

Re: New pronunciation of Bangalore

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Mike Wright wrote:

Oliver Cromm wrote:

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* Paul D wrote:

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.)

Why do English-speaking
people insist that the name
of every place in
the world has to sound like

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English?

For the same reason that Japanese-speaking people insist that every place in the world has to sound like Japanese and Chinese-speaking people insist that every place in the world has to sound like Chinese?

Why does Japan insist that switching to a Japanese name must be a prerequisite to acquiring Japanese citizenship?

I am not commenting on the specifically Japanese question.

In some countries the reasons are purely language related and don't have much to do with politics or nationalism. For example, if Mrs Smith acquired a Slovak or Czech citizenship, her official name in her passport and all other documents would probably be Smithová and she would have real hard time resisting that change.

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