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## Release notes for Grafana 8.1.0-beta2

### Features and enhancements

- **Alerting:** Expand the value string in alert annotations and labels. [#37051](#), [@gerobinson](#)
- **Auth:** Add Azure HTTP authentication middleware. [#36932](#), [@kostrse](#)
- **Auth:** Auth: Pass user role when using the authentication proxy. [#36729](#), [@yuwaMSFT2](#)
- **Gazetteer:** Update countries.json file to allow for linking to 3-letter country codes. [#37129](#), [@bryanuribe](#)

### Bug fixes

- **Config:** Fix Docker builds by correcting formatting in sample.ini. [#37106](#), [@FZambia](#)
- **Explore:** Fix encoding of internal URLs. [#36919](#), [@aocenas](#)