PP: TK, songs, ID.	24322	MM
15190	11.03.17	1829-1840	B	R.Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte, PP: TK, ID.	14321	MM
15225	20.03.17	1253-1257*PHL		R.Veritas Asia, Paluig Zambales, Kachin: Song, TK, MX bridge. At 1257 ID in EE and S/OFF.	35333	AN
15235	10.03.17	1700-1705	AFS	Channel Africa, Johannesburg via Meyerton, EE: ID+NX	35433	AN*
15235	20.03.17	1750	AFS	Channel Africa, Johannesburg via Meyerton, EE: MX.	G.	RP
15340	19.03.17	1228-1240	AUS	Reach Beyond Australia, via Kununurra, EE: IS, ID, at 1230 into Urdu with MX Bridge abd TK.	35333	AN
15340	26.03.17	1439-1445*AUS		Reach Beyond Australia, Kununurra, EE: TK. At 1444 ID and S/OFF.	25422	AN*
15420	18.03.17	1800-1815	MDG	R.Itahuka, via Talata Volonondry, Kirundi: NX by OM	G.	LB
15420	26.03.16	1700-1707	MDG	VO Oromo Liberation, Talata Volonondry, Oromo: Horn of Africa style MX and TK	25422	AN*
15430	19.03.17*1301-1306		GUM	KSDA AWR, Agat, EE: ID then into Dzungkha w/ ID+Song	45444	AN*
15430	26.03.17	1330-1400	CEY	Deutsche Welle, Trincomalee relay, Dari: IS, ID, NX.	35433	AN*
15476	16.03.17	2018-2026	ATA	LRA 36 R Nacional, Base Esperanza, SS: TK by YL. Extremely weak. Barely audible, better on USB.	14321	MM
15476	29.03.17	1904-1916	ATA	LRA R.Nacional Arcángel S.Gabriel, Base Esperanza, SS: Songs, TK. Extremely weak, Audible only on USB.	14321	MM
15580	01.03.17	0600-0604	BOT	VOA, Selebi Pikwe relay, EE: NX with Trump's speech.	35433	AN
15580	18.03.17	1742-1744	BOT	VOA, Washington via Selebi Pikwe relay. EE: ID, TK.	35333	AN
15580	26.03.17	1430-1434	BOT	VOA, Selebi Pikwe Relay, EE: PX "The Correspondents" focused on Terrorist attack in London, ID.	45444	AN*
17530	26.03.17	1505-1518	STP	VOA, Pinheira relay, EE: PX Music Time in Africa, ID	45444	AN*
17660	04.03.17	1410	ARS	R.Saudi International, Riyadh, FF: Holy Quran.	G.	RP
17660	10.03.17	1417-1421	ARS	R.Saudi International, Riyadh, FF: ID, MX bridge, TK	35322	AN*
17660	23.03.17*1410-1420		ARS	R.Saudi Int., Riyadh, FF: ID, PX on Islam.	34433	AN*
17660	26.03.17*1400-1420		ARS	R.Saudi Int., Riyadh, FF: ID, Freqs, Web, Holy Quran	34433	AN*
17730	10.03.17	1423-1443	CUB	R.Habana Cuba, Bauta, SS: NX report, ID. At 1529 IS	35333	AN*
17730	26.03.17	1421-1428	CUB	R.Habana Cuba, Bauta, SS: TK on Philately, ID.	25332	AN*
17765	26.02.17	1745	F	R.Kallacha Wolubummaa Oromiyaa (Front for Indepen- dence of Oromia), via Issoudun, Oromo: MX. E-mail: wajirakwo@gmail.com	F.	RP
17845	18.03.17*1159-1219		UAE	R.Ergo, via Dhabbaya, Somali: ID,MX bridge, TK+Songs	35333	AN
17845	19.03.17*1200-1219		UAE	R.Ergo, via Dhabbaya, Somali: ID, MX bridge, TK.	35433	AN

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AN = Antonello Napolitano in Taranto (Italy). RX: ICOM IC R70, Sony ICF 2001. ANT: 20 metre outdoor wire. Tecsun AN-200 Medium Wave Tunable Loop antenna.

AN* = Antonello Napolitano in Taranto (Italy). RX: KENWOOD R-1000. ANT: inverted "V"+20m wire.

DV = Dave Valko in Dunlo (PA-USA). RX: Perseus. ANT: Wellbrook ALA1530S, 153 foot Delta Loop.

LB = Luca Botto Fiora in Rapallo (Italy). RX: R7 Drake, Yaesu VR5000, Tecsun PL-660, Degen DE1103. ANT: 75 cm loop ferrite rod, Magnetic Loop Antenna, 20 m Windom dipole antenna.

MM = Manuel Méndez in Friol or Lugo (Spain). RX: Sangean ATS-0909X, Tecsun PL880, Sony ICF SW 7600G, ANT: Degen, 31MS active loop antenna and 8 metre cable antenna.

PR = Rumen Pankov, in Sofia (Bulgaria). RX: Sony ICF2001D. ANT: Folded Marconi antenna 16 meters long own made, Rod for MW.

RP = Roberto Pavanello in Vercelli (Italy). RX: EGZ DX 10, Icom R-71. ANT: EGZ LPF1R ferrite loop for reception of MW, 30-metre long wire.

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NB: Radio stations are listed under the country in which the transmitter (not studios!) is (or presumed to be) located. Unless otherwise stated, reception reports should be considered as sent by electronic mail.

ARMENIA

NRW Radiofreunde, via Gavar, 6145 kHz: F/D QSL card "Stylized drawing of antennas and a special stamp" in 116 days. E-mail: info@radiofreunde-nrw.de (Alexander Golovikhin, Togliatti-RUSSIA).

Radio Menschen & Geschichten, via Gavar, 6005 kHz: F/D QSL card in 86 days for report with audioclip sent to: info@shortwaveservice.com (Rafael Martínez, Barcelona-SPAIN).

BHUTAN

Bhutan Broadcasting Service, 6035 kHz. F/D QSL letter (Pdf format) and friendly message 6 days after my 4th F/UP. Total time from my original report: 14 months. V/S: Kaka Tshering, General Manager BBS radio. F/UP sent to: kakatshering@bbs.bt NB: The report was about reception via Twentw web SDR receiver in Holland. (Antonello Napolitano, Taranto-ITALY).

CHINA

Holy Tibet, 6130 kHz: F/D QSL card in 105 days for report with audioclip sent to: 925403176@qq.com but the QSL includes as official address: holytibetprogram@163.com - Previously I received an e-mail with station info and nice pictures of Tibet. (Rafael Martínez, Barcelona-SPAIN).

FRANCE

Radio Maria, 1467 kHz: F/D e-QSL in 19 days for report in French with audio clip sent to: qsl@radiomaria.org (Rafael Martínez, Barcelona-SPAIN).

GERMANY

Atlantic 2000 International, via Kall Krekel, 6005 kHz and 7310 kHz: F/D eQSL featuring a "Boat at sea" in 10 days. E-mail: atlantic2000international@gmail.com (Alexander Golovikhin, Togliatti-RUSSIA).

Radio Mi Amigo International, via Kall Krekel, 6085 kHz: F/D QSL in 92 days. Address: Avenida de Europa 85, Urb. La Marina, San Fulgencio, Alicante, Spain. Electronic report to: info@radiomiamigo.es (Roberto Pavanello, Vercelli-ITALY).

Radio BCL News, via Rohbach Waal, 6070 kHz: eQSL in 26 days. E-mail: info@bclnews.it V/S: Roberto Scaglione. (Roberto Pavanello, Vercelli-ITALY).

ITALY

Enterprise Radio, 6950 kHz: F/D QSL card "Space theme" in 29 days. E-mail: enterpriseradio@hotmail.com (Alexander Golovikhin, Togliatti-RUSSIA).

Enterprise Radio, 6950 kHz: e-QSL received in a few hours for report with audio clip sent to: enterpriseradio@hotmail.com (Rafael Martínez, Barcelona-SPAIN).

Key Channel Radio, 6915 kHz: Special e-QSL celebrating the 1st anniversary of the station, station information and pictures in 1 day for report with audioclip sent to: keyradioam@gmail.com (Rafael Martínez, Barcelona-SPAIN).

KUWAIT

Radio Free Asia, via IBB Kuwait, 11800 kHz: F/D QSL card featuring "2017- Year of the Rooster" in 50 days. E-mail: qsl@rfa.org (Alexander Golovikhin, Togliatti-RUSSIA).

LITHUANIA

Radio Japan NHK World, via Sitkunai, 9510 kHz: F/D QSL card featuring "Rolled A Fog Over the Woods" in 64 days. Report to Russian section via website. (Alexander Golovikhin, Togliatti-RUSSIA).

MOLDOVA

Radio Payam-e Doost, via Kishinev, 7480 kHz: F/D eQSL in 1 day. Report sent/and verification came to/from Pridnestrovsky Radio TV Centre: prtc@idknet.com (Roberto Pavanello, Vercelli-ITALY).

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Radio Free Asia, via Tinian, 5885 and 9300 kHz: F/D QSL cards (RFA 20th anniversary) in 11 and 29 days for report with audio clip sent to: qsl@rfa.org (Rafael Martínez, Barcelona-SPAIN).

PHILIPPINES

Radio Veritas Asia, 15225 kHz: F/D QSL card, acknowledgement card, 2 stickers and bookmark in 230 days. It should be said that the QSL is dated 15 September 2016 and sent on 26 January 2017. In the meantime I sent a F/UP on 13 January 2017. The reply came 63 days after my F/UP but apparently they acknowledged my original reception report. A few days before I also received (See DX Fanzine nr. 42) a N/D acknowledgement card, 2 stickers and Waterproof Bag Case for Cell Phone with RVA logo, by registered mail. V/S: Arlene A. Donarber. (Antonello Napolitano, Taranto-ITALY)-

PIRATE

Radio Mexico, 6265 kHz: F/D eQSL in 2 hours. E-mail: radio.mexico@web.deNB: The reply came from gcotten5558@gmail.com (Roberto Pavanello, Vercelli-ITALY).

Radio Deltracks, 6295 kHz: P/D friendly E-mail message in 19 days. E-mail: info@deltracks.nl V/S: Jan Koot. The reply came from: schilderjos@gmail.com (Roberto Pavanello, Vercelli-ITALY).

Radio March Music, 6200 kHz: F/D eQSL in 11 days. E-mail: radiomarchmusic@gmx.net (Roberto Pavanello, Vercelli-ITALY).

Radio Orion 2000, 6940 kHz: e-QSL in 23 days for report with audio clip sent to: radioorion2000@gmail.com (Rafael Martínez, Barcelona-SPAIN).

Mustang Radio, 3905 kHz: e-QSL in 1 day for report with audio clip sent to: mustangradio@live.nl (Rafael Martínez, Barcelona-SPAIN).

FRS Holland, 7700 kHz: e-QSL and e-letter verifying the 2016 Boxing day transmission in 87 days for report with audioclip sent to: frs@frsholland.nl (Rafael Martínez, Barcelona-SPAIN).

SAO TOME' E PRINCIPE

VOA, via Pinheira, 1530 kHz: F/D QSL CARD and leaflet in 244 days. The QSL mentions full A16 period instead of my date of reception, (29 June 2016) full 0300-0400 block hour instead of my time of reception (0326-0336). Only frequency is correct while transmitter site was omitted! The envelope includes the following stamp: "Shipped AUG 05 2016"! Report sent to: letters@VOA.gov, askvoa@voanews.com, lettersuser@voanews.com,

voanews@voanews.com. Luckily, see DX Fanzine nr. 35, I already got a F/D, including transmitter site, E-mail message from Helena de Menezes, Manager's secretary IBB Sao Tome Transmitting station in one day. The report was sent to: HMENEZES@bbg.gov - (Antonello Napolitano, Taranto-ITALY).

TAJIKISTAN

Shortwave Service, via Dushanbè, 9900 kHz: F/D QSL card "Wooden bird on the background of the antennas" in 43 days. E-mail: info@shortwaveservice.com (Alexander Golovikhin, Togliatti-RUSSIA).

TURKEY

Voice of Turkey, 9410 kHz: F/D QSL card in 90 days for report to Russian section: russian@trt.net.tr (Alexander Golovikhin, Togliatti - RUSSIA).

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Deutsche Welle, via Dhabbaya, 11620 kHz: F/D QSL card featuring "Vintage radios" in 24 days. E-mail: tb@dw-world.de (Alexander Golovikhin, Togliatti-RUSSIA).

UNITED KINGDOM

KBS World, via Woofferton, 7235 kHz: F/D QSL card featuring "The mascots of PyeongChang 2018/Meet Soohorang & Bandabi" in 26 days. Report to Russian section: russian@kbs.co.kr (Alexander Golovikhin, Togliatti-RUSSIA).

INTERNATIONAL DX NEWS

GUAM Here is the A17 Spring/Summer Schedule of KTWR, Effective March 26 2017. Address: Trans World Radio - Guam, P.O. Box 6095 Merizo, Guam 96916 USA. Reports by E-mail can be sent to: Rebecca Philyaw: rphilyaw@twr.org (Antonello Napolitano, Taranto-ITALY).

Language	Time	UTC	Days	Frequency/MB
Cantonese	1400-1430		Mon-Fri	9975/31
Mandarin	1015-1100		Mon-Fri	13710/22
Mandarin	1015-1100		Saturday	13710/22
Mandarin	1030-1100		Mon-Fri	12120/25
Mandarin	1145-1200		Saturday	11695/25
Mandarin	1130-1200		Sunday	9910/31
Mandarin	1100-1230		Mon-Fri	9910/31
Mongolian	1100-1115		Mon-Sun	12120/25
Cantonese	1115-1130		Mon-Sun	12120/25
Hakka	1130-1145		Mon-Sun	12120/25
Mandarin	1145-1200		Mon-Fri	12120/25
Mandarin	1145-1200		Mon-Fri	11695/25
Mandarin	1130-1145		Mon-Fri	11695/25
Mandarin	1315-1430		Sunday	9975/31
Mandarin	1330-1430		Saturday	9975/31
Mandarin	1345-1430		Mon-Fri	9975/31
Cantonese	1315-1345		Mon-Fri	9975/31

Mandarin	1415-1430 Mon-Fri	9975/31
Nosu Yi	1200-1215 Mon-Sun	11580/25
English	1345-1415 Sunday	9975/31
Korean	1345-1500 Mon-Fri	7510/41
Korean	1345-1515 Saturday	7510/41
Korean	1345-1515 Sunday	7510/41
English	1315-1345 Saturday	7510/41
Japanese	1215-1245 Sunday	9900/41
English	1430-1500 Mon-Sat	9975/31
English	1230-1300 Saturday	11695/25
English	1100-1105 Monday	11965/25
English	1115-1125 Tuesday-Friday	11965/25
English	1215-1240 Monday-Friday	9900/31
English	1100-1115 Tuesday-Friday	11965/25
English	1030-1100 Sunday	11965/25
English	1100-1130 Sunday	11965/25
English	1000-1015 Saturday	11995/25
English	1000-1025 Mon-Fri	11995/25
English	1015-1045 Saturday	11995/25
Madurese	1000-1030 Mon-Fri	11965/25
Sundanese	1030-1100 Mon-Fri	11965/25
English	1000-1030 Sunday	11965/25
Indonesian	1030-1100 Sunday	11965/25
Burmese	1200-1230 Mon-Fri	12040/25
Burmese	1200-1230 Saturday	12040/25
Burmese	1200-1245 Sunday	12040/25
S'gaw Karen	1230-1300 Mon-Fri	12040/25
S'gaw Karen	1245-1300 Sunday	12040/25
S'gaw Karen	1230-1300 Saturday	12040/25
Vietnamese	1245-1315 Mon-Fri	11580/25
Vietnamese	1245-1315 Saturday	11580/25
Vietnamese	1245-1315 Sunday	11580/25
Kok Borok	1230-1300 Mon-Fri	11695/25
Kok Borok	1245-1300 Sunday	11695/25
Dzongkha	1230-1245 Sat-Sun	11580/25
Santhali	1215-1230 Sat-Sun	11580/25
Hindi	1400-1415 Saturday	11695/25
Hindi	1315-1330 Sunday	11585/25
Hindi	1315-1345 Mon-Fri	11585/25
Assamese	1200-1230 Mon-Fri	11695/25
Manapuri	1315-1330 Saturday	11585/25
Telugu	1315-1330 Sunday	11695/25
Hindi	1330-1345 Sunday	11585/25
Nepali	1330-1345 Saturday	11585/25
Kashmiri	1345-1400 Sat-Sun	11585/25
Dogri	1345-1400 Mon-Fri	11585/25
Garhwali	1400-1415 Mon-Fri	11585/25
Hindi	1400-1430 Sat-Sun	11585/25
Hindi	1414-1435 Mon-Fri	11585/25

ITALY Italian Broadcasting Corporation (IBC) has introduced a new 30 minutes weekly broadcast in English, to Europe and the Americas; at the end of every English broadcast there will be 5 minutes of "IBC Digital" in MFSK32. Reception reports and feedbacks to: ibc@Europe.com - More details on their website: www.ibcradio.webs.com which is constantly updated. FB: @ITALIANBROADCASTINGCORPORATION TW: @RADIOIBC - Here is the new full schedule, effective March 26 2017:

ENGLISH: Wednesday: 18.30-19.00 6070 kHz (Channel 292, Rohrbach Waal, Germany), 1584 kHz (Radio Studio X, Momigno, Italy) to Europe; Thursday: 02.30-03.00 1584 kHz (Radio Studio X, Momigno, Italy) to Europe; Friday: 01.00-01.30 9955 kHz (WRMI, Okechoobee, USA) to Central/South America; Saturday: 01.30-02.00 11580 kHz (WRMI, Okechoobee, USA) to North America; 20.00-20.30 1584 kHz (Radio Studio X, Momigno, Italy) to South Europe; Sunday: 00.30-01.00 7730 kHz (WRMI, Okechoobee, USA) to North America; 10.30-11.00 6070 kHz (Channel 292, Rohrbach Waal, Germany) to Europe (via Radio BCL News).

"IBC Digital" (In MFSK32): Wednesday: 18.55 6070 kHz (Channel 292, Rohrbach Waal, Germany), 1584 kHz (Radio Studio X, Momigno, Italy) to Europe; Thursday: 02.55 1584 kHz (Radio Studio X, Momigno, Italy) to Europe; Friday: 01.25 9955 kHz (WRMI, Okechoobee, USA) to Central/South America; Saturday: 01.55 11580 kHz (WRMI, Okechoobee, USA) to North America; 20.25 1584 kHz (Radio Studio X, Momigno, Italy) to South Europe; Sunday: 00.55 7730 kHz (WRMI, Okechoobee, USA) to North America; 10.55 6070 kHz (Channel 292, Rohrbach Waal, Germany) to Europe (via Radio BCL News).

ITALIAN to Europe: Wednesday: 17.00-18.30 6070 kHz (Channel 292, Rohrbach Waal, Germany), 1584 kHz (Radio Studio X, Momigno, Italy); Thursday: 01.00-02.30 1584 kHz (Radio Studio X, Momigno, Italy); Saturday: 13.00-14.00 6070 kHz (Channel 292, Rohrbach Waal, Germany). (Antonello Napolitano, ITALY).

MICRONESIA The Cross station, 4755 kHz. is still inactive. Here is what the station replied to an E-mail about their plans to return back to short waves: "Dear Manuel, Thank you for your inquiry. At present, the power situation in the island is not consistent with many power outages throughout the day. We are working on getting solar equipment to be able to do the SW again. Please pray for provision. God bless! Melinda Melinda R. Espinosa, CFO/Administrator, Pacific Mission Aviation, P.O Box 3209, Hagatna Guam 96932, www.pmapacific.org" (Manuel Méndez, Spain).

VOICE OF HOPE NOW BROADCASTING TO THE MIDDLE EAST

Sea of Galilee, Israel – March 28, 2017 - The state of Israel, in an unprecedented decision, has allocated a radio broadcast frequency to an American Christian evangelical radio network that will broadcast messages of hope and peace to the people in Syria, Lebanon, Cyprus and Jordan and expanded night-time coverage into Turkey and Egypt. This is the first time a Christian broadcast frequency has been granted in Israel and the first domestic radio station with international purpose.

The VOICE OF HOPE – AM 1287 broadcasts in Arabic and some English to the Arab population, much of which is in a dire situation in the countries surrounding Israel and who are under religious persecution in Syria.

The radio station is a continuation of the VOICE OF HOPE, which was established in 1979 by Christian businessman George Otis, and which broadcast until 2000. The new VOICE OF HOPE is owned and operated by Strategic Communications Group, a global Christian Evangelical radio network with radio stations reaching Latin America and Africa. “I am excited that this powerful Christian radio station was licensed by the State of Israel to deliver a message of hope and encouragement to the people of the Middle East. The Voice of Hope is established in support of Christians of the Middle East and is a gift of love from Christians in the United States and Canada.” - John Tayloe, Founder and President.

The VOICE OF HOPE was inaugurated this week in the presence of Israel’s Minister of Communication, Tzachi Hanegbi who said, “This radio station exemplifies the deep connection and unique bond that Israel has with the American people and between Jews and Christians. We are certain that the message of hope that will be brought by the station will be an uplifting tool and a benefit to our neighbors. The State of Israel supports any message of peace to the people in neighboring countries and this is why we decided to support the reestablishment of the Voice of Hope.”

The VOICE OF HOPE broadcast studios are located on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, Israel. The programming will include Christian Arabic presenters, Arabic Christian music, news, education, drama and inspirational messages. (PRESS RELEASE taken from <http://www.voiceofhope.com/pressreleases.html>).

"REPLAY": Radio Tirana then and now

Originally written by Antonello Napolitano in November 1992

As many of our readers are aware, a few weeks ago Radio Tirana announced the end of its shortwave broadcasts. The reason was that they have outdated transmitters. Although the contents of its broadcasts were completely unrealistic, Radio Tirana was, until the end of 80’s, well known to most shortwave listeners.

In 1992 I wrote a very long and detailed report about Radio Tirana, which appeared in DX Fanzine no. 14, at that time an irregularly edited shortwave publication delivered by mail. A part of the content for this story was gleaned from monitoring research, as my home city Taranto, is located in Puglia, the region of Italy which stands in front of Albania. Both, the home and external service of Radio Tirana, as well as some regional radio stations and the TV service from this close but (at that time) mysterious country, were an easy catch for me (Needless to say, Radio Tirana meant for me the start of shortwave hobby).

What leaves me surprised, 25 years after, is that in 1992 the option of suspending the external service, because of outdated means and equipment, was already on the

table! The disappearance of Radio Tirana is just the last sign (and there will be others in the next future, Vatican Radio just to mention one) of how fast shortwave radio is declining. As some of our readers are too young to remember the role that Radio Tirana played during the golden era of shortwave broadcasting, I decided to re-publish, 25 years later, this in depth review of radio and TV in Albania.

I hope you will enjoy it. Feedbacks are welcome to: tarantodx@hotmail.com

Antonello Napolitano, Editor of DX Fanzine.

INTRODUCTION

Albania has a population of over 3 million and an area of 28,748 square kilometres. It is divided into 26 districts and borders the former Yugoslavia and Greece. The Albanian broadcasting structure is controlled by the Radio-Televizione Shqiptar (RTSH). In particular, this organization, which is state-run, operates a national TV network, two national radio programmes, Radio Tirana's external service and some regional stations. Since 1964 the RTSH headquarters is located in a building in the South East part of Tirana.

THE NATIONAL HOME SERVICES

The first Albanian national programme signs on at 04.00 and runs till 23.00 UTC, It is carried mainly on medium wave and is easily heard in Italy on 1089 kHz. It has also been relayed on the shortwave frequencies of 5020 and 5057 kHz for some years. Both channels, which gave fine reception in Italy, are now inactive.

The second home service programme runs from 10.00 to 15.00 UTC exclusively on 1458 kHz. As the name "Canali Idut Eksperimental" (Channel Two Experimental) suggests, this programme is still experimental. According to this year's World Radio TV Handbook, there are 14 medium wave stations in Albania, most of which are located in some district capitals.

Some observations can be made about the transmitter usage of the national programme. First some transmitters are not always used for the full span of the programme. The main frequency of 1089 kHz, for instance, is on the air from 04.00 to 07.00 and again from 11.00 to 23.00 UTC except for Sunday when it goes continuously. Another point which is interesting to mention is that parts of this programme are also relayed by a number of regional stations.

REGIONAL STATIONS

According to Radio Tirana there are 4 regional radio stations broadcasting from Albania. They are Radio Korce, Radio Kukesi, Radio Shkoder and Radio Gjirokaster, All of these stations, except Radio Gjirokaster, are also included in the World Radio TV Handbook (WRTH) 1992 together with, Radio Rrogozhina on 648 kHz, Radio Pogradec on 693 kHz, Radio Kelcyra on 864 kHz, Radio Puke on 972 kHz and Radio Fier on 1260 kHz.

With the only exception of Radio Puke on 972 kHz, all of these stations are heard here in Taranto. According to the World Radio TV Handbook 1992, these stations in addition to their own local programmes carry relays from the Tirana national programme. However, except for Radio Kukesi on 990 kHz and Radio Shkoder on

1323 kHz, none of these stations has ever been heard carrying local programmes, so a question mark must hang over their real function.

Radio Shkoder which operates on 1323 kHz starts its programmes at 11.00 UTC. It is good until around 15.00 UTC when Radio Moscow International dominates the channel. News from the Tirana national programme are relayed from 14.30 until around 15.05 UTC (14.00 to 14.30 on Sundays when the soccer season is open) in Winter and one hour earlier when summer time is in force.

Harder-to-hear is Radio Kukes which operates on 990 kHz. Though its channel is almost always blocked by other stations such as the RAI and RIAS Berlin, it can sometimes be heard from its sign on at 16.00 UTC until around 19.00 hours UTC.

Other listed regional stations in Albania have never been heard carrying local programmes here in Taranto. They seem to be mere relays of the Tirana national programme without any programme of their own. There are some other stations, whose nature is unclear, listed in the World Radio and TV Handbook edition 1992's long and medium wave frequency table such as Berati (1170 kHz), Prenjas (1494 kHz), etc., but it is unsure whether they are actually on the air or not as we have never heard them.

TELEVISION IN ALBANIA

Albanian Television (TV Shqiptar in the Albanian language) traces its origin back to April 29, 1960. Until 1965, TV programmes were about 2 hours, 3 evenings per week. Initially, they were received only in Tirana and Durres, but later with the addition of new transmitters they were also seen in other cities. For the first 11 years Television was experimental. Regular daily programmes were started in 1971. Since then Albanian Television grew constantly and by 1981 was going colour. Albania uses the PAL colour system. The Radio Television Shqiptar (RTSH) has also created its own National Symphony Orchestra. This it did in 1962. The programmes are varied and touch all fields of interests. Full use is made of RTSH's network of domestic correspondents in the production of TV programmes.

According to an Italian magazine, the number of TV sets in Albania is 250,000. A monitoring research made by Carlo Pepe in 1986 has revealed that special events programmes, like World Cup Football (Soccer) matches, aired by the Italian Radio and Television (RAI), are relayed by picking them up off the air. In fact, given the short distance to some RAI transmitters, there is good reception in Albania of transmissions from the 3 Italian television networks.

During the broadcast of these events, while the original Italian dialogue is faded out and the comment of a studio announcer in Tirana is added, the screen shows the original RAI letter mark, which identifies the TV station. This is probably evidence of the Albanian Television's impossibility to have access to any broadcast material made available to affiliated stations by international broadcasting organizations like EBU.

RADIO TIRANA INTERNATIONAL

"Radio Tirana is a typical example of a totally-dehumanized station". Some critical listener's groups said that ten years ago. Whatever their reasons, their assertion was largely correct. The station used to broadcast long talks about Marxism-

Leninism and hold a hostile attitude not only toward Western countries but also toward what it described as "revisionist-ruled" nations (the other Communist countries loyal to the Soviet Union).

The invasion of Albania by Italian Armed forces on April 7, 1939 meant the start of an armed rebellion. A few months before the end of the World War II forces of the Communist Party of Albania, led by Enver Hoxha, seized control of the country and imposed one of the most fanatic Marxist-Leninist regimes. The country established close ties with Soviet Union and other Communist regimes but after the end of Stalin's era in 1961, when the then Secretary of the Communist Party of Soviet Union, Nikita Krushchev accused his predecessor of crimes ranging from personality cult to the murder of thousands of political opponents, diplomatic relations were officially broken. This event led to the complete isolation of Enver Hoxha's Stalinist regime.

In the years since then, Hoxha's hostility for the U.S.S.R., and much of the outside world, has never diminished. But all that began to change in 1990, when the then President (and leader of the Communist Party) Ramiz Alia, in an effort to not lose power, inaugurated a process of democratization.

In Albania today, freedom and democracy are reflected in every walk of life. Only 2 years ago, there was no freedom of expression and official media were heavily censored. It was in this atmosphere that Radio Tirana, which often engaged in dogmatic battles with other Communist countries, has been operating for many years.

Radio broadcasting in Albania traces its history back to November 28, 1938, when the first broadcast was made over a 3-kW short-wave station. Regular programmes by Radio Tirana started only after the liberation of Tirana, on November 27, 1944. The following day, the triumphal words of the then head of government Enver Hoxha celebrating the so-called Democratic government's entry into Tirana, were heard for the first time over the transmitters of Radio Tirana.

Because of lack of adequate recording equipment, during the first years of its operation Radio Tirana has been broadcasting only live programmes. From 1947 to 1950 Radio Tirana broadcast daily only 7.5 hours of domestic programmes as well as 4 hours of foreign programmes in English, French, Italian, Serbo-Croat and Greek. Later the following language services were added: Arabic in 1952, Russian and Bulgarian in 1961, Hungarian and German in 1964, Spanish in 1965, Polish and Czech in 1966, Indonesian in 1967, Portuguese in 1968, Romanian in 1969, Turkish in 1976, Chinese in 1978, Persian in 1979 and Swedish in 1981. On the technical side, the first medium wave transmitter became operational in 1952. It had a power of 50 kW.

The decades since that transmitter was put into operation, have been years of growth with the addition of new medium and shortwave transmitters. For a time Radio Tirana relayed the broadcasts of Radio Beijing in return for a lot of technical assistance from the People's Republic of China. But when the political relationships strained between the two countries the relays went away.

With the communism's end in Albania, programmes changed a lot at Radio Tirana, mostly in the way of reporting, according to a translator in the English department of Radio Tirana. "Apart from becoming more free and more flexible our news coverage was more complete and more realistic" he continued. That change was reflected in the listeners' attitude toward Radio Tirana. In the words of the English Department's translator, whose former position in the listener's service gave him a chance to analyze what foreign listeners were writing, during the Communist years listeners flattered Radio Tirana just as they did with many other stations in Eastern Europe only to get a QSL card. What they did was to say good words about Albania as well as Radio Tirana. But now their comments on the programmes are more open and more realistic.

Until the breakdown of Communism in Albania, Radio Tirana was totally controlled by a Communist Party organization which, after the peaceful revolution was disbanded because the Parliament decided that the radio should be a neutral organization, totally independent from the government. This means that Communists have completely lost their power. Thus, although most of them are still working at Radio Tirana they are not in high place positions. All the directors who are in charge now, for example, have never been members of the Communist Party. Because of this, Radio Tirana has lost its well-known Marxist-Leninist accent.

Before the fall of Communism in Albania, Radio Tirana had an enormous foreign service with 20 languages on the air. Some of these language services, however, were receiving very few letters. This is probably explained by the fact that programmes were of high political content and did not tell much about daily life in the country. In fact the main aim of Radio Tirana was to promote the cause of Communism in the world rather than to inform objectively about Albania. But after the revolution things changed dramatically at Radio Tirana which stopped broadcasting in 12 of the 20 languages it had then on the air. The eliminated language services were those directed to Eastern Europe as well as Chinese, Indonesian, Persian, Portuguese and others which took a lot of airtime.

During the past years the programmes of Radio Tirana directed to foreign countries were rather distinctive. Lots of long and emphatic talks about the magnificent achievements made in the development of the socialist economy and culture in Albania were presented and the well-known Communist song "The Internationale" was played at the end of each transmission. Further, the station used out-of-band frequencies such as 6200, 7080, 7090, 9375, 9480, 10510 and 16230 kHz.

A clear sign of changing times came on December 31, 1990 when the station suddenly announced it would be carrying commercials. Radio Tirana is clearly in economic difficulties and it seems the only way to keep the station going will be to use foreign sponsorship. At least 3 well known stations like the BBC, Trans World Radio and Radio France Internationale, expressed an interest in hiring the medium wave frequency of 1395 kHz and started negotiations with the Albanian authorities. Of these stations, Trans World Radio recently signed an agreement with Radio Tirana for the rent of that medium wave transmitter. As from the beginning of October, in fact, Trans World Radio has started broadcasting religious programmes to Eastern Europe from 20.30 to 21.30 UTC on 1395 kHz. The transmitter has an output of 1000 kW.

Given the technology available in the 1990's, Radio Tirana's equipment, is seriously outdated. According to a German listener who visited the station, the facilities seems to be a mixture of Chinese and Soviet equipment and very old indeed. "The studios are very simple with giant tape recorders", he continued. "The studio technician sits in front of a large panel of rotatable knobs and all the set ups resemble the control center of an electrical power station rather than a radio studio. But all seems to be in working order" he concluded.

All the news and features are made in central newsroom and then translated by the various language departments. Since 1990 producers in the various language sections have been allowed to make some programmes themselves, for example, the mailbag programme.

For many years the foreign programmes of Radio Tirana have been preceded by the first 9 notes of an Albanian patriotic song called "With pickaxe in one hand and rifle in the other", which tells how the Albanians managed to throw the Soviets out of their country. Having been written during the communist years, this song has been replaced by a new melody a couple of years ago.

Radio Tirana currently broadcasts daily in eight languages: English, French, Spanish, Turkish, Greek, Serbo-Croat, Italian and German. There are also some programmes in Albanian bringing the total number of languages used to 9. Its daily programmes consist of news, commentary, sport, mailbag and music. About 4 years ago a section for the production and distribution of high-quality recordings was created. Cassettes devoted to Albanian music from folk to light, to instrumental, to symphonic may be purchased by individuals through Radio Tirana. Video cassettes with the recording of Albanian dramas, films and concerts are also available.

A news bulletin from Tirana on 26th September 1992, said that it is now possible to include advertisements for domestic and foreign companies in any of its foreign language programmes. Further information about this new service may be obtained by calling one of these telephone numbers: 23775, 28322 (The fax numbers are 27919 and 23775).

The future of Radio Tirana appears more uncertain than ever before. Speaking of the possibility of the suspension of the service, Radio Tirana, said on April 21, 1992 this: "It is true. Radio Tirana is facing major difficulties especially in terms of outdated means and equipment it continues to employ for its broadcasts. Nevertheless our staff is doing the utmost to keep work going because Albania is seeking broad recognition among the world community and Radio Tirana would be a good start for this".

Although the political climate is much different today, Albania is still a mysterious country with many problems to contend with. Whatever happens, let us hope that everything will be done to save an important bridge of communications between Albania and the rest of the world like Radio Tirana.

SOURCES: Media Network, the weekly media programme of the English Service of Radio Netherlands; Austrian Shortwave panorama, the weekly media round up of

the English Service of Radio Austria International; Glenn Hauser's DX programme "World of Radio"; "Albania - Nozioni generali", a book edited in 1984 by the Tirana publishing company "8 Nentori"; Radio Tirana. Special thanks to Carlo Pepe and Mr. Lumo Shehu of the Albanian Embassy in Rome. **(Originally written and published in DX Fanzine no. 14 in November 1992!)**

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