

## IGP tells police officials Apply PSA carefully

MYMENSINGH, Apr 4: Inspector General of Police (IGP) A Y B Siddiqui has called upon the members of police force to discharge their duties and responsibilities with utmost sincerity so that the common people could be benefited, reports BSS.

The IGP was reviewing the law and order of the district at a meeting here on Sunday.

Addressing the senior police officers Siddiqui said serious offences like murder, robbery, rape and repression against women must be brought under control at any cost.

He also directed the officials to arrest the criminals without any hesitation.

In a brief discussion with the officials on the Public Safety Act (PSA), the IGP said this law should be applied most carefully and impartially so that the innocent people are not victimised.

Another report from Jamalpur says: The monthly meeting on law and order and prevention of women and child oppression was held on March 27 at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Room here.

Abul Bashar, Deputy Commissioner of Jamalpur, presided over the meeting.

According to district administration sources, the meeting reviewed the crime situation in

the month of January and compared it to the situation of the previous month of December 99. It was observed that the crime incidents slightly increased in Sarisabari, Melandah and Dewanganj thanas. A total of 10 cases of rioting were reported in these three thanas. The situation of remaining four thanas has improved.

It was informed in the meeting that in the month of January, a total 104 criminal cases were recorded.

The meeting also discussed steps for maintaining law and order in the ensuring HSC examinations.

On prevention of women and child oppression, it was observed that till January, forty-six cases were filed in the courts here.

According to Public Prosecutor of Jamalpur, a total of 180 cases were pending with the special court here till January.

The meeting requested the Public Prosecutor and other relevant authorities for disposal of the under trial cases without delay.

Reviewing the anti-smuggling drives, the meeting observed that in the month of January, no cases of smuggling were detected in border thanas of the district.

## Jhooming threatens ecology in CHT

RANGAMATI, Apr 4: In a desperate bid to stop illegal Jhoom cultivation, authority has formed "The Illegal Jhoom Cultivation Resistance Team" at every forest ranges in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) as it has taken an alarming turn causing serious threat to ecology, afforestation and Biodiversity, reports BSS.

The continuous shifting cultivation, locally known as "Jhoom chash" has already turned 1300 square miles of the CHTs into a barren land, unfit for any type of planned agriculture, re-forestry, agro-forestry, the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) of Rangamati Jhoom Control Division, Mohammad Mazharul Islam told recently.

Fifty per cent of the total area of over 3,500 square miles of the government managed Unclassed State Forests in addition to a vast area belonging to the government raised reserved forests in the CHTs came into their process of shifting

cultivation, also known as slash and burn agriculture, Islam said. The practices among the tribals are in vogue through ages, he said.

The slash and burn agriculture provides food for about one million of the country's poor hilly people, he observed.

The forests, the huge reservoirs of biological diversity covering around 30 per cent of the total hilly surface in the three hill districts of Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban are fast disappearing due to Jhooming, the most extensive farming system in hilly areas.

Under this system, farmers from the traditional tribal community particularly slash, dries and burn forest vegetation, then plant crops or pastures, using the ashes as manure to enrich — but only temporarily — the nutrient poor soil, the Conservator of Forests of Rangamati Forests Circle, Altaf Hussain Khan told when asked for his comment on the impact of Jhooming in CHTs.



Rangpur villagers' patriotism

People of Lahirirhat in Rangpur district constructed an ordinary monument voluntarily at the spot where 32 villagers embraced martyrdom during the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971. — Star photo

# Patients deprived of medi-care services at Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital

From Aroop Talukdar



The Administrative Building of Sher-e-Bangla Medical College in Barisal. — Star photo

BARISAL, Apr 4: The 500-bed Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College and Hospital is now plagued with manifold problems.

This medical institution was established here during the Pakistan regime. It was renamed after Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Haq in 1977, during the regime of the then President Ziaur Rahman.

There is an acute shortage of teachers in the college. The shortage has been prevailing for a long time. Except a few ones almost all the professors, associate professors and assistant professors are working on temporary basis.

They are not being regularised due to unknown reasons.

Now, two professors, six associate professors and three assistant professors are working in the college with 'current charges'.

Besides, many posts of professors, associated professors and assistant professors are lying vacant for years together. Most of the posts of lecturers are also lying vacant in different departments in the college which are yet to be filled up. But the Health Directorate has been paying no heed to the matter even after repeated requests from the college authority to fill up the vacant posts.

Moreover, they have transferred some senior lecturers who have passed the 'lecturership' examination earlier.

Students of the medical college complained several times that they are suffering much due to acute shortage of professors and lecturers.

Moreover, it was learnt that the Health Ministry has already created and sanctioned some new posts of doctors including those of lecturers in government medical colleges and in other institutions.

According to the college sources, there are only three professors, 13 associate professors, 28 assistant professors, (most of them working on 'current charges') and 18 lecturers against 20 sanctioned posts of

professors, 26 associate professors and 32 lecturers for the last three years or more.

Authoritative sources said the General Medical Council (GMC) of UK is likely to review its recognition. Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College may face difficulty due to prolonged shortage of teachers for years together. It is widely alleged that ambitious doctors prefer to stay and work in Dhaka because of various reasons.

There are more problems for the students as there is no dormitory facilities for them. Women students have dormitories, but they have no security. The hospital is virtually ailing seriously due to different reasons.

Sometimes ago there were some unauthorised structures in front of the 5-storied big

hospital those have been already evicted. But still now, none would be able to see any flower garden there except, sometime, grazing cattle in the hospital premises.

Patients are always deprived of medi-care facilities here. Patients also alleged that, there are so many touts and brokers in the hospital who roam around freely in search of innocent patients. Most of the patients usually come from the rural areas. All the Operation Theatres (OT) of the hospital are being shifted to the 4th floor from the first floor. This decision is unwise, opined experienced people. However, none can say when it would be shifted and start functioning.

Nearly six years ago five Cobalt-60 machines were imported from China to provide

treatment to the cancer patients at the cost of Taka Two crore each.

Meanwhile a building was constructed spending about 80 lakh taka. But the Cobalt-60 machines could not start functioning here due to technical faults. Now can say when it will start its operation. A CC unit is running in the hospital but there is no Cardiology Ward. The Surgery Department here is running with only two assistant professors. There is no associate or full professor in this department. Neurology and other departments are now totally closed due to shortage of doctors.

The Department of Radiotherapy also remains closed as there is no doctor for years together. But who cares?

People of Lahirirhat in Rangpur district constructed an ordinary monument voluntarily at the spot where 32 villagers embraced martyrdom during the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971. — Star photo

## Two killed as rivals clash

SUNAMGANJ, Apr 4: Two persons were killed and 13 injured with bullet at Pandub Bazar under Tahipur thana when rival groups clashed recently, reports UNB.

# Bumper production of wheat in districts

By Staff Correspondent

A bumper production of wheat is expected in various districts.

**Our Faridpur Correspondent reports:** A bumper wheat production has been achieved here the district this year.

A source in the Agricultural Extension Department (AED) said, early monsoon and moderate rain in the months of January and February helped bumper wheat production.

A total of 28,400 hectares of land have been brought under wheat farming this year in eight thanas.

The production target was fixed at 64,922 tons of wheat. But the production exceeded the target fixed here.

Thana wise break-up of land for wheat cultivation is as follows: 5,610 hectares in Sadar thana, 1,060 hectares in Char Bhadrasan thana, 7,080 hectares in Nagarkanda thana, 1,675 hectares in Sadarpur thana, 5,280 hectares in Bhanga thana, 2,430 hectares in Madhukhali thana, 4,250 hectares in Boalmari thana, and 1,015 hectares in Al-fadanga thana.

Harvesting of wheat has almost come to an end.

**Agencies report:** A bountiful production of high yielding variety of wheat is expected in Thakurgaon district this season.

Agriculture officials here said 1.44 lakh metric tons of wheat will be produced in the district this year.

They said some 60,025 hectares of land has been brought under wheat cultivation in five thanas this year against the target of 62,000 hectares.

Farmers have been provided with two high yielding varieties of new seeds — Soirav and Govrav — to make the programme a success.

Some 46,036 metric tons of

wheat were produced in Chapinawaganj district against the target of 42,748 metric tons this year.

According to an estimate, nearly 3 metric tons of wheat was produced on every acre of land brought under wheat cultivation.

Officials said about 18,700 hectares of land had been brought under wheat cultivation against the target of 1,500 hectares this season.

A total of 45,000 tons of wheat is expected to be produced in all the four thanas of Chandanga district during the current wheat season.

According to an official source, the harvesting of wheat of the current season is expected to begin soon.

Of the total, 9,000 tons will be produced in Chandanga Sadar thana, 17,000 tons in Alamdanga thana, 12,000 tons in Damurhuda thana and 7,000 tons in Jibannagar thana.

A total of 20,000 hectares has been brought under wheat cultivation in all the four thanas.

At least two lakh sixty thousand metric tons of wheat worth about Taka 20 lakh is expected to be produced in 10 districts of the Khulna division during the current Rabi crop season.

About one lakh and six thousand hectares have been brought under wheat cultivation in the districts.

Agricultural Extension Department supplied necessary seed, fertiliser, pesticides and other agricultural inputs for implementation of the programme.

However, wheat cultivation has declined in 10 districts of Khulna division this season as farmers suffered loss last year by sowing low quality kanchan seeds distributed from BADC.

Officials said only 77,426

hectares were brought under wheat cultivation this year as against 1.29 lakh hectares last year.

District-wise breakup of wheat cultivation this year is: 20,180 hectares in Chuadanga, 15,700 hectares in Kushtia, 13,500 hectares in Meherpur, 10,690 hectares in Jhenidah, 7,175 hectares in Jessore, 5,920 hectares in Magura, 2,500 hectares in Narail, 1400 hectares in Shatkhira, 211 hectares in Bagerhat and 150 hectares in Khulna.

BADC distributed akbar and barkat seeds among the farmers this year that are likely to give a good yield.

**Two children succumb to burn injuries**

CHITTAGONG, Apr 4: Two children of a family succumbed to their burn injuries here on Saturday.

The victims identified as Yeasmin and Mohammad Ali were injured in a devastating fire that broke out in Chandgaon area on Friday night.

The fire also gutted over 500 thatched and semi pucca houses and shops, rendering at least 600 families homeless.

**Robbery in Mymensingh**

From Our Correspondent MYMENSINGH, Apr 4: A robbery was committed at the administrative building of Mymensingh Polytechnic Institute at early hours on Sunday.

Police said a gang of robbers entered the institute campus identifying themselves as political activists. When the guards of the polytechnic institute opened the gate, they tied up the guards and entered the principal's chamber and Accounts Department.

Police said the robbers looted Taka 49,845 and destroyed valuable documents.

A case was lodged in this connection.

**Man shot dead during robbery in Jessore**

From Our Correspondent JESSORE, Apr 4: One person was shot dead 13 others were injured during a robbery at Dumurkhal village under Monirampur thana on Monday night.

According to police, a gang of armed robbers numbering 10 to 15 raided a house and the master of the house raised hue and cry. As the villagers rushed to the spot the robbers locked in clash with them.

During the clash a villager was shot dead. The dead was identified as Hafizur Rahman. Three robbers were caught by the villagers.

## News snaps

### Principal suspended

SHERPUR, Apr 4: Principal of Tinani Adarsha College in Jhenagati thana has been suspended on charge of corruption, reports UNB.

Managing Committee of the college suspended Principal Abdul Qudus on March 31 upon a directive from Dhaka Education Board. College sources said the principal had taken money from 60 HSC candidates with fake registration numbers.

### Spurious cements flood markets

BENAPOLE, Apr 4: Markets in southern region of the country have been swamped with spurious cements to the dismay of buyers, reports UNB.

According to competent sources, an organised gang in Khulna and Jessore regions mix soils with the imported cements and market those in collaboration with a section of dishonest traders. Locals alleged that the administration could hardly take action against them for mysterious reasons.

### School buildings renovated

JHALAKATI, Apr 4: Various buildings of five educational institutions are being renovated at a cost of Tk 7.96 lakh, reports UNB.

The institutions include Jhalakati Government College, Jhalakati Government Boys' School and Government Har Chandra Girls' School.

### Sued on fictitious ground!

PIROJPUR, Apr 4: A case was filed on Monday in a district court against two assistant commissioners and an invigilator of an examination centre accusing them of expelling a SSC examinee on fictitious ground on March 11, reports UNB.

Nurul Huda Alam, father of the examinee who is also secretary of District Sports Association, in his petition said Assistant Commissioner Pronob Kumar out of enmity got his son expelled through a conspiracy. He alleged that Pronob detained his colleague Rafiqul Islam to carry forged papers inside the examination hall. Rafiqul illegally entered into the hall and executed the evil design through invigilator Kishore Kumar Datta.

### Youth killed by cousin

HABIGANJ, Apr 4: A young man was killed allegedly by one of his cousins following a family feud at village Omarpur in Nabiganj thana Sunday morning, reports UNB.

Police said Muzibur Rahman hit his cousin Tobarak Hossain, 20, with a sharp weapon after a quarrel over the demarcation of their houses. He died on the spot. A case was filed.

### Installation ceremony

THAKURGAON, Apr 4: The installation ceremony of the Zilla Sarkari Karmachari Samonnyia Parishad (ZSKSP) was held in the local Pourasabha auditorium here on Saturday, reports BSS.

It was presided over by president of ZSKSP Mohammad Masud Rana. Deputy Commissioner of the district Mohammad Abdul Baki attended the ceremony as the chief guest. Among others, Mirza F Alamgir, Principal Syed Merajul Hossain, Samsar Ali, Mohammad Dabirul Islam, Mohammad Khairul Alam, Mohammad Mosharraf Islam, Mohammad Nazrul Islam, Shahidul Islam and Mohammad Mazedur Rahman spoke on the occasion.

### Workshop on environment

CHITTAGONG, Apr 4: Participants at a day-long workshop on National Environment Management Project here on Sunday emphasised the need for preparation of sustainable development programmes without polluting the environment, reports BSS.

The workshop held under the auspices of UNDP, Ministry of Environment and Forest, CHT Regional Council and Khagrachhari District Council was attended by 120 professionals drawn from government and non-government organisations, people's representatives and journalists. The main objective of the workshop was to make the people aware of the environment and development programmes as well as to associate people with local development activities. Held at Tribal Employees' Welfare Centre, the workshop was attended by District Council Chairman Jatindra Lal Tripura as chief guest.

### Indian jute seeds seized

PANCHAGARH, Apr 4: Police seized 165 bags of low quality Indian jute seeds from Boda bus stand and arrested two people in this connection on Thursday, reports UNB.

Police said they arrested Moslem, 25, son of Sona Miah and Md Zakir, 22, son of Abdul Halim of Raniganj village in Atoyary thana for smuggling the jute seeds worth about Tk 8,000. They were taking the seeds to Bogra by bus. A case was filed.

### 109 schemes progressing

CHUADANGA, Apr 4: Works of 109 schemes under Food for Works programme, in the four thanas of the district, are now progressing satisfactorily, reports BSS.

The four thanas of the district are Sadar, Alamdanga, Damurhuda and Jibannagar. According to an official source, a total of 889 tonnes of food grains have been allocated for implementation of the schemes. Of the total, 25 schemes are being implemented in Chuadanga Sadar, 39 in Alamdanga, 29 in Damurhuda and 16 in Jibannagar. The schemes include construction and reconstruction of roads.

### 95 bottles of phensidyl seized

JOYPURHAT, Apr 4: Police arrested a man with 95 bottles of Indian phensidyl from a bus at Masjid Crossing in the town recently, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided a Dhaka-bound bus of Salma Enterprise and arrested Kabir Hossain with the harmful phensidyl. He hails from Sirajganj district.

### Non-registered marriages up

SHAHATPUR, Apr 4: The number of marriage without registration has increased alarmingly in rural areas of the district, depriving the divorced wives of taking any legal action, reports BSS.

In a bid to avoid registration fee and any document the bridegrooms, particularly of the poor and distressed class, have developed a tendency of "marriage without registration," locals said. The cause behind avoiding registration is that it helps the bridegrooms to divorce wives easily and remarry without any obstruction, said a village elder. Abdul Haq, a senior advocate of the Shahatpur court told the news agency polygamy tendency is one of the causes to avoid registration.

### Contraband seized

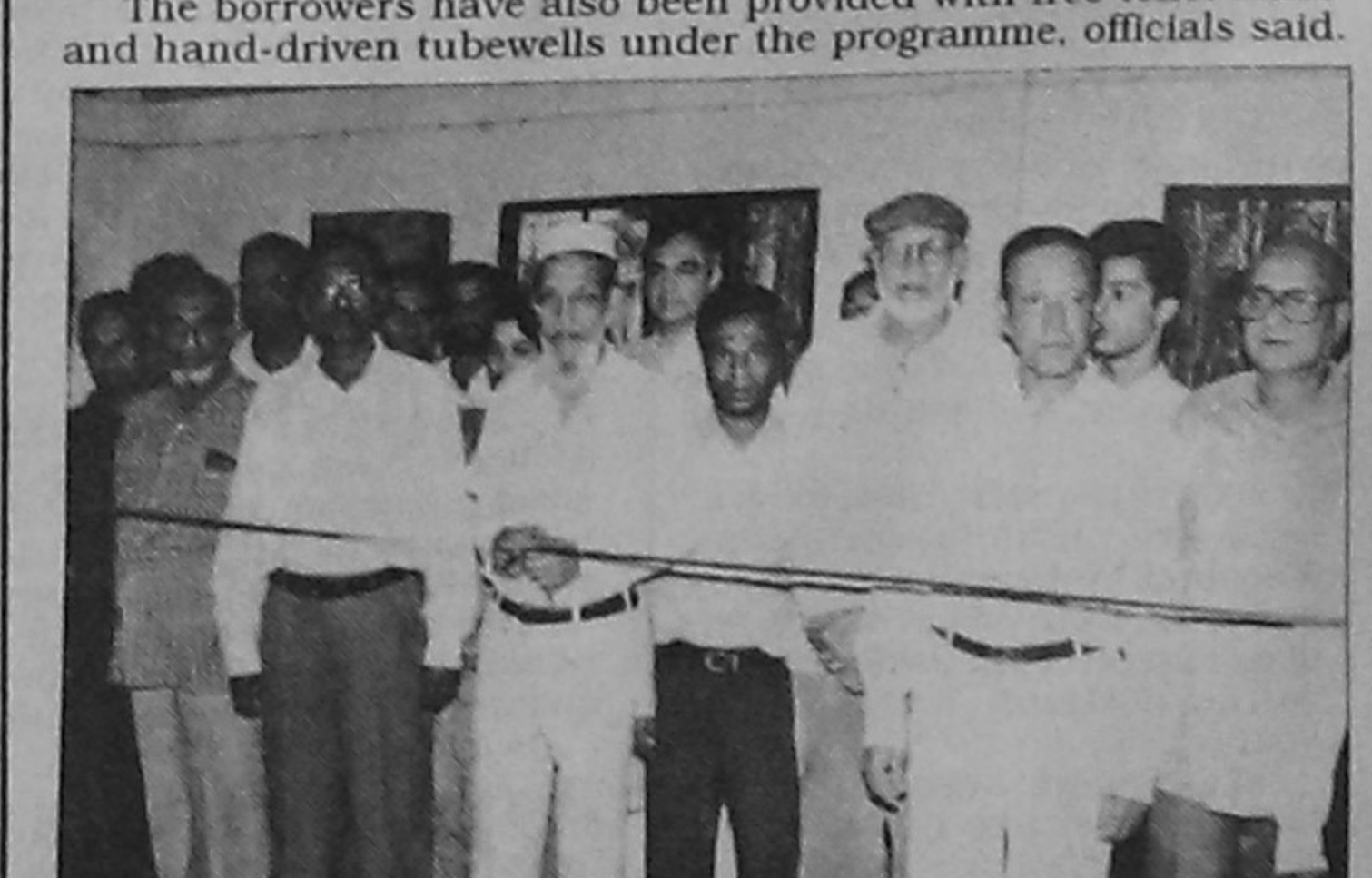
CHITTAGONG, Apr 4: A coast guard squad seized an engine boat, 860 bottles and 576 cans of Chinese and Dutch beer worth about taka two lakh from the boat at the outer anchorage here recently, reports BSS.

Coast guards had to chase the engine boat carrying the beer and fire three shots in the air to stop it. At one stage the occupants of the boat managed to flee away leaving behind the boat and the beer.

### Loan for poor people

SHARIATPUR, Apr 4: Bangladesh Rural Development Board under its productive Employment Project (PEP) distributed loan totaling Tk 2.91 crore among the poor in six thanas here this month, reports UNB.

The borrowers have also been provided with free toilet slabs and hand-driven tubewells under the programme, officials said.



Computer education for prosperity

Toufique Ambia Chowdhury, principal of Bhadeshwar Women's College inaugurating Tasadduque Ahmed Computer Laboratory at the college premises. —Star photo

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### R&H Tender Invitation Notice

1. Tender Notice No : 17/1999-2000.  
2. Group List :

Group No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit for work	Eligibility of tenderer
*A*	Supply of spare parts for different vehicles of different Road Divisions under (R&H), Workshop Division, Rajshahi during 1999-2000 financial year.	As per schedule	At 2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost	15 (fifteen) days from the date of issuing work order	(R&H) Directorate's "A" to "C", (R&H) Workshop Circle, Bogra's "D" and (R&H), Workshop Division, Rajshahi's "E" General class enlisted contractors.
*B*	Supply of spare parts for repairing Seed Roller and Jeep of different Road Divisions under (R&H), Workshop Division, Rajshahi during 1999-2000 financial year.	-do-	-do-	-do-	
*C*	Supply of spare parts for Vibromax Duplex Roller (Model-W-70) of different Road Divisions under (R&H), Workshop Division, Rajshahi during 1999-2000 financial year.	-do-	-do-	-do-	

3) Offices where tender to be sold from : a) Executive Engineer (R&H), Workshop Division, Rajshahi/Shantahar, Bogra/Ferry Division, Bogra.  
4) Offices where tender to be received at : a) Superintending Engineer (R&H), Workshop Circle, Bogra/Executive Engineer (R&H), Workshop Division, Rajshahi/Shantahar, Bogra/Ferry Division, Bogra.  
5) Last date of selling tender : 19-04-2000 up to office hours.  
6) Last date & time of receiving tender : 20-04-2000 up to 12:00 Noon.  
7) Date & time of opening tender box : 20-04-2000 at 12:30 PM.  
8) Date & time of opening tender by the undersigned after collecting all the tenders in sealed condition : 24-04-2000 at 11:00 AM.  
9) Date of holding lottery (if necessary) : Will be informed in due course.

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### Tender Notice

Tenders are invited for purchase of the undermentioned life-saving items for treatment of poor patients at National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases & Hospital during 1999-2000 financial year. Pacemaker (including accessories), Heart-valve (including accessories).

Schedule can be collected from the office of the undersigned & office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka on deposit of Tk 750/= (seven hundred fifty) only as price of schedule (non-refundable) through Treasury Challan code No. 1 2711 000 2023 and application in respective pad of the tendering firm with original copy of the challans. Schedule will be available every day during office hours from the day after the publications of the notice in newspaper at the office of the undersigned & office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka from 17-4-2000 to 20-4-2000 every day up to 1-00 PM.

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