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PURPOSE OF THIS BULLETIN

Changes in the political geography of various parts of the world necessitate a publication that provides the latest information on the names of countries, administrative divisions and other significant geographic features. The U.S. Board on Geographic Names (US BGN) publishes the *Foreign Names Information Bulletin* to fill this need. The US BGN Foreign Names Committee Staff at the National Imagery and Mapping Agency prepares and issues the Bulletin on a quarterly basis, or as needed.

This thirty-third bulletin provides former names and new names of major features approved by the US BGN since the issuance of the thirty-second bulletin in November 2002.

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INTERPRETATION OF ENTRIES

- Geographic names from languages not written in the Roman script are spelled in accordance with romanization systems approved by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (US BGN) and the Permanent Committee on Geographical Names for British Official Use (PCGN).
- Letters with diacritical marks (graphic marks usually occurring above or below a letter, e.g., an acute accent) define differences in pronunciation and/or meaning. By policy the US BGN retains these marks in its decisions.
- The US BGN may approve several alternate names for international features and features in multilingual areas. Labels in brackets distinguish these alternate names.
- The US BGN may approve conventional names (English-language names for features in areas where English is not habitually used) when such names are in widespread current usage. U.S. Federal Government users should refer to their own agency's policy for use of conventional names in lieu of or in addition to local official names.
- US BGN approved short-form names are identified by **bold** type. U.S. Federal Government users should refer to their own agency's policy for use of short-form names in lieu of or in addition to long-form names.
- The four-character Federal Information Processing Standard 10 (FIPS 10 "Countries, Dependencies, Areas of Special Sovereignty, and their Principal Administrative Divisions") code follows entries for country names and names of first-order administrative divisions. The code in the Former Name column is the heretofore-active code for the entity; FIPS 10 code changes are reflected in the New Name column.

DESIGNATION CODES AND DESIGNATIONS

ADM1	first-order administrative division (for example, a province)
PCLI	independent political entity
PPL	populated place
PPLA	capital of a first-order administrative division
PPLC	capital of independent political entity

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*Former Name**New Name*1. **COMOROS**

Comoros, Federal Islamic Republic of the [conventional];
 République Fédérale Islamique des Comores [French];
 Al Qumur [Arabic short form];
 Jumhūrīyah al Qumur al Ittiḥādīyah al Islāmīyah [Arabic long form];

PCLI 12°10' S 44°15' E

Comoros, Union of the [conventional];

Union des Comores [French];

Al Qumur [Arabic short form];

[Arabic long form to be determined];

Udzima wa Komori [Shikomoro];

PCLI 12°10' S 44°15' E

2. **SOUTH AFRICA**

Northern Province

ADM1 24°00'S 29°30'E (SF09)

Limpopo Province

ADM1 24°00'S 29°30'E (SF09)

Pietersburg

PPL 23°54'S 29°27'E (SF09)

Polokwane

PPLA 23°54'S 29°27'E (SF09)

3. **TIMOR LESTE**

Timor-Leste, Democratic Republic of [conventional];
 República Democrática de Timor-Leste [Portuguese];
 Repúblika Demokrátika Timor Lorosa'e [Tetum];
 PCLI, 8°50' S 125°45' E

East Timor [conventional short form];
 Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste [conventional long form];
 República Democrática de Timor-Leste [Portuguese];
 Repúblika Demokrátika Timor Lorosa'e [Tetum];
 PCLI, 8°50' S 125°45' E

4. **TUNISIA**

Tunisia, Republic of [conventional];
 Tūnis [Arabic short form];
 Al Jumhūrīyah at Tūnisīyah [Arabic long form];
 PCLI 34°00' N 9°00' E

Tunisia [conventional short form];
 Tunisian Republic [conventional long form];
Tūnis [Arabic short form];
 Al Jumhūrīyah at Tūnisīyah [Arabic long form];
 PCLI 34°00' N 9°00' E

<i>Former Name</i>	<i>New Name</i>
5. <u>TURKEY</u>	
İstanbul: PPL, 41° 01' 07" N 28° 57' 53" E	İstanbul [Turkish]; Istanbul [conventional]: PPL, 41° 01' 07" N 28° 57' 53" E
6. <u>CAPITAL CITIES</u>	
Georgia	
T'bilisi: PPLC, 41° 43' 30" N 44° 47' 27" E	T'bilisi [Georgian]; Tbilisi [conventional]: PPLC, 41° 43' 30" N 44° 47' 27" E
Japan	
Tōkyō: PPLC, 35° 41' 06" N 139° 45' 05" E	Tōkyō [Japanese]; Tokyo [conventional]: PPLC, 35° 41' 06" N 139° 45' 05" E
North Korea	
P'yōngyang: PPLC, 39° 01' 10" N 125° 45' 17" E	P'yōngyang [Korean]; Pyongyang [conventional]: PPLC, 39° 01' 10" N 125° 45' 17" E
Pakistan	
Islāmābād: PPLC, 33° 42' N 73° 10' E	Islāmābād [Urdu]; Islamabad [conventional]: PPLC, 33° 42' N 73° 10' E
Taiwan	
T'ai-peì: PPLC, 25° 01' N 121° 27' E	T'ai-peì [Chinese]; Taipei [conventional]: PPLC, 25° 01' N 121° 27' E