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The Hague (UNI/WAFA) - For the fifth day in a row, the International Court of Justice in The Hague continues its public hearings on the legal consequences arising from Israel's policies and practices in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

The hearings come in the context of the United Nations General Assembly's request to obtain an advisory opinion from International Justice on the effects of the Israeli occupation that has continued for more than 57 years.

Representative of Namibia: No one calling for peace can ignore the massacre in Gaza

The representative of the State of Namibia said that no one calling for peace can ignore the massacre taking place in the Gaza Strip, and that the United Nations conventions must be applied to everyone..

She added that the policies of racial segregation and discrimination are a crime against all of humanity, and that Namibia, whose people have suffered, is a country that understands the **pain** resulting from occupation, discrimination and its consequences..

She pointed out that it is her country's moral duty and sacred responsibilities to stand before the court in order to discuss the issue of the occupation of **Palestine**, which is still suffering and has become a painful landmark in this civilization..

She stressed that "the people of **Palestine** suffer from colonialism, killing, displacement, denial of the right of refugees, and the absence of the right to citizenship and equality, which prompts us to remember the history of Namibia, and that the court played a role in the struggle of Namibia and South Africa for liberation, and affirmed the right to self-determination as a fateful and legitimate right for the countries of the world, and that right Which was confirmed by the United Nations in the 1990s, and it is not possible to look in any other way in the face of the atrocities committed against the Palestinian people.. "

She called "not to ignore what is happening in **Palestine**, the historical injustice, the violation of basic rights, and the displacement of citizens," pointing out that "the Palestinian people are being subjected to collective punishment, and civilians are being killed randomly under unprecedented bombing in human history."

She stressed that "the whole world cannot accept this. How can this nation accept and see pictures of Gaza's children suffering **death**, misery, despair, lack of hope, and fear."

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The representative of Namibia invited a law professor from Namibia, who testified about the practices and policies of the occupation.

The professor asked the court to issue its advisory opinion, and that Namibia confirms, like the majority of countries in the world, that the court has jurisdiction and jurisdiction, and there is no one preventing that..

She touched on the right of the Palestinians to independence, and that the continuation of the occupation does not justify Israel's neglect of its international obligations, stressing the importance of clarifying the system of domination and control that Israel is trying to impose, and what is meant according to the charters is to continue to control the land of others, violate human rights, and carry out organized and systematic actions in random ways. To achieve that control.

She said, "Israel announced that it wants only Jewish identity in Palestine, at the expense of the Palestinians, and issued a law for that. There is evidence that these practices do not come randomly, but rather to control the Palestinian people."

She called for the importance of ending the Israeli occupation, compensating the Palestinian people for their suffering under occupation for more than 5 decades, dismantling the Israeli apartheid system in Palestine, recognizing the full rights of the Palestinians, and establishing their viable state..

It also urged the countries of the world to recognize the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and enjoy its independence, to accept the request of the United Nations, to recognize its Charter in all its provisions, and to stop supporting Israel, or providing political support to it to enhance its occupation of Palestinian land.

She pointed out that "there are those who demand the return of negotiations, but Israel opposes any opportunity to establish a Palestinian state, continues with unnatural violations, and has no right to be above the law."

Representative of the Sultanate of Oman: 75 years of occupation and the international community has failed to help the Palestinians achieve their ambitions

The representative of the Sultanate of Oman said that more than 75 years have passed and the Palestinian people have been under Israeli occupation and face injustice, lack of justice and massacres committed against them, while the international community and global organizations have failed to help them achieve their ambitions and their independent state..

He added that for more than 4 months, the world has witnessed the worst atrocities and forms of genocide, in which more than 29 Palestinians were killed, more than 60 were wounded, and about two million citizens were displaced from one place to another under unbearable conditions, in violation of all international standards..

He pointed out that "this long occupation of the Palestinian land in 1967, including Jerusalem, aims to change the demographic and geographic nature of Palestine, and adopt racist legislation and procedures, which are policies and practices that affect the legal status of the occupation."

He continued: The occupation, building colonies, and stealing Palestinian lands would prolong the occupation in the Palestinian land, while Israel displaces the Palestinians and imposes on them a harsh displacement system and environment, seizes their lands, and practices random arrest and violence against them since 1967..

He stressed that the United Nations, its General Assembly, and its Security and Human Rights Councils, have consistently and repeatedly condemned Israeli attempts at demographic change in the occupied Palestinian territories. Therefore, the international community is responsible to prevent and stop the illegal annexation of Palestinian territories, and to prohibit the use of force in any form..

He continued: "For 75 years of occupation, colonies have been established, while preventing the establishment of a viable Palestinian state. This is an insult to the international community, which must find and consider the legal responsibilities imposed on the Israeli government, including stopping all illegal measures, dismantling the colonies, and compensating the Palestinians for the damages." "

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The representative of the Sultanate of Oman called on member states and parties to protect Palestinian civilians and force Israel to comply with the law, noting that the legal consequences arising from Israeli measures aim to deprive the Palestinian people of self-determination..

He concluded his speech by emphasizing that the occupation and colonial policy are illegal, illegitimate, and a clear violation of human rights, and that the court must force Israel to end this illegal situation, and the countries of the world must support these efforts without conditions.

Norway: The actions taken by Israel are unacceptable and unilateral

The representative of the State of Norway said that the ongoing occupation since 1967 and the recent developments taking place today raise great concern, as Israel uses force in the Gaza Strip, continues to build illegal colonies in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, demolishes homes, and displaces Palestinian citizens, All of these measures are contrary to and violate international law and human rights law, affirming the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination.

He explained that building colonies and the apartheid wall is a real obstacle to achieving peace, as the Security Council has issued numerous resolutions that have confirmed that they violate international law, and continuing to do so would hinder any possibility of a two-state solution, stressing that what Israel is doing threatens the foundations of international law. And the possibilities of achieving a two-state solution.

He pointed out that these colonies constitute an incitement process to commit more acts that violate international law, and Israel must refrain from carrying out these actions that would impose a fait accompli..

He pointed out that any occupation of any country must be temporary and within a specific time frame, and in the Palestinian case, Israel is practicing an illegal annexation of the Palestinian territories, and is transferring its population to the occupied territories in contravention of the resolutions of the Security Council and the United Nations General Assembly, and in the year 2022 it was stated in a commission of inquiry The facts are that Israel treats its occupation as permanent, and hides behind the concept of temporary occupation.

He said that the measures taken by Israel are unacceptable and unilateral, and that the annexation of territories is unacceptable and illegal, and is in violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention and Security Council Resolution No. 2334, which considered all colonial actions and activities to be unacceptable and illegal..

He stressed that Israel must commit to ensuring the delivery of aid to the Palestinians, and not to restrict the movement of humanitarian crews.

Another representative from Norway completed the plea, about the legal obligations that Israel has regarding implementing the principle of the two-state solution, stressing that Security Council Resolution No. 465 indicated that the measures taken by Israel to change the form or condition of the Arab territories occupied since 1967 are considered invalid under the law..

He continued: We are reminded of the legal and political duties that fall on Israel, which are linked to the establishment of a Palestinian state, but the extended measures and operations that occur in the Gaza Strip contradict the duties and obligations that Israel has undertaken..

On the first day of the public sessions, the court heard the plea of the State of Palestine, presented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Riyad Al-Maliki, and the legal team of the State of Palestine, which included: Professor Andre Zimmerman, Faul Rackler, Professor Philip Sander, international law expert Ambassador Namira Negm, and a representative. Permanent Palestine at the United Nations, Riyad Mansour, and Alain Pellet.

The public sessions will continue for six days, between February 19 and 26, to listen to briefings from 52 countries, in addition to the African Union, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and the League of Arab States..

On November 2022, XNUMX, the Fourth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, which is the Special Committee on Political Issues and Decolonization, adopted a draft resolution submitted by the State of Palestine to

"International Justice" continues hearings on the legal consequences arising from the occupation request a legal advisory opinion and advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice, on the nature of the existence of the Israeli colonial occupation. In the territory of the State of **Palestine**, including Jerusalem.

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Palestinian graffiti artist shows pain of Gaza's people on walls of destroyed buildings

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GAZA, **Palestine**

Under the ever-present threat of Israeli strikes, the **pain** of Gaza's people — and especially its children — is memorialized on the remains of many bombed-out structures thanks to the work of a local Palestinian graffiti artist.

Bilal Khalid, 33, has painted the walls of buildings destroyed by Israeli bombardment in the hope of attracting the world's attention to the "crimes and massacres" Tel Aviv has committed against the Palestinian people.

"I have worked as a photojournalist since the beginning of the war to report on the crimes and massacres committed by Israel against civilians, especially children, in the Gaza Strip," he told Anadolu.

Khalid said he decided to change his method of showing the world the devastation in Gaza in a way that would avoid images of **death** and violence, rather using an artform he much admired and loved: calligraphy.

In his new work, called Dreams Buried in the Ground, Khalid drew the word "dreams" in Arabic calligraphy.

Khalid, who lives in Rafah city in southern Gaza, said he chose the wall of a home where Israeli warplanes killed 13 Palestinians.

"In this project, we are talking about children who have lost their simplest dreams in life, such as a safe place, clean clothes, and a hot meal. We are talking about more than 16,000 children whose right to life was snatched away and who were killed in this genocide," he said.

Khalid said many dreams have been buried under the rubble of the building he was working on and that thousands of structures in the Gaza Strip are no longer standing because of Israel's war.

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"We are trying to make our voices heard to the world, even if doing so has changed nothing about what has happened in Gaza so far. Because the world is still watching the Gaza war blindly, mute, and without motion," he said.

But this does not prevent Gaza's people from delivering their message to free peoples in the rest of the world, he added.

"We are trying to prove to the world through art that we are a people determined to survive and live in these lands," he said.

Khalid hopes that Israel's devastating attacks on the Gaza Strip will end and children will live their lives normally, like their peers in other nations across the world.

Israel has pounded the Gaza Strip since an Oct. 7 cross-border attack by the Palestinian group Hamas. The ensuing Israeli war has killed more than 29,600 people and caused mass destruction and shortages of necessities. Nearly 70,000 people have been injured.

Around 1,200 Israelis are believed to have been killed in the Hamas attack.

The Israeli war on Gaza has pushed 85% of the territory's population into internal displacement amid acute shortages of food, clean water, and medicine, while 60% of the enclave's infrastructure has been damaged or destroyed, according to the UN.

Israel is accused of genocide by the International Court of Justice. An interim ruling in January ordered Tel Aviv to stop genocidal acts and take measures to guarantee that humanitarian assistance is provided to civilians in Gaza.

Hostilities have continued unabated, however, and aid deliveries remain woefully insufficient to address the humanitarian catastrophe.

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Condemning Netanyahu's genocide is not anti-Semitism

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Dhaka, Feb. 22 -- When Brazil's President Ignacio Lula da Silva compares Benjamin Netanyahu's murder of Palestinians to Hitler's killing of Jews in the 1940s, he is not indulging in antisemitism but only pointing to the glee with which both men have gone around pushing innocent men and women to death.

When the government of South Africa hauls the state of Israel before the International Court of Justice on charges of genocide committed against Palestinians, it is not antisemitism but a bold move to demonstrate to the world that what Nazi Germany did to the Jews in the Second World War is precisely what the Israeli authorities are doing to the Palestinians today.

When millions of people march on the streets of London, Washington, Paris, Rome, Berlin, Tunis, Amman, Ramallah and other cities around the world, all they are doing is protest against the genocide of Palestinians by Netanyahu and his killing machine. These marches are not against Jews, for conscionable Jews have also been part of the marches.

These marches are against a government which has severed itself from basic morality and has decided to kill innocent men, women and children without any fear of God, without any remembrance of the prophets of old who preached the power of faith to all manner of people. These marches are against a state which wages war against people whose homes have gone, who suffer from hunger, who do not wage war in retaliation.

Those who today paint support for Palestinians and condemnation of the state of Israel as acts of antisemitism are people who have lost their sense of history, who do not choose to remember that what Netanyahu and his murderous regime are doing in Gaza and in the West Bank is a revolt against God, against all the beauty which comes from faith and from religion.

These people who seek to undermine pro-Palestinian protests through tarring them with the brazen charge of antisemitism are unwilling to acknowledge the brutality with which Netanyahu and his war machine have killed more than 29,000 Palestinians since 7 October 2023.

This charge of antisemitism against these millions of voices raised in protest against Israel's military action is but a ruse to silence people in a crude and anti-historical way. When people around the world condemn Netanyahu as a war criminal, they are not wrong, for they are excoriating a man who falls in the category which has always defined Hitler and his Nazis, which has characterised Yahya Khan and his army, which has shamed Milosevic and his Serbian killing army.

Condemning Netanyahu's genocide is not anti-Semitism

In Israel today, it is not a decent government which operates but a sinister force which bombs homes, schools, hospitals and refugee tents, for it seeks the blood of Palestinians. It is a government which has mutated into a bunch of marauders.

This is what the world condemns, this brazenness which today defines Zionism. This is what the world speaks of when it asks that Netanyahu and his men be restrained from the macabre acts they have inaugurated and continue to indulge in. These men in power in Tel Aviv have violated the rules of life through taking life.

They have not only killed Palestinians but have without shame gone on building illegal Jewish settlements on occupied Arab land. In these past four months and more, they have turned illegal Israeli settlers in Arab land into 21st century versions of Hitler's SS stormtroopers, for these illegal settlers have gone around occupying Palestinian homes, abducting Palestinian men and razing their property to dust and ashes.

You speak of these atrocities and Israel's megalomaniacal leaders swiftly fall back on the hollow weapon of antisemitism to paint themselves as victims of persecution. They are not the victims but oppressors who have without an ounce of shame held on to Arab land they have occupied since the June 1967 war.

They have refused to let go of that land despite all forms of international resolutions and global condemnation. These oppressors have gone around engaging in targeted killings of Palestinian political and military figures and have thus committed crimes unprecedented in modern history.

It is not antisemitism when good men and women condemn these abhorrent acts as war crimes. It is a simple reassertion of the truth that these men in Israel, these generals, these extremist politicians around the cabinet table are not people who deserve the respect of the world.

They are elements committing crimes against humanity and therefore deserve to be hauled before the ICJ to answer for their crimes. These are men who order a desecration of Palestinian graves, who have their soldiers steal Palestinian bodies, in ghoulish manner. These are men who bomb sleeping families to death in nocturnal air force raids.

These men are the genocide makers in whom conscience has gone missing, in whom religion has died a painful death. Their absence of shame comes through when they laugh away the shame heaped on them at The Hague and on the streets of the world.

That is the mark of hooligans, of the unruly elements children and their elders encounter in the lanes and streets of their neighbourhoods every day. These hooligans today rule Israel. Today they cheerfully go around Gaza and the West Bank and Lebanon for people to kill. Their lust for Palestinian blood has no end.

Shaming these men before the world has nothing antisemitic about it. But, yes, these are the shameless men the enormity of whose crimes has parallels with the murder and gore let loose upon the world by Hitler and Hideki Tojo decades ago. When these men leap into a characterisation of their immorality as antisemitism, it is an excuse they are looking for in order to justify their criminality.

They ought not to be allowed to get away with these excuses. And those who are quick to jump to the defence of these merchants of murder, who look away from the travails of the Palestinians, are to be informed firmly that they are complicit in the bloodletting Netanyahu presides over in Palestine.

Good Jews remember God in the synagogue. They remember that the Jewish people have wandered the earth in search of a home for centuries. They know the meaning of pain, of loss, of a defilement of life through a shedding of the blood of the innocent.

These men in Tel Aviv, with murder in their eyes, are no good Jews. They are but bloodthirsty men for whom the Palestinians are prey, animals to be hunted down. These men, this cabal of Netanyahu, Yoav Gallant and their accomplices in the government of Israel are enemies of God. They militate against the beauty of Creation.

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President Lula and President Ramaphosa have spoken for the world. These are war criminals in Israel whose place is in the dock at The Hague, who ought to be locked away in high security prisons hidden away from the world.

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Hezbollah terrorist group sites attacked in Lebanon

Israel's army bombed sites of the Hezbollah terrorist group after two shells fired from Lebanon hit a kibbutz in northern Lebanon.

At the moment, The Times of Israel reported, there are no reports of injuries, as the community has been largely evacuated due to ongoing Hezbollah attacks since October 7.

In addition, Israeli authorities reported that a surface-to-air missile was fired from Lebanon at an Israeli military aircraft flying over the area. The missile did not hit the aircraft.

Israel reports that more than 200 truckloads of humanitarian aid entered Gaza

Israeli authorities have reported that more than 200 truckloads of humanitarian aid entered the two crossings connecting to the Gaza Strip, controlled by the Hamas terrorist group, on Monday, the day of Christmas.

The Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT), under the Israeli Defense Ministry, has indicated on the social network X, formerly known as Twitter, that 142 trucks have been inspected at the Rafah crossing, which connects Egypt with the Palestinian enclave.

In the same way, COGAT has specified that another 76 trucks with aid for the Gaza Strip have been inspected at the Kerem Shalom crossing, so now the humanitarian organizations will distribute the material to the population.

IDF finds vehicle of hostage mistakenly shot in Gaza

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) found on Monday in the vicinity of the Indonesian Hospital in the northern Gaza Strip a vehicle belonging to Samar Talalka, one of the three hostages who was mistakenly shot by the Israeli army in mid-December.

Israeli troops found blood stains inside the vehicle from another hostage, as well as parts of a grenade launcher. They also found a white van with weapons, allegedly belonging to the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas).

As part of its operations in the Palestinian enclave, the Israeli army also reported Monday that they have destroyed a weapons manufacturing plant and a cement factory for tunnel construction in the Khan Younis area.

Iran regime said Israel will pay for assassination of senior general

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi vowed Monday that Israel will "undoubtedly pay" for the assassination in Syria of a senior Revolutionary Guards general.

"Undoubtedly, this action is another sign of frustration, impotence and incapacity of the usurper Zionist regime (Israel) in the region," Raisi said in a statement in which he added that Israel "will surely pay for this crime."

Razi Moussavi "was killed during an attack by the Zionist regime a few hours ago in the Zeinabiyah district in the suburbs of Damascus," reported the official IRNA news agency, which used a different name for the locality of Sayyida Zeinab, south of the Syrian capital.

Israeli budget forecasts Gaza war to last until February

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Israel's war against Hamas in Gaza will likely cost the country at least another 50 billion sekels (\$14 billion) by 2024 and nearly triple its budget deficit, the Finance Ministry said in a statement, forecasting the fighting to last until February.

In an appearance before lawmakers, Itai Temkin, the ministry's deputy budget commissioner, said the war is expected to drag on for at least two months in 2024, adding 30 billion sekels for security and another 20 billion for civilian and other expenses.

As he told the Knesset Finance Committee, this would raise total defense spending by more than 48 billion sekels (USD 13.285 billion) above what was initially allocated.

Relatives of hostages booed Netanyahu

A group of relatives of those kidnapped in Gaza interrupted a speech by the Israeli premier before parliament.

"Now, now!" the group chanted as Netanyahu said he needed "more time" to raise military pressure on Hamas.

According to Army figures, there are still 129 hostages in the Strip.

Netanyahu visited Gaza and said that the war "is nowhere near over."

The Israeli Prime Minister declared that Israel will expand its offensive in the Gaza Strip in the coming days, despite international pressure to cease fighting.

Netanyahu spoke after visiting troops in Gaza. His comments come as Egypt makes an ambitious proposal to end the war.

"We are not going to stop. We are going to keep fighting and we are going to expand the fight in the coming days," Netanyahu said in remarks to members of his Likud party. "It will be a long battle and it is nowhere near over."

Islamic Jihad rejects prisoner exchange without Gaza ceasefire

The Islamic Jihad terror group reiterated its rejection of any prisoner and hostage exchange without first permanently halting Israel's attacks on the Gaza Strip and as long as Israeli forces remain in the Palestinian enclave.

"There is no talk of the issue of prisoner and detainee exchange unless the aggression against Gaza is stopped and Israeli forces withdraw," said Islamic Jihad undersecretary general Mohamed al-Hindi after a meeting with Egypt's General Intelligence Service in Cairo.

In the meeting, the delegation of this Palestinian movement, headed by the secretary general, Ziad Najalah, evaluated different positions and discussed the Egyptian proposal, although its consideration of it did not transcend. Egypt proposed a "vision", also backed by Qatari mediators, which would involve a ceasefire in exchange for the release of more hostages, and would lead to a broader agreement involving a permanent ceasefire along with a review of the leadership in Gaza, currently led by Hamas.

Both terrorist groups rejected the Egyptian proposal to cede power in the Gaza Strip, two Egyptian security sources told Reuters on Monday.

Pope calls for end to Gaza war, hostages to be released in Christmas message

Francis called for an end to military operations in Gaza, the release of hostages and for the Palestinian issue to be addressed, in his Christmas message which he read from the balcony of the façade of St. Peter's Basilica before the 'urbi et orbi' blessing.

In this message, in which Pope Francis lists the conflicts of the world, he asked that peace "come to Israel and Palestine, where war shakes the lives of these populations" and added: "I embrace both, in particular the Christian communities of Gaza, the parish of Gaza, and the entire Holy Land".

The Pope assured that he carries "in his heart the pain for the victims of the execrable attack of last October 7" although he did not mention the Hamas Islamists and renewed his appeal "for the liberation of those who are still held hostage".

Israel conducts 'tactical pauses' in western Gaza to allow civilians to resupply

The Army initiated a series of "tactical pauses" in the western Gaza Strip town of Deir al-Bala'a in order to allow Palestinian civilians to resupply themselves with basic supplies.

This was confirmed by the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) through a message on his account on the social network X, formerly known as Twitter, where he stressed that the measure has "humanitarian purposes".

Israel targeted Hezbollah terrorist group sites in Lebanon

"The Israel Defense Forces are allowing tactical pauses for humanitarian purposes to allow civilians in the Gaza Strip to replenish stocks such as food and water," COGAT stressed, adding that the pause will be in effect until 14.00 (local time, 12 GMT).

At least 68 people killed in Gaza in one of the deadliest attacks of the war

AO reporters at a nearby hospital watched desperate Palestinians carry the dead, including a baby, and the wounded after the attack on the Maghazi refugee camp, east of Deir al-Balah. A bloodied young girl looked stunned as her body was checked for broken bones.

Among the 68 dead are at least 12 women and seven children, according to initial figures released by the hospital. The Gaza Health Ministry initially reported the **death** toll at 70. The Israeli military did not comment at this time.

IDF confirmed attacks against Hezbollah in Lebanon.

The Army reported an offensive against Hezbollah targets. According to the A'ra Force, military buildings and operational and terrorist infrastructure were targeted.

Previously, the Lebanese press had reported air strikes on the town of Ayta ash-Shab, near the border.

The number of Israeli soldiers killed in fighting against the Hamas terrorist group rose to 156.

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) reported that the number of Israeli servicemen killed in the ground offensive in the Gaza Strip has risen to 156 since the start of the operation.

The IDF updated the toll on Monday to include two new names of soldiers from different brigades who died on Sunday in battles in the north of the enclave. Another soldier was wounded in one of these battles.

Benjamin Netanyahu's government is not considering ending the offensive, which was launched in response to the October 7 attacks by the Hamas terrorist movement that left some 1,200 people dead.

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