

Re: New pronunciation of Bangalore

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On 2006-11-09 08:34:52 +0900, "Peter T. Daniels" <grammatim@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> said:

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Peter T. Daniels wrote:

Good luck to your Germs. At least the Third-Worlders don't try to impose diacritics that English-speakers don't notice and wouldn't know how to type.

Wrong. Until recently the Turkish government waged a fairly expensive campaign to oblige the world, especially the Anglos, to call the land Türkiye --unpronounceable and untypable. They seem to have relented a couple Thxgivings ago (but still. don't you dare write Smyrna, Magnesia, Melitene etc.)

Funny, that "campaign" never seems to have reached the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago.

But why do you find it unpronounceable?

Not knowing Turkish, I personally would have no idea how to say "Türkiye" if I saw it in an English text. (I could make a pretty good guess but it still wouldn't sound like English.)

Paul

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