

Bandscan Iran

- a personally bandscan of Iranian MW-stations in April 2001

When I was only 10 years old, the civil war between all the political and military fractions began in 1975 in Lebanon. Four years later in 1979, the shah left his country and another revolution began in Iran.

I was very fascinated - not by the wars - but the reasons for these massive outbreaks. As a young teenager, I simply couldn't understand why the people of specially Iran went to the streets in massive demonstrations in favour of a mad-looking ayatollah and an islamic republic.

Many years later I have turned this part of the World to be a major part of my life, both personally and as a journalist with a university degree in contemporary middle eastern history.

To keep up the knowledge of specially Iran, I am now also a tour guide for Danish tourists once a year in the islamic republic.

For MW-DXers, Iran is also very interesting. The national state radio IRIB is audible on many different medium wave frequencies in Europe, but unfortunately it is difficult to obtain reliable information about frequencies, schedules etc.

Medium wave is still used as the major band in all parts of Iran, although FM-outlets are also common in the urban areas.

In April 2001 I went to Iran again, this time with a Sony ICF-2001D in the suitcase, the latest issue of Herman Boels famous EMWG, and copies of WRTH 2001.

During many evenings I made a bandscan of Iranian medium wave stations. As I am not speaking any farsi/persian, it was hard to identify each station and I only got a little help from Iranian friends.

It was also very difficult - almost impossible - to get information about transmitter locations, as this seems to be kept secret by the authorities. I have, however, written to the Iranian Embassy in Copenhagen as well as IRIB and the Ministry of Information in Teheran to get a complete list of all IRIB-frequencies and transmitter-locations. The embassy have been very kind, but still not able to help me. I'll keep trying my best.

Therefore, the following list is only based on my personal observations during April 9th-22nd 2001 in Teheran, Shiraz, Yazd, Isfahan and Kashan.

An update will be made as soon as I have more information from the Ministry of Information or IRIB. My next visit to Iran will be next spring 2002, where I will continue to update this bandscan.

BANDSCAN IN SHIRAZ, YAZD, ISFAHAN, KASHAN AND TEHRAN:

Frequency	Station	Location	Language	Comments
531 kHz	IRIB 1	Hamadan	Persian	// many **)
540 kHz	IRIB 1	Mashad	Persian	// many **)
540 kHz	Kuwait		Arabic	
549 kHz	IRIB 1	Sirjan	Persian	// many **)
549 kHz	BSKSA		Arabic	// 648, 900 kHz a.o.
558 kHz	R. Farhang	Gheslagh	Persian	// 1152 kHz
567 kHz	R. Syria 1		Arabic	// 747, 918 kHz
576 kHz	R. Sultanate of Oman		Arabic	// 738, 1242 kHz
585 kHz	R. Quran	Tehran	Persian/Arabic	// 603 kHz
594 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	Local prg. heard
603 kHz	Radio Quran		Persian	// 585 kHz
621 kHz	Uid.		Persian	
630 kHz	Holy Quran, Kuwait		Arabic	//1341 kHz
639 kHz	IRIB 1	Bonab	Persian	// many **)

648 kHz	BSKSA	Jeddah	Arabic	// 549, 900 kHz
648 kHz	IRIB 1	Isfahan	Persian	// many **)
657 kHz	Kol Israel		English	Jammed, ID as "Radio Two"
657 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
666 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
684 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
702 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
711 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
720 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
738 kHz	R. Sultanate of Oman		Arabic	// 576, 1242 kHz
747 kHz	R. Syria 1		Arabic	// 567, 918 kHz
774 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
783 kHz	R. Syria (tent)		Arabic	
819 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
837 kHz	IRIB 1	Isfahan	Persian	// many **)
855 kHz	Uid.		Arabic	// 882 kHz ***)
882 kHz	Uid.		Arabic	// 855 kHz ***)
891 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
900 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
918 kHz	R. Syria 1		Arabic	// 567, 747 kHz
918 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
927 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
945 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
972 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
990 kHz	Uid.		Persian	Not IRIB 1
1008 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
1026 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
1035 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
1071 kHz	Uid.		Persian	Not IRIB 1
1134 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
1152 kHz	R. Farhang	Tabriz	Persian	// 558 kHz
1152 kHz	UAE Radio	Ras al Kaimah	Arabic	
1170 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
1188 kHz	R. Payam	Tehran	Persian	
1197 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
1206.1 kHz	Uid.		Arabic	
1215 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
1242 kHz	R. Sultanate of Oman		Arabic	// 576, 738 kHz
1251 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
1269 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
1296 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
1314 kHz	UAE Radio	Dabiya	Arabic	
1323 kHz	BBC World Service	Cyprus	English	// 1413 kHz
1332 kHz	R. Tehran	Tehran	Persian/Arabic	
1341 kHz	Holy Quran, Kuwait		Arabic	// 630 kHz
1359 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
1368 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
1413 kHz	BBC World Service	Oman	English	// 1323 kHz
1422 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
1431 kHz	IRIB 1	Isfahan	Persian	// many **)
1440 kHz	BSKSA	Dammam	Arabic	not heard // 900 kHz
1467 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
1485 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
1494 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)
1503 kHz	IRIB 1		Persian	// many **)

1548 kHz	IRIB 1	Persian	// many	**)
1548 kHz	VoA, Kuwait	English	untill 0300 UTC, then Persian	
1566 kHz	IRIB 1	Persian	// many	**)
1575 kHz	Kuwait	Arabic		
1584 kHz	IRIB 1	Persian	// many	**)

**) Carrying the same programme at the time of monitoring.

***) ID didn't sound like Radio Jordan, which is listed on 855 kHz, but not 882 kHz. Mostly heard here was a Koran-programme.

TEHERAN: 20th April 2001 during daytime (1245 UTC - 1715 local time):

Frequency	Station	Programme	Language	Signal etc.
558 kHz	Radio Farhang	talk	Persian	S4
585 kHz	Radio Quran	Koran	Persian/Arabic	S5 // 603 kHz
603 kHz	Radio Quran	Koran	Persian/Arabic	S2 // 585 kHz
900 kHz	IRIB 1	talk	Persian	S5
1188 kHz	Radio Payam	talk/music	Persian	S5
1332 kHz	Radio Tehran	talk/music	Persian	S3-4

Receiver: Sony ICF-2001D with built-in antenna.

Location: Hotel rooms in Tehran, Isfahan, Shiraz, Yazd and Kashan

This list is also available as a pdf-file on www.ddx1k.net (go to "Arkiv" and look for it).

Best 73's

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