

JS body discusses draft jute policy

The parliamentary standing committee on Jute Ministry at a meeting yesterday discussed various aspects of the draft jute policy, reports UNB.

The meeting also discussed the issues relating to keeping jute production at an expected level, motivating the farmers to produce high quality jute, steps to ensure fair price of jute, high quality seed production and retaining and expanding the markets of jute and jute goods.

Non-payment of outstanding bills to the jute purchasing centres and dismal condition of jute godowns also came up at the meeting for discussion.

The meeting said over Tk 43 crore, out of Tk 46 crore outstanding bills, has already been paid.

Presided over by committee Chairman Md Shamsul Haque, the meeting was held at Sangsad Bhaban.

Committee members State Minister for Jute AK Faezul Haque, Dr SM Mokhlesur Rahman, Md Emdadul Haque Bhuiyan, Md Jalal Uddin Talukder, Md Mojibar Rahman, Dr Md Salek Chowdhury, Alhaj Prof Kazi Golam Morshed, Advocate Goutam Chakrabarty and officials concerned were present.



Vehicles caught in a traffic jam on Gulshan Road no 2 in the city yesterday after the area went under flood waters. — Star photo

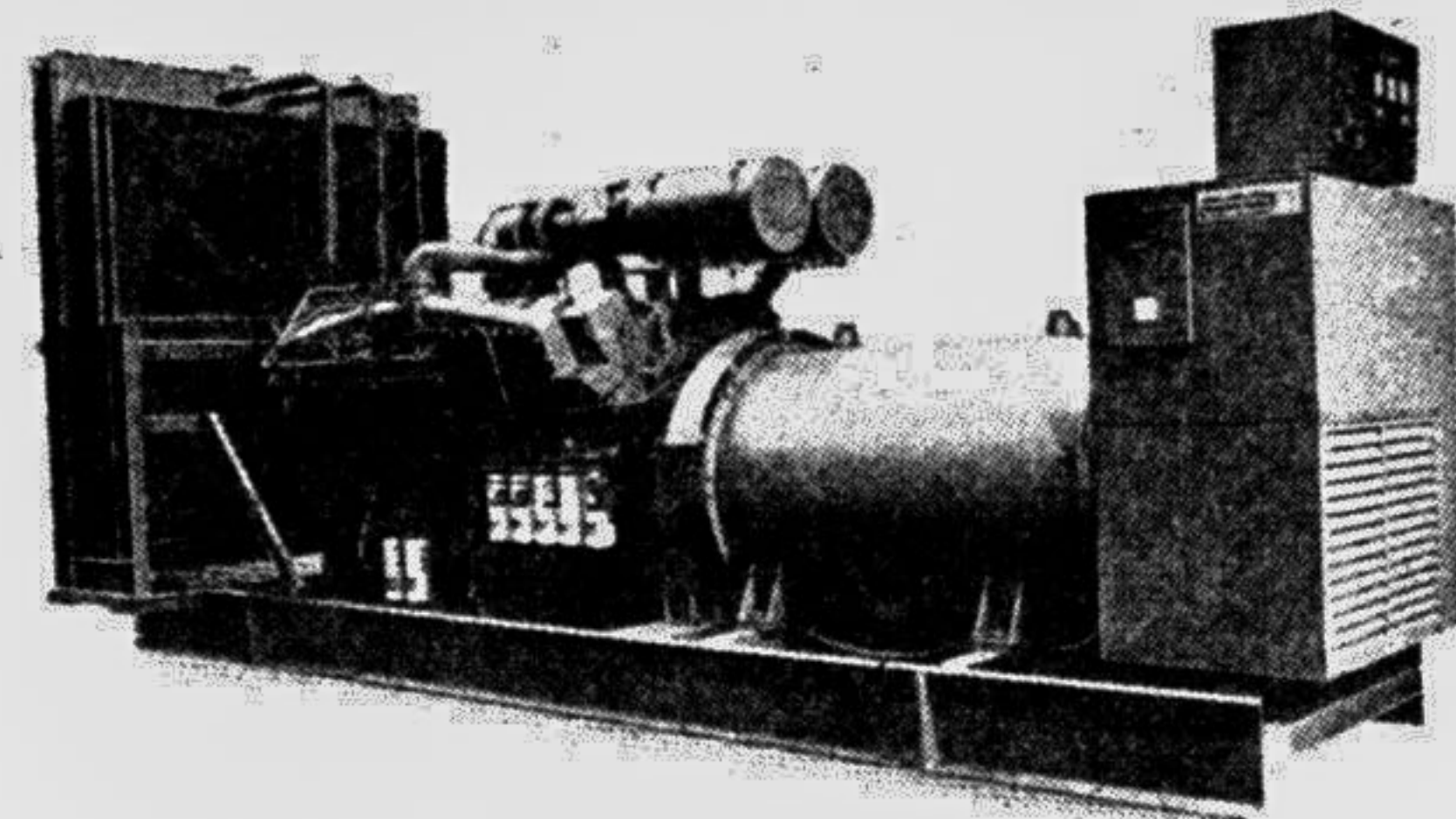
UNESCO clubs form relief committee

The National Association of UNESCO Clubs in Bangladesh has formed a 15-member relief committee with Mahbubuddin Chowdhury, secretary-general of the organisation, as convener, reports BSS.

The committee will organise comprehensive emergency relief programme for the flood-affected areas through local UNESCO clubs. It has already taken steps to dispatch emergency medical teams to flood-affected areas of Keraniganj in Dhaka district and Brahman-

baria, according to a press release. The UNESCO Club appealed to the social workers and well-to-do people to cooperate with their programme. It also appealed to the pharmaceutical industries for cooperation.

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An Appeal for the hungry distressed flood victims

In the fast deteriorating flood situation, almost two-thirds of the country and many areas of the Dhaka City are waterlogged. There is an urgent need for food and pure drinking water. The scarcity of pure drinking water might cause diarrhoea, jaundice and other diseases. BRAC is engaged in supplying food, pure drinking water and other relief to the flood affected people. It is, however, not sufficient to meet the need. You may wish to take part in our relief operations by extending your cooperation.

Prepared chapatis, dried rice (chira) and molasses may be reached at any of the following BRAC offices. BRAC will immediately ensure its proper distribution among flood victims.

BRAC is supplying drinking water to the flood victims in containers or bottles donated by the people. More such containers are needed.

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| BRAC Block B, Road 2 House 16, Section 10 Mirpur, Dhaka. | BRAC House 146, Rd 6 Mohammadi Housing Society Mohammadpur, Dhaka. | BRAC 661, Dania Rd Purba Dolaiapur Demra, Dhaka. |
| BRAC 121, Maddhya Bashabo Dhaka. | BRAC House 44, Road 7 Sector 3, Uttara, Dhaka | BRAC 3/B, Tejuri Bazar Tejgaon, Dhaka. |
| BRAC Distillery Rd Gandaria, Dhaka. | BRAC 100/5, Zigatola Dhaka. | BRAC GP (Cha), 149/1, Mohakhali Gulshan, Dhaka. |
| | BRAC 145, Nuton Paltan Lane Azimpur, Dhaka. | |

In addition, the BRAC Coordination Office at 21, Circular Rd, Moghbazar is open 24 hours (Ph 934-0009). D-454.

WASA directed to bring down system loss

The parliamentary standing committee on LGRD and Cooperatives Ministry at a meeting yesterday expressed concern over the loss of crores of taka of WASA caused by system loss, reports UNB.

The meeting directed the authorities concerned to take effective steps for bringing down the system loss to an acceptable level to free the WASA from the staggering losses.

It also elaborately discussed the WASA's system loss, its causes, the financial losses facing the government due to it and various aspects to overcome the problem.

The meeting asked all concerned to efficiently perform their respective duties, improve the billing system and remove

the irregularities by officials and employees of the Meter Department.

Recommendations to take necessary measures to supply pure drinking water among the people during flood and the post-flood period were also placed at the meeting.

Held at Sangsad Bhaban, the meeting was presided over by committee chairman Abdul Mannan.

Committee members LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zilur Rahman, Mohammad Rahmat Ali, State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Rafiqul Islam, Dr Mohammad Rustam Ali Farazi and Mohammad Shahjahan attended the meeting.

What's on today . . .

Seminar: Bangladesh Chamber of Industries and Raport Bangladesh Limited have jointly organised a day-long national seminar on 'Preparing managers for twenty-first century for Bangladesh.' President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed will inaugurate the seminar as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 9 am.

Discussion: A discussion meeting will be held on the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of martyrdom of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Chief guest: Dr Neelima Ibrahim. Venue: Conference room, Directorate of Youth Development. Time: 4 pm.

Seminar: A seminar on a recent study sponsored by the World Bank on 'Market Assessment Survey of Solar PV Applications in Bangladesh' will be held. The presentation will focus on the potential of using solar power for rural electrification in Bangladesh. Keynote speaker: Hasna J Khan, Energy specialist, Prokashali Sangsad Ltd. Venue: Rural Electrification Board auditorium, Joarshahara, Uttara. Time: 3 pm.

Lions Club of Dhaka Golden: The regular meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 5:30 pm.

Weather

Rain with gusty wind likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Chittagong, Barisal and Rajshahi divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Khulna and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at few places over Chittagong and Rajshahi divisions during the period. According to the Met Office, day temperature may remain unchanged over the country.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 34 degree Celsius was recorded at Khulna, Chuadanga and Ishurdi and the lowest 23.9 degree Celsius at Chittagong.

The sun sets today at 6:18 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:40 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

| City/Town | Temperature in Celsius | | Humidity in Percentage | |
|-------------|------------------------|------|------------------------|---------|
| | Max | Min | Morning | Evening |
| Dhaka | 32.3 | 26.5 | 86 | 90 |
| Chittagong | 27.0 | 23.9 | 97 | 97 |
| Khulna | 34.0 | 26.4 | 78 | 94 |
| Rajshahi | 33.2 | 27.8 | 88 | 86 |
| Barisal | 30.6 | 25.1 | 85 | 98 |
| Sylhet | 31.3 | 26.0 | 87 | 92 |
| Cox's Bazar | 31.0 | 27.0 | 95 | 100 |

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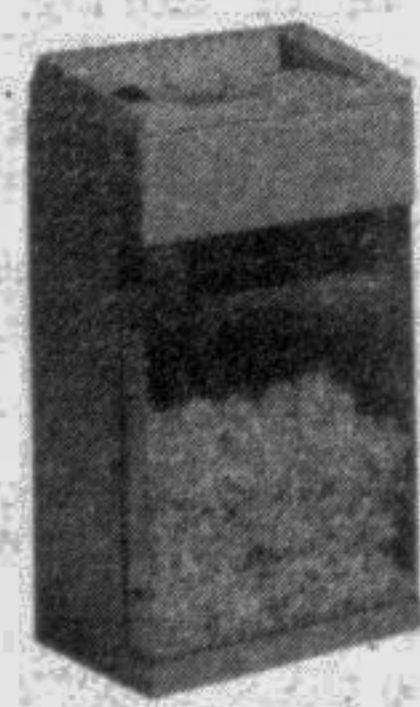
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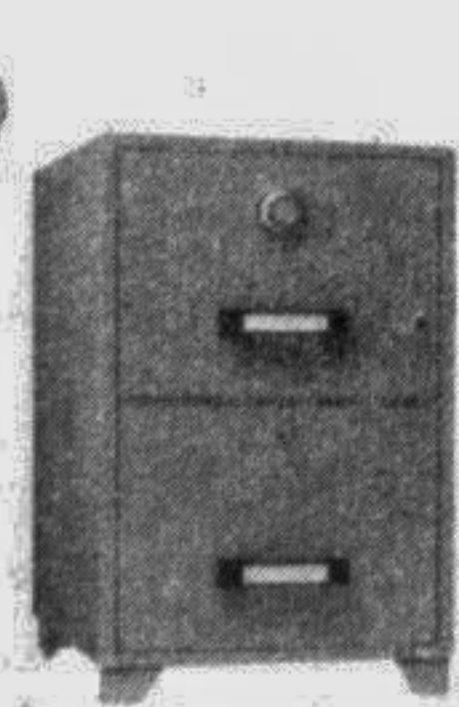
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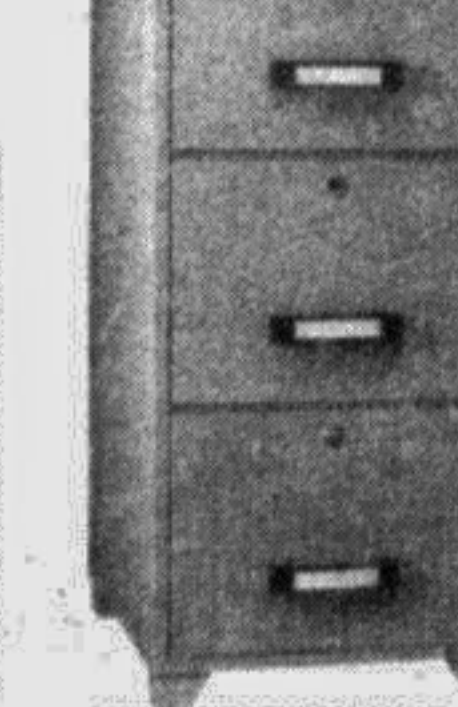
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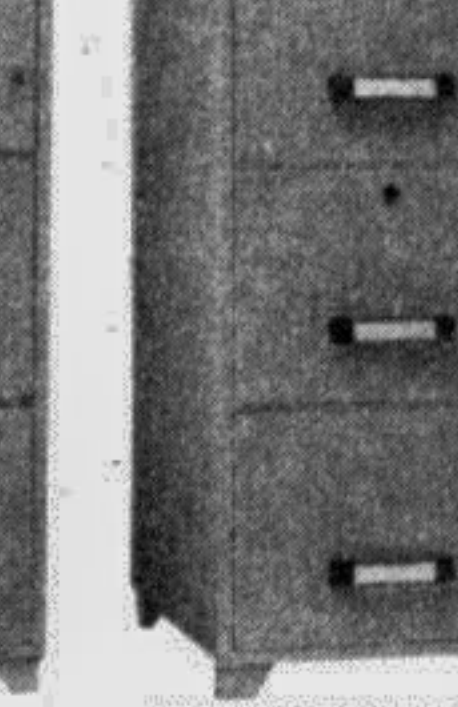
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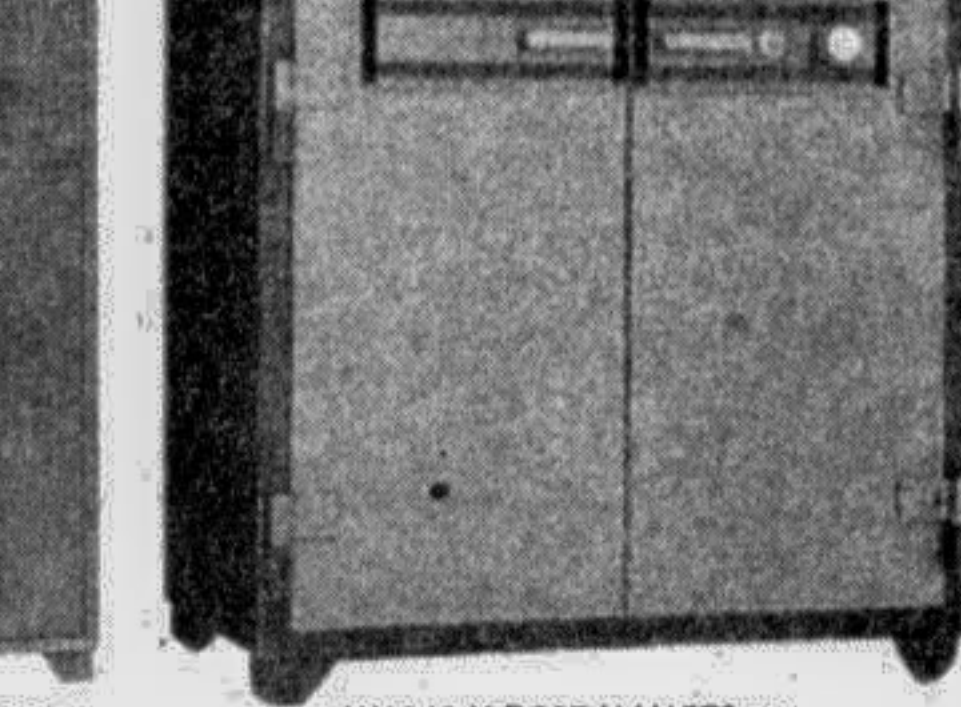
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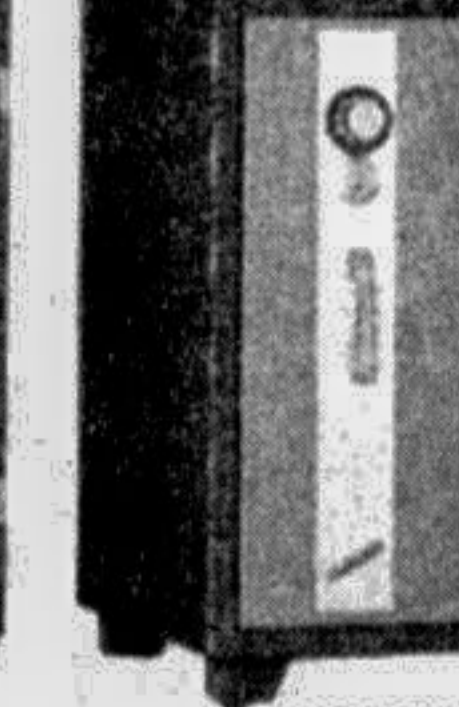
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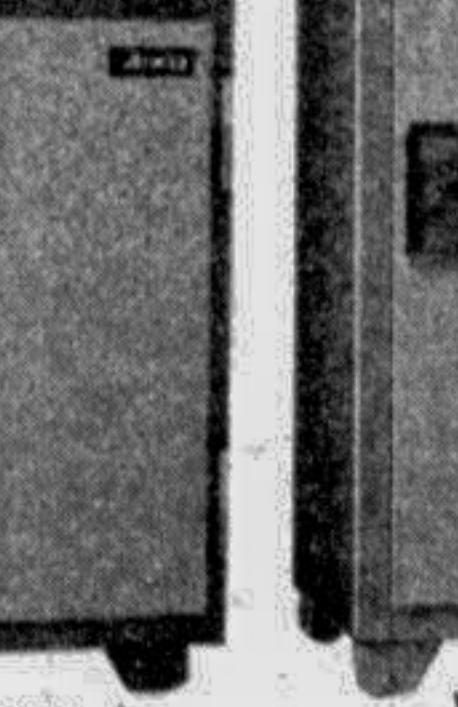
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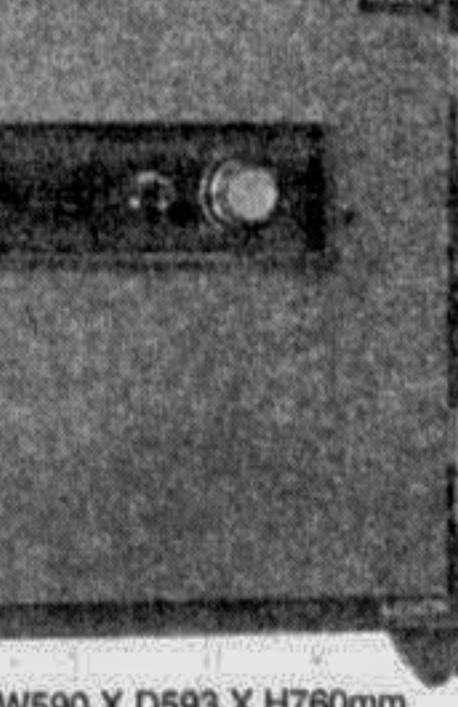
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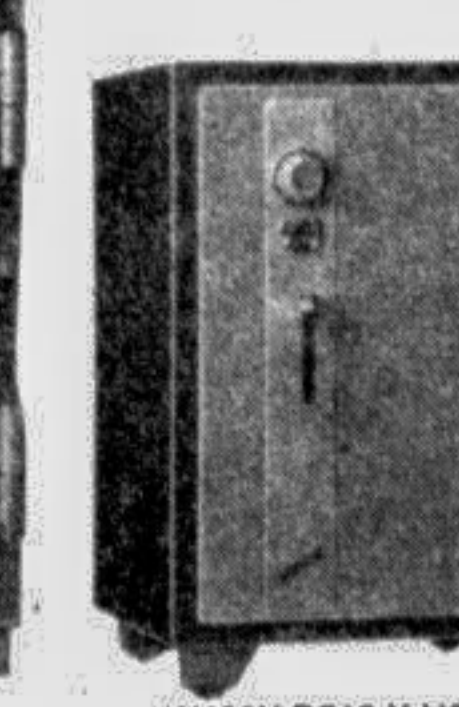
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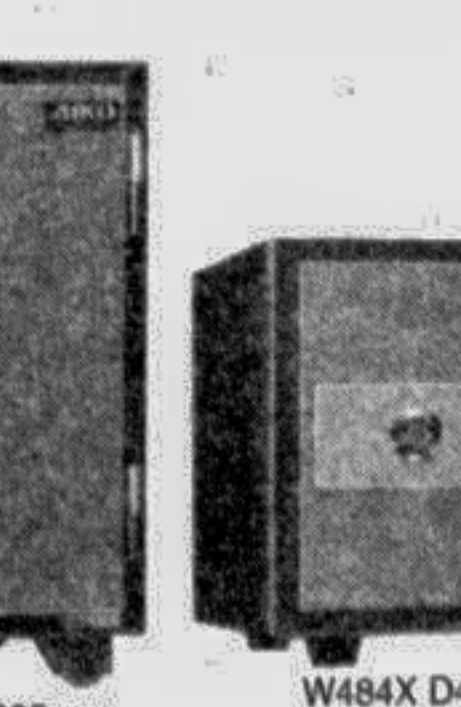
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