## Malik's action reported

REUTERS, Sharjah

Pakistan off-spinner Shoaib Malik has been reported for a suspect bowling action by Sharjah triangular series match referee Justice Ibrahim Ahmed.

. The referee, in a statement released on Saturday, said Malik's action was suspect and a report has been sent to the Pakistan team management and the International Cricket Council (ICC).

Justice Ibrahim refused to reveal the name of the umpire who had reported the matter.

The triangular series, involving Pakistan, Sri Lanka and New Zea-

land, was supervised by New Zealand's Doug Cowie, who reported Pakistan's Shoaib Akhtar recently, David Orchard of South Africa and England's John Hampshire. Ijaz Fakih, Iqbal Sikander and

Mohsin Qadir are the members of the Pakistan Cricket Board's review panel, who will examine footage of Malik's action in the Sharjah tournament and the report submitted by Justice Ibrahim. Since Malik has not been re-

ported before, he can continue playing. Pakistan are due to announce

their squad on Monday for the two-Test tour of England which starts next month.

# Lewis-Rahman bout today

AP, South Africa

Lennox Lewis has taken his world heavyweight titles to Africa. He doesn't want them to wind up in Baltimore.

Facing his 15° world title fight, the 35-year-old British heavyweight has waged a battle to keep the WBC and IBF titles out of the hands of the Americans and hasn't been beaten for seven years.

If he loses to American fighter Hasim Rahman Sunday, it will be one of the biggest upsets in boxing history and Lewis is a prohibitive favourite with bookmakers.

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overs and rack up his 12th fivewicket haul in Tests.

The South African captain then became the eighth man in Test history to score 2000 runs and take 200 wickets and joined some of cricket's greatest names as he became the first South African to achieve the double.

He started his innings needing 12 to reach the milestone and broke it in style when he pulled Cuffy over midwicket for six.

He reached 24 before being Tennis caught behind off Dillon. It was only the third time Pollock had been dismissed in the series and left him with 299 runs at an average of 99.67.

In his career, Pollock has scored 2012 runs at 31.93 and after the first innings he had taken 227

#### wickets at 20.39. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the fifth and final Test between the West Indies and South Africa at Sabina Park on | Friday:

WEST INDIES: First Innings (overnight 214-9) Garrick c Pollock b Donald Gayle c Kemp b Donald Chanderpaul c Boucher b Kallis Lara e Kallis b Pollock Samuels c Boucher b Pollock Hooper c Kirsten b Pollock Jacobs c Boucher b Pollock Dillon | Bour by to Donal ! Ramnarine not out Cuffy c Boucher b Pollock Walsh c Adams b Pollock

Extras: (b-4, lb-12, w-2) Total: (All out in 96.5 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-21, 3-50, 4-54, 5-107, 6-113, 7-167, 8-188, 9-

Bowler Donald Pollock 26.5 17 28 Kallis Kemp Adams SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings Gibbs c Jacobs b Cuffy Kirsten c Gayle b Walsh Kallis c and b Dillon Cullinan c Lara b Cuffy

McKenzie b Ramnarine Klusener b Walsh Boucher c Garrick b Walsh Pollock c Jacobs b Dillon Kemp c Walsh b Dillon Donald not out Adams c Hooper b Dillon Extras: (w-1)

Total: (All out in 61.1 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-24, 3-35, 4-51, 5-77, 6-97, 7-137, 8-137, 9-

Bowler Walsh 17. 6 58 Culty 15.1 5 32 Dillon 11 4 20 Ramnarine WEST INDIES: Second Innings Garrick not out Gayle not out Extras: (b-2, w-1) Total: (For no wkts in 17 overs) 34 Bowler Donald Pollerk Kallis

Adams

# Pollock's milestone

Cricket

AGI NCIES, Kingston

South African captain Shann Pollock became only the eighth player in Test history to complete the double of 2000 runs and 200 wickets during the fifth I est against the West Indies at Sabina Park on Friday.

The 27-year-old, playing in his 56th Test, reached the landmark in style when he pulled fast bowler Cameron Cuffy for six to take his total of runs to 2001 with 227

He has achieve the double in the fifth quickest time.

Pollock started his innings with 32.06, having hit two centuries and feat. eight half-centuries while his 227 wickets have been taken at an average of 20.39 with 12 fivewicket hauls.

Pollock joined greatest names a				runs, battir ling average		e, wick
lan Botham	Eng	42	2000	22.26	211	20.9
Imran Khan	Pak	50	2000	31.75	232	22.9
Kapil Dev	India	50	2029	30.74	200	29.3
Richard Hadlee	NZ	54	2000	25.32	255	23.8
Shaun Pollock	SA	56	2000	32.26	227	20.3
Richie Benaud	Aus	60	2000	24.10	241	26.2
Wasim Akram	Pak	78	2000	21.74	337	22.2
Gary Sobers	WI	80	7232	60.27	200	34.6



SHAUN POLLOCK

a Test career batting average of first South Africa to achieve the

All-rounders to have achieved double of 2000 Test runs and 200 Test wickets (tabulated under player, country, matches to dou-

ket's ble,	runs, battir	ig averagi	e, wicke
the bow	ling average	2):	
2000	22.26	211	20.93
2000	31.75	232	22.91
2029	30.74	200	29.34
2000	25.32	255	23.82
2000	32.26	227	20.39
2000	24.10	241	26.24
2000	21.74	337	22.25
7232	60.27	200	34.67

#### OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingle

Seraj Memorial Club defeated Shaheed Ratan Sangsad by two wickets in the Beg Steel Premier Division Cricket League at the

local stadium yesterday. Winning the toss, Ratan Sangsad scored 164 runs for nine wickets in 45 overs.

In reply, Seraj Memorial reached the target in 43.3 overs for eight wickets.

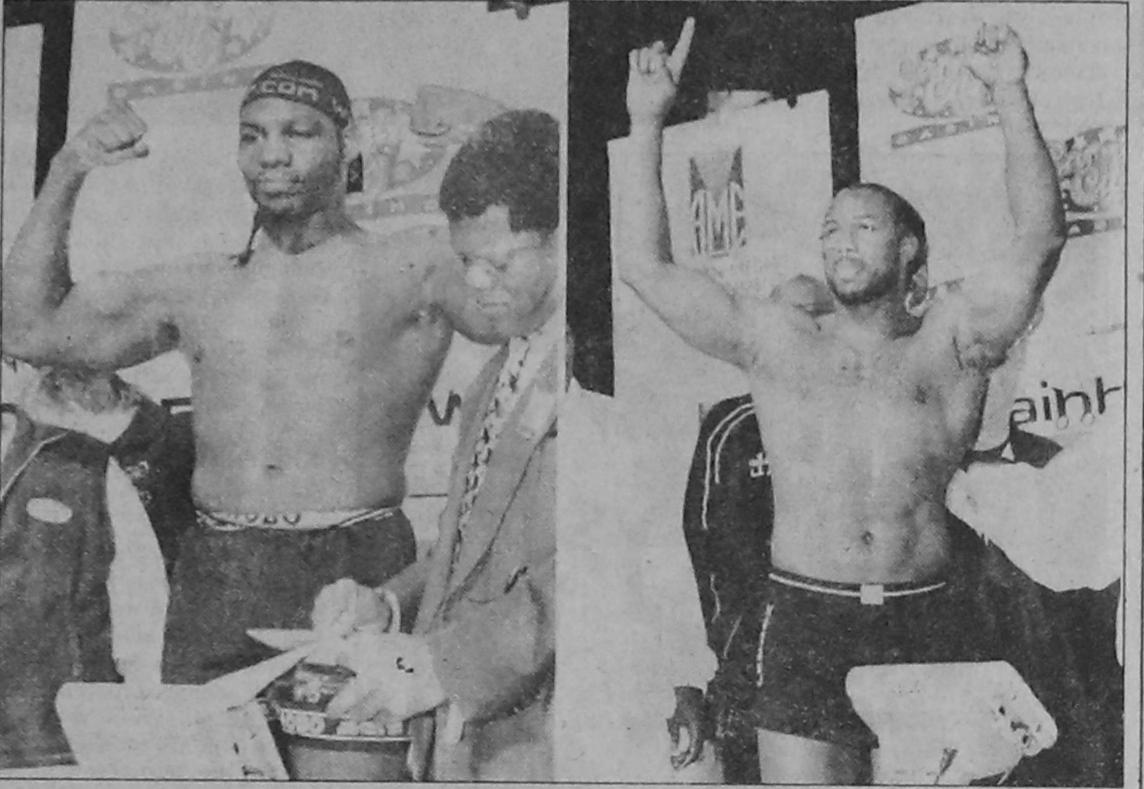
In another match, Station Quarter Club beat Golganda Youth Club by 15 runs in the Pepsi First Division Cricket League at the local Circuit House ground yester-

Batting first, Station Quarter made 146 runs allout in 34.1 overs. In reply, Golganda Youth Club managed 131 runs allout in 32.2

### Rajshahi v'ball

'OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Bright Star Club clinched the Rajshahi First Division volleyball league title beating Jagrata Sangha (3-0, 25-11, 25-8, 25-12) in the final at the local stadium yesterday.



World heavyweight champion Briton Lennox Lewis (R) and his American challenger Hasim Rahman weigh in ahead of their bout in Johannesburg on April 20.

# Arazi derails Henman

AFP, Monte Carlo

Tim Henman's brave bid to reach the semifinals of the Monte Carlo Masters came to a sticky end on Friday as Morocco's Hicham Arazi beat the British eighth seed 7-6 (7/3), 2-6, 7-6 (7/2) in a marathon

quarterfinal. In a momentous match which lasted 2hr 54min, Henman found himself 5-3 down in the deciding set but came so close to turning things around only to succumb in errors. a second tiebreak which he flunked badly.

Open finalist Schastien Grosjean, both came this far in 1975 but he 25 who downed Swiss 15th seed too failed to clear the hurdle. 7 | Roger Federer 6-4, 6-3.

3 | pit Argentine teen Guillermo Coria man whom he had beaten in eight 25 against favourite and second seed of nine previous meetings, in-0 Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil, who cluding one on clay at the Ham-21 moved past Dutchman Sjeng burg Masters Series last year. 35 | Schalken 6-7 (1/7), (7-2, 6-4.

18 | the "king of clay" and the reigning 225 French Open champion won in 1hr 57min to take his career series

with Schalken to 7-0 in his favour. Coria, nicknamed Mini Mova for his resemblance to former

French Open champion Carlos

# Hingis halts Mauresmo

AFP, Charleston

World No. 1 Martina Hingis snapped Amelie Mauresmo's 17match win streak with a 7-5, 6-2, victory here Friday at a 1.2 million-dollar WTA clay court tour-

The Swiss star ousted the seventh seed from France to reach a Saturday semifinal against the winner of a later match between South Africa's Amanda Coetzer, the fourth seed, and Germany's Marlene Weingartner.

Mauresmo had won three tournaments in a row during her win streak, taking titles at Paris, Nice and last week at Amelia Island, Florida.

Hingis, who won here in 1997 and 1999, lost a quarterfinal last week to Spain's Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, who had lost to Hingis 15 times in a row. Hingis failed to reach a semifinal for the first time since last August.

Also advancing was Australian Open champion Jennifer Capriati. who beat Russia's Elena Dementieva 7-5, 6-4.

April 20.

Mova of Spain, ousted Alberto to level from 3-0 down. Martin of Spain 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 to

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book his passage. the match of the tournament two match points in the ninth which had the crowd on the edge - game, Henman lost his way in the | Haq. of their seats.

he squandered a set point in netting a simple backhand volley and a neat chipped return brought Arazi level at 5-5 before the Moroccan sped through the first set tiebreak after a flurry of Henman

Henman was the first Briton match. through to this stage of the first Arazi now plays the remaining big clay event of the year since French contender. Australian John Lloyd and Buster Mottram

The 26-year-old Briton fell 2-0 Saturday's other semifinal will behind in the second set-against a

He roared back to win six Kuerten made a ponderous straight games and then staged a 4 start before finding his game as temporary recovery in the decider sessment of his opponent.

But Arazi was pulling out a runs. stream of winning returns and Henman and Arazi served up although the 27-year-old spurned ensuing tiebreak along with six Henman broke in the opening straight points to fall 6-1 behind. game but, serving for the set at 5-3 his unforced error count rising to

With the writing on the wall for the Briton Arazi sent over a scorching cross court drive for a third match point.

He missed that one too but a backhand winner gave him the

Henman refused to be downcast about his exit, which comes just days after his split with longtime coach David Felgate. 'It's certainly frustrating to

lose a match like that. Given the way I've played this week I can't really have any complaints. "There's certainly something to

build from. It's been a good confidence-builder for me."

Arazi was generous in his as-



Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil celebrates after beating Dutchman Sjeng Schalken in the Masters Series quarterfinal match in Monte Carlo on

### M'singh cricket | Agrani beat City Club

SPORTS REPORTER

Agrani Bank defeated City Club by 23 runs in a Relegation League match of the Premier Division Cricket League at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Saturday.

Batting first, the bankers piled up a huge 292 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs. One-down Shahin Malik top-scoring with 90. Nasirul and Sohag with 88 and 41 respectively were the other notable run-getters.

Khokon of City Club bagged

four wickets for 59 runs. In reply, City Club were all out for 269 in 47.1 overs despite a superb century from one-down Rehan Rasique.

Rehan, faced 115 balls for his 124 which included 14 boundaries. Opener Wasim Nayeem made 71. Agrani Bank's Bappy took four

for 41 while Shahin Malik captured three wickets also for 41 It was Agrani Bank's fifth win in

12 matches while City Club suffered their eighth defeat.

SCORES IN BRIEF AGRANI BANK: 292 for 8 in 50 overs (S Malik 90, Nasirul 88, Sohag 41, Ujjal 29, Khokon 4/59)

CITY CLUB: 269 all out in 47.1 overs ( R Rafique 124, W Naveem 71. Bappy 4/41, S Malik 3/41) Result: Agrani Bank won by 23

#### SL saved FROM PAGE 13

series final between Pakistan and Sri Lanka on Friday:

SRI LANKA: 297 for 7 (M Atapattu 89, S Jayasuriya 70, M Jayawardena 67; Saglain Mushtag

PAKISTAN Nazir c K'tharana b Zoysa, Afridi c Vaas b Zoysa Farhat c M'tharan b Vaas Anwar c and b Jayasuriya Inzamam c Arnold b Vaas Younis c J'wardena b Vaas Razzaq c and b Fernando Malik b M'tharan Wagar c Zoysa b M'tharan Saglain e Dilshan b Fernando Sami not out

Extras: (lb-3, w-6, nb-8) Total: (All out in 41.4 overs)

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Bowler	0	M	R-	W
Vaas	6	0	36	-3
Zoysa	6	0	51	2
Fernando	9.4	0	49	2
M'tharan	10	1	29	2
Arnold F	6	0	30	0
'suriya	4	0	22	1
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Man-of-the-match: Marvan

Atapattu. Man-of-the-series: Inzamamul

#### School cricket

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for 147 in 32.3 overs with Abu Salah scoring highest 36. Away at the Sylhet Stadium, Habiganj Government High School beat NC High School of Moulvi Bazar by three wickets.

Chasing Moulvibazar's 146 in 40 overs, Habiganj reached 147 for seven in 39 overs with opener Mehdi making 34. In another match at the

Manikganj Stadium, Kishoreganj Government High School beat Netrokona High School by seven wickets.

At the Kurigram Stadium, Gaibandha Government High School handed Dinajpur Zila School a four-wicket defeat.

Middle-order Protik slammed 52 off 40 balls as Gaibandha chasing Dinajpur's 145 in 40 overs, reached 146 in 30.2 overs.

### Biman crush

FROM PAGE 13 b K Mahmud Subrata b Zia Manzar c Hasan b K Mahmud 29 Mosaddek b Zia Kalim b Aminul jr Imran b Aminul jr Nasim not out Talha run out Extras: (lb-6, w-10) Total: (All out in 49.1 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-75, 3-102, 4-150, 5-163, 6-164, 7-169, 8-196, 9-201. Bowler

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wickets.

Saifullah Zia BIMAN Athar Ali c Subrata b Manzar Shaheen c Kalim b Mosaddek 29 Halim Shah not out Majed c Subrata b T Mehmud 50 Hasan not out

Total: (For 3 wkts in 41.2 overs) 203

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Fall of wickets: 1-64; 2-122, 3-Bowler R W Talha 31 Nasim 0 38 I Mehmud 28 Imran 0 32 Mosaddek 0 45 Manzar 0 25

Result: Biman won by seven

Extras: (b-2, lb-2, nb-1, w-3)

# WICB loud in Walsh's praise

Cricket

AGENCIES, Bridgetown

Courtney Walsh has been saluted for his "supreme contribution" to cricket by leading West Indies

The 38-year-old Walsh is to retire from the international game at the end of the current fifth and final Test against South Africa in his native Kingston, Jamaica.

Fast bowler Walsh, who had taken a world Test record 513 wickets before starting his 132nd and last match on Thursday, was acclaimed in a joint statement Friday by West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) president Pat Rousseau and chief executive officer Gregory Shillingford.

"The WICB wishes to salute the supreme contribution of one of sonality. the icons of West Indies and international cricket," they said in a end in his own time". joint statement on Friday.

est ambassadors for the West In- bowler who has proudly worn the last year. dies and for the game and is loved, maroon cap for 17 years, since admired and respected world- making his Test debut against mark in the second Test of the wide, both for his wicket-taking Australia in 1984.



COURTNEY WALSH

prowess and for his affable per-

They called Walsh, 38, "a leg-

"He has been one of the great- the same without this veteran fast babwe at Sabina Park in Kingston

"Yet, it is not just Walsh's achievements themselves which have confirmed his place in the annals of the game but the manner in which he has achieved and the manner in which he has embraced success. "His dedication and commitment to excellence, never giving less than his best, his attitude and

and his belief in fair play are fine qualities which young sports persons would do well to adopt. "Throughout his illustrious career, he has remained bumble, approachable and has often given of his time and experience for worthy social causes, especially

team spirit, his attention to fitness,

those relating to children. "There can be no finer role model for West Indian youth than Courtney Andrew Walsh."

Walsh became Test cricket's highest wicket-taker when he passed Indian Kapil Dev's 434 "The field of play will not be wickets in the Test against Zim-

Walsh reached the 500-wicket current series against South Africa

Lancashire's Glen Chapple

Tasmania's Jamie Cox top

46 as last year's runners-up dis-

missed Somerset for 204 in 61.5

scored with 66 before Lancashire

replied with 114 for three from

overs at Taunton.

# Counties in full flow

Cricket

AGENCIES, Birmingham

Former England opener Nick Knight upstaged the influx of new overseas players with an unbeaten 140 against Hampshire on the first day of the new County Championship season. The Warwickshire left-hander

posted the highest score of the day on Friday as he completed the 23rd first-class hundred of his career with his 13th boundary. It was the second successive season Knight has got off to a flier, having posted a career-best 233

against Glamorgan in the opening game last year. Dominic Ostler (75 not out) helped add an unbeaten 192 for the fourth wicket as Warwickshire closed on 297 for three at Edg-

temperature at Edgbaston, three seven bowlers in a vain attempt to Hampshire players spent the day break the partnership on a slow fielding in woolly bobble hats and unresponsive wicket.

baston.

instead of their county caps.

Glamorgan's Michael Powell took the day's best return of six for scored the first Championship hundred of the season. He was one of two century-makers for the Welsh county against last season's Division Two champions Northamptonshire at Wantage Road.

Powell shared a fourth wicket stand of 123 with Adrian Dale before being dismissed for 106.

But Dale went on to reach 130 not out from 192 balls as the visitors closed on 339 for four from 108 overs. On a rain-affected first day at shire;

The Oval, Kent succeeded in catching defending champions Surrey cold with an unbeaten opening stand of 176 from 59 overs between Robert Key 188 not out) and David Fulton (86 not

Surrey, bidding to become the first county for 33 years to com-To combat the near freezing plete a hattrick of title wins, used

39.5 overs by stumps. At Grace Road, half-centuries from skipper Ronnie Irani (87 not out) and William Jeffferson with a career-best 69, steered newlypromoted Essex to 276 for five from 105 overs against Leicester-Queensland's Martin Love made the top score of 61 on his debut as Durham struggled to 237 for eight against Gloucestershire at Chester-le-Street. But only 26 overs were possible

at Lord's where Graeme Hick

raced to 37 not out in Worcester-

shire's 73 for one against Mid-

dlesex. SCORE SUMMARIES English County Championship score summaries on Friday, the

first day of the new season:

Division One

At Grace Road: Essex 276-5 (R Irani 87 not out, W Jefferson 69) v Leicestershire At Northampton: Glamorgan

339-4 (A Dale 130 not out, M Powell 106) v Northamptonshire At Taunton: Somerset 204 (I Cox 66; G Chapple 6-46) v Lanca-

shire 114-3 (M Chilton 53) At The Oval: Kent 176-0 (R Key 88 not out, D Fulton 86 not out) v

Surrey Division Two

At the Riverside: Durham 237-8 (M Love 61) v Gloucestershire At Lord's: Play abandoned for

the day, rain. Worcestershire 73-1 v Middlesex At Edgbaston: Warwickshire 297-3 (N Knight 140 not out, D

#### Ostler 75 not out) v Hampshire ECB action to save players

REUTERS, London English cricket chiefs have acted to

head off any possible problems for their players from agents. The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and the Professional Cricketers' Association (PCA) introduced a new system of players'

agent registration on Friday. The key features of the new system are that, to become registered, an agent must sign undertakings that oblige him to be open and fair in his dealings with players he represents and to abide by the ECB's rules and regulations.

#### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer ACROSS 39 Suffer in DOWN 19 DuPont 1 Adage the heat 1 Piglets rival 41 Not so 21 Historic 4 in what parents 2 Slightly way? friendly time 3 Judicious 23 Crony 7 Indo-43 Once nesian 4 1992 25 Liquely 25 | 26 | 27 around 44 One of sailboat 26 Basilica 28 |29 |30 "Death region Becomes 27 Luminary 46 Express 13 Zsa Zsa's gratitude 28 The Mac-50 Singer 5 Finished Donald SIS 14 Piltdown Mitchell 6 Treated a place 53 Promise 29 "I cannot man, mous-55 PC tache tell -" 7 Tom 15 Desire symbol 30 Hellenic 47 48 49 16 Harrison 56 Deserter's Hanks vowel 31 Indubitably |50 |51 |52 status movie 57 Psyche 8 Silver or 35 Barn 17 Concern-Glass part denizen 38 Mermald's 50 58 Assistant 9 Scull 18 Silver or 59 Used to need 40 Patronize Trigger 10 Cutting 20 Projec-60 Shirt CRYPTOQUIP tool a bistro

Surrey's Ed Giddins demands justice against Kent's Robert Key on the

first day of their County Championship clash on Friday.

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49 Had more LRPWF KNB LWNBJ JEJL? Saturday's Cryptoquip: SOME VILE GANGSTER hunch

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals B

52 Goes with give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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WAS GIVEN THE THIRD DEGREE IN THE 50 Mandible SHOWER: HE CAME CLEAN. 51 Buy now, pay later

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe

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