

External factors key to Musharraf future

THE TELEGRAPH, New Delhi

In Islamabad's cloak-and-dagger politics, it is often hard to separate apparent fact from inspired fiction. Speculation over President Pervez Musharraf's exit began eddying in the capital's power circles soon after last week's electoral verdict flew in his face, but perhaps the safest thing to say about his future today is that it's anybody's guess.

Eventually, external factors may pull more weight than the decisive domestic rebuff he has been handed.

The US, a critical player in Pakistan's internal affairs, still considers President Musharraf essential to its war on terror and remains averse to his abrupt departure from the scene.

"The Americans respect the popular verdict but that does not necessarily mean they want Musharraf gone," a former ISI chief told The Telegraph in Islamabad last week.

To them the jihadi threat is more important and they will want to ensure minimum instability in the ruling setup, they would be happiest if the new government can work with Musharraf.

It was no happenstance that the PPP's Asif Ali Zardari sought a meeting with US ambassador Anne Patterson even before he began coalition talks with other parties as head of the single-largest group in the new National Assembly.

There is considerable street and political pressure on the PPP to force President Musharraf to quit or to impeach him. And the PPP-ANP-

Nawaz Sharif alliance can perhaps even muster the required numbers two-thirds of the lower house to launch impeachment proceedings.

But that has not tempted Zardari into confrontation; analysts believe a lot of Zardari's reluctance to take on President Musharraf right away may have to do with American counsel.

The elections and the unfolding dynamics of popular politics have little bearing on Pakistan's grim security scenario, experts believe. Yesterday's fedayeen attack in Rawalpindi has only underlined fears that jihadi terror is alive and able to strike far beyond its strongholds in the North West Frontier Province (NWFP).

Consequently, the Americans are pitching for continuity as far as their

anti-terror objectives are concerned. "Even though he gave up the uniform a while ago, President Musharraf enjoys great leverage with the army and intelligence agencies," one security analyst said.

"The way the Pakistani establishment is structured, that may remain the case even after a popular Prime Minister has taken office."

He emphasised the vice-grip of the army-intelligence complex on security matters in Pakistan and said: "That is why the Americans continue to back Musharraf even as they praise the return of democracy, they can be mutually exclusive things in Pakistan."

It may well be that there comes a stage when the unpopular President becomes dispensable to the American scheme as well, but that

will require time and confidence building with a new set that can be trusted with carrying out American objectives.

"The new government is yet to take office and nobody's quite sure how stable the coalition will be. On the other hand, army chief General (Ashfaq) Kayani still appears to be loyal to President Musharraf, he has not created an independent identity for himself yet."

"The Americans will want to be assured he (General Kayani) or somebody else can be relied upon before they ditch the President," an informed source in the Pakistani foreign office said.

Of particular concern to the Americans at the moment is the plunging morale of the Pakistani army, which has taken a beating in

Waziristan along the Afghan border, and in Baluchistan.

Pakistani forces have not only failed to get the upper hand in the low-intensity war with jihadi militias, they have also taken heavy losses more than a thousand soldiers have been killed over the last two years and, alarmingly for the army, hundreds have crossed over with their arms and joined jihadi ranks.

"The way things are," said Ahmed Rashid, an expert on the Taliban and al Qaeda, "the main task of the generals is not to wage war on the jihadis, it is to bolster the morale of their own troops."

"It is a crisis much bigger than any facing Pakistan, surely bigger than the power struggle in Islamabad."

UK deporting one person every eight minutes

South Asians affected most by new immigration laws

DAILY TIMES, Lahore

Britain's Home Office says it is deporting at least one person after every eight minutes, one of the highest numbers of deportations from any European country, according to Dawn News.

According to the channel, the data released by the British Home Office on Tuesday shows that the British border and immigration agencies deported 63,140 illegal immigrants from the United Kingdom (UK) last year.

The deported illegal immigrants also include a number of South

Asians and Africans which means that at least one person is being deported after every eight minutes.

In addition, the British government also deported 12,525 asylum seekers, the channel said. It reported that the British authorities were reviewing their immigration policy after the July 7 London bombings, and the Sept 11 attacks in view of increasing threat from such attacks.

The channel said the newly enacted stern immigration laws were particularly affecting the Pakistanis and other South Asians seeking jobs in the UK and other European countries.

India, Israel to jointly develop anti-aircraft missiles

AFP, New Delhi

India will jointly build a surface-to-air missile with its second biggest weapons supplier Israel and hopes for such collaborations with other countries, the defence minister said yesterday.

"A project has been finalised with (state-run) Israeli Aerospace Industry for the joint development of a futuristic long range surface-to-air missile," Defence Minister AK Antony announced in parliament.

He did not give details of the project but others said New Delhi earlier this month had approved the 625-million-dollar joint venture with the Jewish state to build the anti-aircraft missiles for the Indian navy.

The announcement in parliament came a day after India conducted its first test of a nuclear-capable missile from an undersea platform, completing its goal of having air, land and sea ballistic systems.

Antony said India's ambitious missile development programme launched in 1983 was nearing its completion following the successful trials and mass production of an array of ballistic and guided missiles.

"The country's Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme has not been abandoned, but it is now near completion," Antony said.

"India has received a number of offers for the joint collaboration in various kinds of missiles from various countries," Antony said without giving details.

India has co-built a supersonic cruise missile called BrahMos with its primary arms supplier Russia and is trying to export the weapon to other countries.

Antony meanwhile said India was giving up a project to locally build a short-range surface-to-air missile called Trishul (Trident).

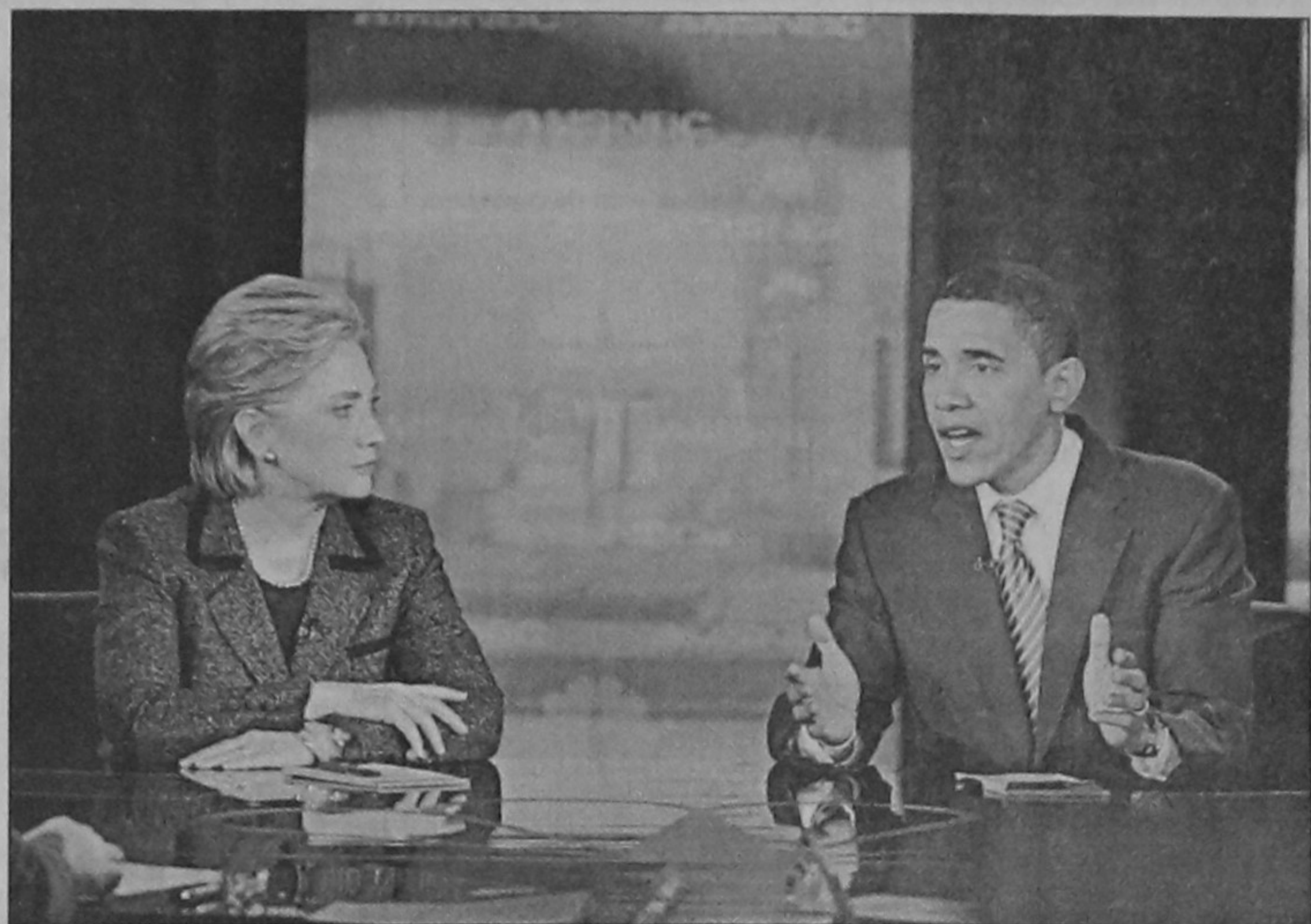
The project has been dogged by frequent failures during trials in the past few years.

The announcements came two months after India said it would test a ballistic missile with a range of 6,000 kilometres (3,720 miles) later this year.

India, which declared itself a nuclear-weapons state in 1998 following a series of atomic detonations, is also shopping for arms worth 30 billion dollars to modernise its technology-starved military.

US Defence Secretary Robert Gates on Wednesday wrapped up a two-day visit to India that focused on US arms sales and a burgeoning military relationship with the South Asian country.

US arms contractors are keen to compete for Indian weapons contracts, particularly one for 126 multi-role fighter aircraft worth 10 to 12 billion dollars.



Democratic presidential hopeful Sen Hillary Clinton (D-NY) and Sen Barack Obama (D-IL) participate in a debate at Cleveland State University's Wolstein Center in Ohio on Tuesday. Clinton and Obama will face off in the crucial Texas and Ohio primaries on March 4.

PPP to change judges' mode of appointment

DAILY TIMES, Islamabad

Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Co-chairman Asif Ali Zardari said on Tuesday that the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) would join the PPP government at the

federal level, while the PPP would join them in Punjab.

He said it was incorrect to assume that the PML-N would support PPP's candidate for premiership but abstain from sitting in the federal cabinet.

Talking to Geo, Zardari said the PPP would not indulge in the politics of confrontation in the national interest. According to APP, he told the channel that all important issues would be discussed in parliament.

He said the PPP wanted to strengthen democratic institutions and did not believe in "confrontational politics".

Seek apology: Also on Tuesday, Zardari told his party's losing candidates from Sindh that the PPP would gather the support of its political allies to seek an apology from parliament for the "judicial murder" of former premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

"Since it is now widely recognised by national and international jurists that the country's first directly elected prime minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, was judicially murdered, we must seek an apology from parliament," he told the meeting, which was held to review the political situation in Sindh as well as decide on the party's future strategy.

On the issue of the sacked judiciary, Zardari said his party recognised that an inherent weakness in the judiciary had allowed it to be manipulated by dictators, who used it to hold onto power. "That is why the PPP intends to take measures, in association with other political parties, to strengthen the judiciary by radically altering the mode of appointments of judges and giving it financial and admin-

istrative independence," he said.

He said the party would set up a 'Truth and Reconciliation Commission' to recognise and accord respect to the victims of state repression and injustices. "The apology to the people of Balochistan was the first step in this direction," he added.

Selective rigging: Zardari said the PPP had been a victim of "selective rigging" in various constituencies of Sindh, adding that it had reluctantly accepted the election results. He said the establishment had always conspired against elected governments. "This is the time for democratic political forces to strengthen democratic institutions in the country and eliminate the conspiracies of anti-democratic forces forever," he added.

The losing candidates present at the meeting complained that they had been deprived of "sure victories" in certain constituencies in Karachi and interior Sindh. They alleged that rival parties had rigged the elections.

A party source present at the meeting said some of the candidates had claimed that the Muttahida Qaumi Movement, the National People's Party and the Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid had "captured" polling stations. They said the Election Commission had ignored their complaints, he added. Zardari had assured them of the formation of special tribunals after coming into power to decide their cases, he said.

The PPP co-chairman also said that the party would urge the United Nations to lead an investigation into Benazir Bhutto's assassination in order to expose those behind the crime.



Palestinian carry the body of militant Omar Abu Akar during his funeral in Khan Yunis town in the southern Gaza Strip yesterday. Five Hamas militants were killed in an Israeli air strike on a minibus in Gaza Strip yesterday, as the United Nations called on all sides to find ways to end the violence.

পুণঃ নিলাম দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

জজ অর্থস্বর্ণ আদালত নং-২, ঢাকা কর্তৃক দেওয়ানী ডিক্রিজারী মোকদ্দমা নং-২৫৭/২০০৩ এর মাধ্যমে অর্থস্বর্ণ আদালত আইন ২০০৩ এর চ-৮৭ আইনের ৩৩(৫) ধারায় সনদপত্র প্রাপ্তি মোতাবেক

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১। মেসার্স দীন এন্ড এসোসিয়েটস (তাহমিনা টেক্সটাইল মিলস), অফিস-৮৭, নিউ ইস্কাটন, রমনা, ঢাকা।

ফ্যাক্টরীঃ গজারিয়া, রাজাবাড়ী, শ্রীপুর, গাজীপুর।

২। মিসেস আয়েশা আকতার, স্বামী-মৃত মরহুম ফকির সাহাবুদ্দিন আহমেদ।

৩। মিসেস তাহমিনা কিবরিয়া মান্নান (কন্যা) স্বামী জনাব জাকারিয়া মান্নান।

৪। মিসেস সেলিনা সামাদ চৌধুরী (কন্যা) স্বামী জনাব জাহিদ সামাদ চৌধুরী।

৫। মিসেস সুলতানা হোসাইন, স্বামী জনাব আবদুল্লাহ হোসাইন।

৬। ফকির সালাউদ্দিন আহমেদ (পুত্র) পিতা-মৃত হাজী ফকির সাহাবুদ্দিন আহমেদ, ৩নং হাইতে ৫নং বিবাদীগণের সর্ব পিতা মরহুম ফকির সাহাবুদ্দিন আহমেদ ও সর্ব ঠিকানাঃ ৮৭, নিউ ইস্কাটন রোড, রমনা, ঢাকা।

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এতদ্বারা ডিক্রিদারের প্রাপ্য টাকা ৩,৪১,৭৮,০৭৮.৩৩ (৩১-১০-২০০০ইং পর্যন্ত) আদায়ের নিমিত্তে নিম্ন তফসিল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি নিলাম ক্রয়ের জন্য অগ্রণী ক্রেতাদেরকে অত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তিসহ তাদের নিজস্ব প্যাডে বা সাদা কাগজে স্পষ্টাক্ষরে নিলাম ক্রেতার নাম, ঠিকানা, প্রদত্ত দর অংক ও কথায় এবং দরের ২৫% জামানতের বিবরণ লিখিয়া সহ স্বাক্ষরিত সীল মোহরকৃত টেতার আহবান করা যাইতেছে। আগামী ১২/০৩/২০০৮ ইং তারিখে ২.০০ ঘটিকা সময়ের মধ্যে নিলাম ক্রয়ে ইচ্ছুক প্রত্যেক দরদাতা উক্ত দরের ২৫% এর সমপরিমাণ অর্থ জামানত স্বরূপ ব্যাংক ড্রাফট বা পে-অর্ডার অগ্রণী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড, বি.বি. এডিনিউ কর্পোরেট শাখা, ঢাকা এর অনুকূলে দরপত্রের সহিত রেজিঃ ডাকযোগে অথবা ব্যাংক রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্তবে দাখিল করিতে হইবে। নিলাম গৃহীত হইবার পরবর্তী ১০ (দশ) দিবসের মধ্যে নিলাম ক্রয়ের সমুদয় টাকা পরিশোধ করিতে হইবে। অন্যথায় জামানত বাজেয়াপ্ত হইবে। উক্ত দিবসে উপস্থিত দরদাতাদের সম্মুখে দরপত্র খোলা হইবে। সর্বোচ্চ দরপত্র গ্রহণের বিষয়টি ব্যাংক কর্তৃপক্ষের বিবেচনা সাপেক্ষ। দরপত্র গৃহীত হলে পরবর্তী যাবতীয় ব্যয় নিলাম ক্রেতাকে বহন করিতে হইবে।

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