



The Permanent Committee on Geographical Names

## Turkmenistan: Geographical Names

This paper supplements and updates the material presented in the PCGN March 2001 document *Geographical Names Policy in Turkmenistan: Background and recent name changes* which outlined the background to our names policy in Turkmenistan.

PCGN policy has recently changed to reflect the new Roman-script spellings now encountered in Turkmenistan.

The list below shows recent name changes in the country with the new name in its Turkmen Roman-script form.

### Recent name changes in Turkmenistan

| <u>Old name transliterated from Russian Cyrillic</u> | <u>Old Name transliterated from Turkmen Cyrillic</u> | <u>New name in Turkmen Roman</u> | <u>Position</u> |
|--|--|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Imeni Chapayeva                                      | Chapayew Adyndaky                                    | <b>S. A. Nyýazow Adyndaky</b>    | 36 42N 62 27E   |
| Chardzhev  | Chärjew  | <b>Türkmenabat</b>               | 39 06N 63 34E   |
| Charshanga   | Charshangny  | <b>Köýtendag</b>                 | 37 30N 66 01E   |
| Cheleken   | Cheleken   | <b>Hazar</b>                     | 39 26N 53 07E   |
| Dyanev   | Dänew  | <b>Galkynyş</b>                  | 39 16N 63 11E   |
| Dashkhovuz   | Dashhowuz  | <b>Daşoguz</b>                   | 41 50N 59 58E   |
| Gazandzhyk   | Gazanjyk   | <b>Bereket</b>                   | 39 16N 55 32E   |
| Gushgy   | Gushgy   | <b>Serhetabat</b>                | 35 16N 62 20E   |
| Gyzylarbat   | Gyzylarbat   | <b>Serdar</b>                    | 38 58N 56 15E   |
| Gyzyletrek   | Gyzyletrek   | <b>Etrek</b>                     | 37 39N 54 45E   |
| Kalinin  | Kalinin  | <b>Boldumsaz</b>                 | 42 08N 59 40E   |
| Kerki  | Kerki  | <b>Atamyrat</b>                  | 37 50N 65 12E   |
| Krasnovodsk  | Krasnowodsk  | <b>Türkmenbaşy</b>               | 40 00N 53 00E   |
| Krasnovodskiy Zaliv                                  | Krasnowodsk Aylagy                                   | <b>Türkmenbaşy Aylagy</b>        | 39 55N 53 15E   |
| Leninsk  | Lenin  | <b>Akdepe</b>                    | 42 03N 59 24E   |
| Moskovsk   | Moskwa   | <b>Boýnyuzyn</b>                 | 39 13N 63 19E   |
| Nebitdag   | Nebitdag   | <b>Balkanabat</b>                | 39 30N 54 22E   |
| Neftzawodsk  | Neftzawodsk  | <b>Seýdi</b>                     | 39 24N 62 54E   |
| Oktyabr'sk   | Oktyabr'   | <b>Saparmyrat Türkmenbaşy</b>    | 42 22N 58 49E   |
| Tezebazar  | Täzebezar  | <b>Nyýazow</b>                   | 41 51N 60 08E   |

### List of first-order administrative divisions

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Ahal Welaýaty</b>    | 38 15N 59 45E |
| <b>Balkan Welaýaty</b>  | 40 00N 54 30E |
| <b>Daşoguz Welaýaty</b> | 41 00N 58 30E |
| <b>Lebap Welaýaty</b>   | 39 00N 63 00E |
| <b>Mary Welaýaty</b>    | 37 00N 62 30E |

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Quick reference list of other large towns and features

|   |      |               |
|---|------|---------------|
| <b>Aşgabat</b>  |      | 37 57N 58 23E |
| <i>Ashgabat see Aşgabat</i>                           |      |               |
| <i>Ashkhabad see Aşgabat</i>                          |      |               |
| <b>Babadaýhan</b>                                     |      | 37 41N 60 26E |
| <i>Babadaykhan see Babadaýhan</i>                     |      |               |
| <b>Bäherden</b>                                       |      | 38 26N 57 26E |
| <i>Bakharden see Bäherden</i>                         |      |               |
| <i>Bakherden see Bäherden</i>                         |      |               |
| <i>Bayram-Ali see Baýramaly</i>                       |      |               |
| <b>Baýramaly</b>                                      |      | 37 37N 62 10E |
| <i>Bezmein see Büzmeýin</i>                           |      |               |
| <b>Büzmeýin</b>                                       |      | 38 03N 58 13E |
| <i>Byuzmeyin see Büzmeýin</i>                         |      |               |
| <i>Dargan-Ata see Darganata</i>                       |      |               |
| <b>Darganata</b>                                      |      | 40 29N 62 10E |
| <b>Esenguly</b>                                       |      | 37 28N 53 58E |
| <i>Farab see Farap</i>                                |      |               |
| <b>Farap</b>  |      | 39 10N 63 36E |
| <i>Garabekevyl see Garabekewül</i>                    |      |               |
| <b>Garabekewül</b>                                    |      | 38 30N 64 08E |
| <b>Garabogaz Aylagy</b>                               | GULF | 41 00N 53 15E |
| <b>Garagum</b>  | DSRT | 39 00N 60 00E |
| <b>Garagum Kanaly</b>                                 | CNL  | 37 35N 65 43E |
| <b>Garrygala</b>                                      |      | 38 26N 56 18E |
| <i>Gasan-Kuli see Esenguly</i>                        |      |               |
| <b>Gäwers</b>   |      | 37 48N 58 44E |
| <i>Gëkdepe see Gökdepe</i>                            |      |               |
| <i>Geok-Tepe see Gökdepe</i>                          |      |               |
| <i>Gevers see Gäwers</i>                              |      |               |
| <b>Gökdepe</b>  |      | 38 10N 57 58E |
| <b>Gubadag</b>  |      | 42 04N 59 58E |
| <b>Gumdag</b>   |      | 39 16N 54 35E |
| <b>Halaç</b>  |      | 38 04N 64 53E |
| <b>Hanhowuz</b>                                       |      | 37 14N 61 15E |
| <b>Hojambaz</b>                                       |      | 38 07N 65 00E |
| <i>Il'yaly see Ýylanly</i>                            |      |               |
| <i>Iolotan see Ýolöten</i>                            |      |               |
| <i>Kaakhka see Kaka</i>                               |      |               |
| <b>Kaka</b>   |      | 37 21N 59 36E |
| <i>Karabekaul' see Garabekewül</i>                    |      |               |
| <i>Kara-Bogaz-Gol'skiy Zaliv see Garabogaz Aylagy</i> |      |               |
| <i>Kara-Kala see Garrygala</i>                        |      |               |
| <i>Kara-Kum see Garagum</i>                           |      |               |
| <i>Karakumskiy Kanal see Garagum Kanaly</i>           |      |               |
| <i>Karakumy, Peski see Garagum</i>                    |      |               |
| <i>Këneurgench see Köneürgenç</i>                     |      |               |
| <i>Khalach see Halaç</i>                              |      |               |

*Khauz-Khan* see Hanhowuz  
*Khodzhambas* see Hojambaz  
*Khodzhambaz* see Hojambaz

|                                     |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Köneürgeç</b>                    | 42 19N 59 10E |
| <i>Kum-Dag</i> see Gumdag           |               |
| <i>Kunya-Urgench</i> see Köneürgeç  |               |
| <b>Mary</b>                         | 37 36N 61 50E |
| <i>Murgab</i> see Murgap            |               |
| <b>Murgap</b>                       | 37 30N 61 58E |
| <b>Sakar</b>                        | 38 55N 63 45E |
| <b>Sakarçäge</b>                    | 37 38N 61 40E |
| <i>Sakar-Chaga</i> see Sakarçäge    |               |
| <i>Saragt</i> see Sarahs            |               |
| <b>Sarahs</b>                       | 36 31N 61 13E |
| <i>Sarakhs</i> see Sarahs           |               |
| <b>Saýat</b>                        | 38 47N 63 53E |
| <i>Serakhs</i> see Sarahs           |               |
| <b>Tagta</b>                        | 41 39N 59 54E |
| <b>Tagtabazar</b>                   | 35 58N 62 54E |
| <i>Takhta</i> see Tagta             |               |
| <i>Takhta-Bazar</i> see Tagtabazar  |               |
| <i>Tedzhen</i> see Tejen            |               |
| <b>Tejen</b>                        | 37 23N 60 30E |
| <b>Türkmengala</b>                  | 37 26N 62 20E |
| <i>Turkmen-Kala</i> see Türkmengala |               |
| <i>Vekil'-Bazar</i> see Wekilbazar  |               |
| <b>Wekilbazar</b>                   | 37 37N 61 56E |
| <i>Ýeloten</i> see Ýolöten          |               |
| <b>Ýolöten</b>                      | 37 18N 62 21E |
| <b>Ýylanly</b>                      | 41 50N 59 39E |

All are populated places except where indicated.

CNL = canal  
DSRT = desert  
GULF = gulf

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