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**List of Country Names and Their Capitals in
Turkish Language (2007-2009)***

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Summary

A compilation of legally approved and standardized Turkish equivalents of country names and their capitals is carried out in parallel work of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names. The list of country names and their capitals in Turkish is compiled by the General Command of Mapping of the Ministry of Defense on the basis of the ISO 3166 standard (see E/CONF.94/CRP.11). With some refine mails and additions the list is an extended version of exonyms (European countries and their capitals in Turkish) published by General Command of Mapping in 1992.

1.1 Countries Names

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Exonyms of country names and capital cities have been examined by the Turkish Language Society and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the purpose of generating a list for nationwide use. The list of exonyms will be improved by adding information about feature type, latitude, longitude and date. Although a draft version is available, the list will be published in the website of Board and member organizations only after approval.