



Newsletter 2 – December 2012

Reminder about Final Payments

As we draw close to the tournament the importance of monetary matters increase tremendously. Thus we would like to kindly remind all of our participants to complete their payments. As of December 13th 2012 Thursday the following nations have not completed their payments. This may be because of two reasons:

- 1- The payment is made but has not reached the bank account just yet. It may take as long as one week for some international bank transactions to reach their intended destination. Considering that December 9th was our payment deadline it is possible that some payments are made during this period but still have not reached us. If you believe that this is the case for your delegation please send your bank receipt and relevant information to wsc2013@dekon.com.tr.
- 2- The payment is not yet made by your delegation. If that is the case we ask you to make the payments immediately and notify us through wsc2013@dekon.com.tr. Since we need to make payments for the rooms, transfers and all other sorts of organisational expenses this money is crucial for us. Teams who have not notified us of their payments by 17:00 hours December 15th 2012 Turkish Time may not be guaranteed airport transfers, accommodation at the same prices and similar or other organisational services included for everyone else.

If you think your delegation is indicated here by mistake please contact us through wsc2013@dekon.com.tr immediately, with the bank receipt attached.

Bosnia and Herzegovina	Ireland	Republic of Korea
Botswana	Kuwait	Scotland
Canada	Lithuania	Slovakia
Chile	Malaysia	Swaziland
China	Montenegro	United Arab Emirates
Czech Republic	Namibia	United States
Denmark	New Zealand	Wales
Greece	Philippines	



Report Regarding the Situation in Syria

It has been brought to our attention to that some participants and their families were disquieted by the recent situation in Syria with regards to WSDC 2013. The first thing to say regarding this situation is that our hearts and minds are with those people that are facing unrest and difficulties during these days.

Whilst we have individually discussed this issue with some of you, we did not issue a statement publicly. We chose not to do so since from our perspective, the situation in Syria and its unfortunate effects on Turkey is not a cause for worry. In retrospect we do recognize the events in Syria and its ramifications on Turkey may have been overly and differently represented in the foreign media outlets. Please find below the following Q&A regarding the event.

Question: What exactly is the situation between Syria and Turkey?

The situation in Syria is stemmed from and is confined within Syria. However Turkey shares an 877km (545 mile) border with Syria and a small part of the fighting in Syria has been going on along the border. The unfortunate events near the Turkish border are not an act of aggression from either Syrian state or the opposition forces in Syria towards Turkey.

The fighting between the Syrian Armed Forces and the Syrian National Coalition can at times come very close to the border and large numbers of Syrian civilians literally run to the Turkish border to reach safe haven in Turkey. In between this turmoil and fighting there have been a few incidents in which Syrian ammunition and shrapnel pieces have landed meters within the Turkish border. Given the intricate nature of the border settlements and the fact that there are villages literally on the border line these few incidents have caused disruptions in daily life in those specific villages and a few casualties in one case.

These events can be characterized as unfortunate mistakes on the part of Syria. There have not been repeat incidents after the first few.

Question: How does this affect Antalya and the rest of the country?

It doesn't. Antalya, where the tournament will be hosted is 550 kilometres (342 miles) away from the nearest Syrian border. Therefore it is impossible for such events to occur in Antalya. Moreover, all of the transit hubs that we expect participants to use are even further from the border. The daily life goes absolutely unaffected in the rest of the country.

Question: Hypothetically speaking if we need more security what would happen?

Governorship of Antalya is a partner of the tournament since the bidding process. We work very closely with them. Governorships are the main organ of the state that provides security in cities as the police is under their control. Therefore our close coordination with the governorship will allow us to receive heightened security in the unlikely event that we need it.

Consequently, there is no reason to worry about the security during the tournament.



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Question: Is there anyone else saying that it is safe as well?

Yes. Currently there are no travel warnings to Antalya. The US Department of State has no travel warnings for Turkey. The UK Foreign and Commonwealth office has no travel warnings for Antalya. The only warning at the moment is to avoid non-essential travel to 10km (6 miles) proximity to the Syrian border; we are 550 km (342 miles) away from it.

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/travel-and-living-abroad/travel-advice-by-country/europe/turkey>

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/content/en/travel-advice/europe/turkey/841236282>

"We advise against all but essential travel to areas within 10km of Turkey's border with Syria."

The nearest Syrian city with heavy fighting is (Idlib or Edlib) 560 km away from Antalya.

Idlib to Antalya – 560km

London to Paris 300 km

