

JCD, Shibir resistance

BCL out of IU for 7 monthsRAHAT AHMED, *Rashida*

Despite repeated attempts, the leaders and activists of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) could not enter the Islamic University (IU) campus in the last seven months due to strong resistance by the ruling BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Jamaat-supported Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS).

The BCL workers were ousted from the university halls soon after the installation of BNP-led four-party government. Since then they tried to carry out their pro-

grammes on the campus several times but could not succeed in the face of attacking JCD and ICS activists.

Campus sources said more than 100 BCL activists were beaten up and 15 were stabbed on the campus in the last seven months.

The last incident of stabbing took place on May 14. A BCL leader, Ashique Iqbal Sagar, was stabbed by ICS when he turned up at the examination hall.

During the last caretaker government, the JCD and ICS activists tried to prevent the BCL from holding any organisational activi-

ties, resulting in fierce clashes.

The BCL leaders alleged that they could neither attend classes nor sit for the examinations in the face of joint attacks by the JCD and ICS.

The JCD and ICS beat or stab any BCL activist attending classes and appearing in examinations, they said.

"Even the tight police security could not restrain the JCD cadres," said a top BCL leader.

He said, "The local student leaders could not stay even at their residences due to torture by both the police and ruling party's student activists."

Md. Didarul Islam, a BCL leader, said that their academic careers are at stake because of repression by the JCD and ICS.

"We could not attend classes for long seven months and there is no possibility to complete our courses at the IU if the situation remains the same," he added.

Meanwhile, 15 activists of the Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) were injured in an attack on its meeting by the ICS on May 14.

Earlier in December, at least 25 leaders and activists of Gonotan Chhatra Oiyka (GCO) were critically injured when the JCD attacked their procession on the campus.

Directive for proper implementation of development projectsBSS, *Moulvibazar*

Minister for Finance and Planning M. Saifur Rahman yesterday directed for proper implementation of the development projects in the key sectors, saying the government would not tolerate any negligence in this regard.

While reviewing progress of development activities of the district at a meeting here yesterday he said all development projects must be expedited for timely implementation in the greater national benefit.

"If we want to establish ourselves as an educated and a healthy nation, our development projects must be implemented in time keeping in view the greater

national interest," the Finance Minister said while exchanging views with the government officials.

Overall progress of development works in local government, roads and highways, power supply, public health, agriculture extension and water development, sports and games came up for discussion during the meeting, an official handout said.

Saifur described the free education for girls up to class XII as an epoch making step of the present government and said all should unite to work to implement this programme. He stressed on immediate appointment of teachers for imparting quality education to the students.

Sawmill worker slaughtered in GazipurUNB, *Gazipur*

A sawmill worker was slaughtered by unidentified assailants at Fulbaria Bazar in Kalikoir upazila Friday night.

Local and hospital sources said Ali Hossain, 50, worker of Pushpa Sawmill, was killed with a sharp weapon at a tin-shed house adjacent to the mill in the bazar.

Police recovered the body yesterday and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy.

Kidnapped Madrassah student rescued at Trishal UZUNB, *Mymensingh*

A madrassah student was rescued from Olhori village in Trishal upazila here on Wednesday after four days of his abduction.

Police said the criminals swooped on the house of Akkas Ali Fakir in Fulbaria upazila, looted cash and valuables worth Tk 1.50 lakh and abducted his son Zahirul Islam Roni, 13, demanding ransom of Tk 5 lakh on May 18.

On information, police raided the house of Alia dacon of the village and rescued Roni from inside a bunker of his house.

Police arrested six people - Shomola, 32, Junab Ali, 55, Abdur Rashid, 45, Motaleb, 22, Sohrab, 45, and Mubarak, 35 - in this connection.

Miladunnabi programmes at Daira Sharif endsBSS, *Dhaka*

A 12-day Eid-e-Miladunnabi programme concluded at the Azimpur Daira Sharif on Friday night with prayers for world peace and solidarity of Islamic Ummah.

Sitting peershahab of the Daira Sharif Alhaz Hazrat Maulana Shah Sufi Syed Ahmed Ullah Jobayer led the concluding prayers following a discussion on the life and works of Prophet Mohammad (SM).

Huge illegal drug seizedBSS, *Rajshahi*

Department of Narcotics Control Rajshahi region recovered huge illegal drug in a month long drive from various places under Rajshahi, Natore, Chapainawabganj and Naogaon districts.

Some 40 cases were filed against 48 people in this connection and 22 of them arrested during the past month, narcotics officials said.

The official concerned said the seized goods include 43 litres of phenylid.

Black stone recovered in RajshahiBSS, *Rajshahi*

Police recovered a 21-inch-long statue of black stone from Sagan village under Godagari upazila of the district on Thursday.

Police sources said the statue was found by the workers while they were digging the Kaldighi pond.

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President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury speaking at the national festival marking the 103rd birth anniversary of poet Kazi Nazrul Islam at Trishal yesterday.

Nazrul works aimed at emancipation of downtrodden: President

3-day Nazrul birth anniversary festival begins

BSS, *Trishal*

President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday said national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam dedicated his life to economic emancipation of downtrodden and oppressed people through his works.

"Nazrul's poetry, stories, drama and songs have universal appeal as the poet depicted vividly the inmost pains and helplessness of the deprived people and protested against such ills through his works," the President said.

"He arrived in and left the literary world like a comet. Nazrul's works have had strong impact on the society, literature and music of the country and no one can claim such successes in his era," the President said while inaugurating a three-day national festival on the occasion of 103rd birth anniversary of the national poet.

The Ministry of Cultural Affairs in association with the Mymensingh district administration has organised Nazrul mela, discussion and cultural function as part of the festival in Darirampur, Trishal, where the rebel poet spent his early life.

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within the ambit of literature; he also worked as social worker and political activists.

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The President said the rebel poet urged all to fight against all barriers, social oppression and hostility with heads high. "Nazrul emerged as the most intimate representative of the deprived people; he shared their pains and happiness and echoed their voices."

The President said Nazrul was the people's poet who had created massive awareness about social ills and injustices.

"His bold and fiery articles and poetry inspired and awakened the Muslim society. He was the lone Bengali poet who could establish symbiotic relations with the hearts of the common people."

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Nazrul's poems such as 'Dur-gama Giri Kautar Moru' or 'Karar Oi Lauha Kopai' will never diminish from the memory of our people, the President said. Nazrul is not only our national poet, but also a unique source of our national pride and courage, he added.

The President said Nazrul inspired our nation to move forward. He was a poet who preached the messages of equality, liberty and fraternity.

Prof Chowdhury said we have to establish a society free from poverty and illiteracy to materialise the dream of the great poet. We have to ensure women's rights and proper nurturing of the culture of the land and its people, he said.

Plan to preserve bio-diversity of Tangar Haor by DecBSS, *Sunamganj*

Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj has said a plan would be taken by December this year to preserve the natural beauty and bio-diversity of Tangar Haor.

The minister said this while visiting the haor area on Friday.

State Minister of the Ministry Zafirul Islam Chowdhury, local parliament member Nazir Hosain, Kalimuddin Milon, Chief

Conservator of Forest Anwar Faruk and senior officials from Forest Department and Environment Directorate were present.

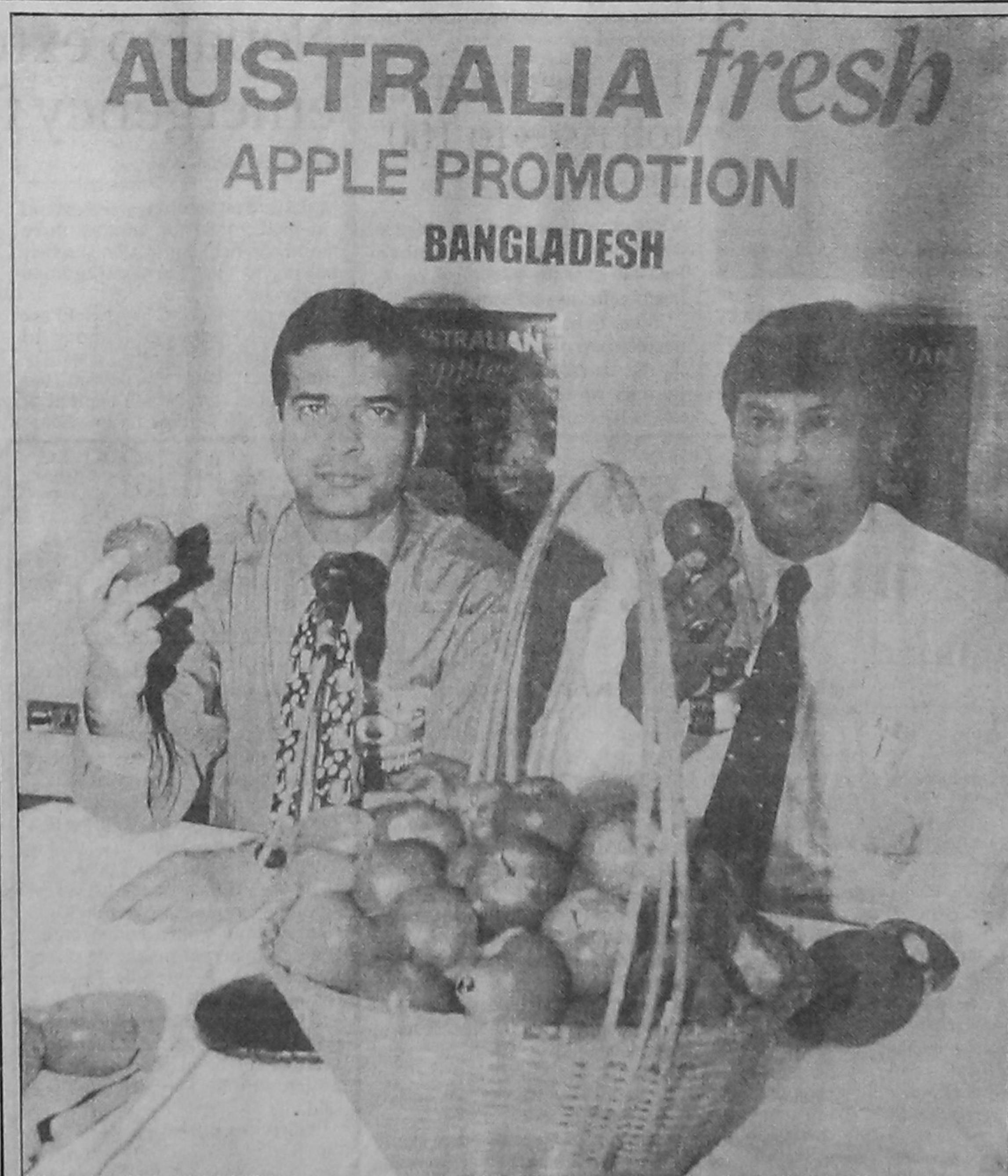
Siraj said the haor, a place of breathtaking natural beauty, would be turned into a site for eco-tourism what will offer local and foreign tourists a rare chance to enjoy natural beauty and watch birds.

It will also fetch a huge amount of foreign currency, he said.

The minister also said that an initiative for the preservation and scientific management of the resources of all water bodies in Sylhet region would be taken.

The 9,500-hectare haor is home to 135 species of fish, 34 species of reptile, 208 species of bird and 200 species of tree and shrub.

A few lakhs of guest birds visit the haor area in winter.



Australian Trade Commission, Dhaka, launched export market promotion activities under Australia fresh Apple Promotion programme in the city yesterday.

DHAKA TODAY**Film show**

Zahir Rahim Film Society will screen 15 'Golden Palm' winning films from Cannes Film Festival from Sunday through Thursday. On the opening day, three films will be screened. These are: 'The Third Man' by Carol Reed, 'The Cranes are Flying' by Mikhail Kalatozov and 'Barton Fink' by Joel and Ethan Coen. Venue: Goethe Institute, Dharmundi. Time: 3.30pm.

Milad mahfil

In observance of holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi, Anila Darbar Sharif organises seminar and milad mahfil with Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Sadek Hossain Khoka as chief guest. Prof Darbar Sharif Shah Sufi Md. Emdadul Islam will be present on the occasion. Venue: High Court Mazar premises. Time: 11.00am.

Tamaddun Majlis

On the occasion of holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi, Tamaddun Majlis has arranged a discussion on 'Duties and Responsibilities of Muslim Ummah in the context of present world situation' with Education Minister Dr. Osman Faruq as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4.00pm.

Seminar and jasne julus

A seminar and a grand jasne julus have been organised by Anjuman-e-Rahmania Monia Mazbundara on the occasion of 12th Rabul Awal with President of Ahle-Sunnat Wal-Jamaat Syed Mainuddin Ahmed Al-Hasani Mazbundara as chief guest. Venue: Darus-Salam Road, Mirpur. Time: 9.30am.

Khelaghari

The main programme of the 2-day national conference of Khelaghari will be held with former chief advisor of the Caretaker Government Justice Mohammad Habibur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: National Museum auditorium, Shahbagh.

Time: 5.30pm.

Roundtable

Bangladesh Anti-Tobacco Jote organises a roundtable on 'Tobacco Control Act' in observance of World Tobacco-free Day. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11.00am.

Budget seminar

North Bengal Journalists Forum will hold a seminar on 'National Budget and Regional Development' with Post and Telecommunications Minister Barnster Aminul Hoque as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 10.00am.

Environment seminar

In observance of its 7th founding anniversary, Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) organises a reunion of its former members and present members. Venue: DRU auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

Book exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of a 3-day workshop on 'Creating Awareness against Women Repression' organised jointly by Bangladesh and Denmark, will be held with Danish Ambassador Nels S. Mank as chief guest. Venue: Directorate of Women Affairs, 37/3 Eskaton Garden Road. Time: 10.00am.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Police Super, Sylhet

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide suppliers/contractors for supply & purchase of ration items (1) Lentil pulse 18,000 (eighteen thousand) kg, (2) Dalda 2,500 (two thousand five hundred) kg, (3) Wheat crushing including carrying, (4) Fuel wood, (5) Carrying contractor & (6) Labour contractor, etc as per requirement of 1st quarter from July/2002 to September/2002 of 2002-2003 financial year for Sylhet District Police Force Personnel. Tenders addressed to the undersigned should be submitted in tender box kept at the office of the Police Super by 12:00 Noon of 04-06-2002. Tender box will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers. Suppliers/contractors interested to participate in the tender competition may collect the schedule consisting terms & conditions of submitting tender from Police Ration Store, Sylhet during office hours against cash payment of Tk 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable). Schedule will not be sold on the prescribed date of submitting tender. Bank Draft/Pay-Order for Tk 20,000/- (twenty thousand) for item No. 1, Tk. 10,000/- (ten thousand) for each of item Nos. 2,3,4, Tk. (five thousand) for item No. 5 & Tk 2,000 (two thousand) for item No. 6 in favour of Police Super as earnest money should be enclosed with the tender schedule. Participants in tender competition for item Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 should possess their respective trade licence and bank transaction statement for the last 3 months & Solvency Certificate from any commercial bank scheduled with Bangladesh Bank, up-to-date Income Tax Clearance Certificate (TIN issued by Income Tax office), VAT certificate and experience of supplying food stuff worth minimum Tk 5 (five) lakh to govt office within the past 3 (three) months. Work order issued from the respective office should be submitted with the schedule in support of experience. It may be noted that all the abovementioned papers should be produced at the time of purchasing schedule, and certificate to the effect of possessing mill within municipal area issued by chairman of municipality at the time of purchasing schedule for wheat crushing, by the suppliers & mill owners themselves. Tender submitted without the prescribed earnest money and up-to-date certificate will be treated as cancelled. Tender should be submitted writing that the tender is submitted abiding by the terms & conditions of tender schedule, and putting signature there under, and with samples of goods. The undersigned reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

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