

## Contact tracing patuloy na isinasagawa ng DOH Calabarzon sa mga pasahero ng 2Go MV/SAP

**LUNGSOD NG BATANGAS (PIA)—Patuloy ang isinasagawang contact tracing ng Department of Health Calabarzon sa mga naging pasahero ng MV St. Anthony de Padua kaugnay ng naging insidente ng naturang barko kung saan may 29 na crew nito ang nagpositibo sa COVID 19.**

Ayon kay Bobbie Roca, DOH Calabarzon Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit Head, patuloy ang contact tracing na kanilang ginagawa sa mga pasahero at patuloy din ang pakikipag-ugnayan nila sa mga counterparts sa Region VI upang mas mapadali ang pagsasagawa ng tracing.

"Nakapagsagawa na kami ng contact tracing at lahat ng may mga kumpletong impormasyon ay natawagan na in ang mga concerned LGUs upang mabantayan ag kundisyon ng mga ito. Mayroong isang pasahero na mula sa NCR ang nagpositibo sa swab test at dalawa naman ang nagkaroon ng sintomas, bagama't wala pang update ang lokal na pamahalaan sa status ng mga ito", ani Roca.

Sa ulat ng RESU sa kabuuang bilang ng pasahero noong ika-1 ng Agosto mula Batangas papuntang Caticlan ay may 135 katao kung saan 84 ang mayroong kumpletong contact details, 43 ang validated na sumakay sa barko, 2 ang itinanggi na naging pasahero, 16 ang maling contact number at 23 ang hindi makontak sa nakarehistrong numero.

Samantala, may 77 naman ang bilang ng pasahero noong ika-4 ng Agosto mula Caticlan papuntang Batangas kung saan may 45 ang may kumpletong detalye, 17 ang validated na sumakay sila sa barko, 1 ang tumanggi na naging pasahero, 16 ang wrogn number at 11 ang unreachable noong tinawagan.

Sa ulat naman ng Re-

probinsya ng Iloilo kaugnay ng nadiskubrenang pekeng SPass mula sa pasaherong nanggaling sa Maynila kung saan lumabas sa isinagawang imbestigasyon na may nag-aalok ng ganitong serbisyo sa halagang P5K kasama na ang pekeng RT-PCR Test result upang mabilis na makatawid mula Batangas papuntang Caticlan o sa ibang lalawigan tulad ng Iloilo at nadidiskubre ito dahil dumadaan sa mga scanners.

Hinikayat naman ni OCD Calabarzon Regional



gional Task Force Region VI, agarang nagpulong ang mga miyembro ng task force at nag-isyu ng memorandum ang Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) upang maisagawa ang agarang contact tracing sa mga naging pasahero ng MV/SAP.

Kaugnay nito, nagbigay babala ang

Director Ma. Theresa Escolano ang patuloy na pagpapalakas ng kampanya kontra sa pagkalat ng mga pekeng SPass at hiniling ang pakikipagtulungan ng Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) at Philippine National Police (PNP) upang maiwasan ang parehong insidente.

## Healthcare facilities sa Cavite, nagdeklara na ng 'full capacity'

**LUNGSOD NG CALAMBA (PIA) - Nagdeklara na ng 'full capacity' ang ilang pagamutan sa lalawigan ng Cavite bunsod ng tumataas na bilang ng mga kaso ng COVID-19 dito.**

Kabilang na dito ang Noveleta MedCare Center na siyang nag-iisang COVID-19 referral hospital sa bayan ng Noveleta.

Batay sa pinakahuling datos ng lokal na pamahalaan, umabot sa 99 aktibong kaso ng COVID-19 ang naitala dito.

Ayon naman kay Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi ng lungsod ng Imus, malapit na ring umabot sa full capacity ang kanilang St. Dymphna Mega Isolation Facility dahil sa lumolobong bilang ng kaso ng COVID-19 sa kanilang lungsod.

Noong Agosto 13, nagdeklara na ng pagkapuno ang Ospital ng Imus kung saan pumipila ang mga ambulansyang may dalang pasyente sa Emergency Bay ng naturang pagamutan.

Kinumpirma rin ng lokal na pamahalaan ng

Kawit na nasa full capacity na rin ang kanilang mga pagamutan, tulad ng San Pedro Calungsod Medical Center at Binakayan Hospital and Medical Center, maging ang kanilang Kawit Isolation Facility.

Nagpabatid rin ng pagka-alarma ang lokal na pamahalaan matapos nitong makapatala ng 165 aktibong kaso ng COVID-19 sa loob ng isang araw.

Ayon kay Mayor

Angelo Aguinaldo, mas mataas ito ng 54 porsyento kumpara sa 107 aktibong kaso na naitala sa loob ng pitong (7) araw.

Dahil dto, patuloy ang panghihikayat ng Department of Health Center for Health Development Calabarzon sa publiko na dalhin ang kanilang mga kakilala sa na asymptomatic o mayroong mild na kaso ng COVID-19 sa mga Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facility sa rehiyon upang maiwasan ang pagkapuno sa mga ospital. (PB)



## Naitala, pangatlong kaso ng Delta variant sa Silang, Cavite

**LUNGSOD NG TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite**

**(PIA) --Inihayag ni Silang Mayor Corrie Poblete sa pamamagitan ng kanyang FB Page na naitala kahapon ang pangatlong kaso ng COVID-19 Delta variant sa kanilang bayan.**

Ayon sa post ni Mayor Poblete, ang pasyente ay na-confine sa isang ospital sa Maynila noong buwan ng Hulyo. Napag-alaman ng lumabas ang resulta ng swabtest ay nagpositibo sa RTPCR Covid Test at verified ng genome test bilang Delta variant.

Nakauwi sa Silang ang nagpositibo noong ika-11 ng Agosto at kasalukuyang nasa isolation upang mag-quarantine habang tinatayang siyam (9) na close contacts nito ang

nag-positibo rin at kasalukuyang naka-quarantine na.

"Agad ko pong ipinag-utos na magsasagawa ng vaccination drive ang ating mga rural health unit (RHU) nurses katuwang ang aking tanggapan sa Barangay Ulat sa lalong madaling panahon dahil sa patuloy na pagtaas ng kaso ng sakit sa nasabing lugar," ayon pa kay Poblete.

Kasabay nito, nagsagawa rin ng mass testing sa iba pang close contacts ng pasyente at sa may sintomas na nararamdaman.

"Patuloy ko pong pinapakausap na mag-ingat at huwag po tayong mag-panic dahil agaran po natin itong inaaksyunan. Panatilihin ang pagsusuot ng face shield, facemask at magkaroon social distancing upang hindi na kumalat ang sakit. Palagi ko pong paalala na manatili na lamang po tayo sa bahay kung hindi naman kinakailangan!" paalala ni Poblete sa mga residente.



## 4 na mabisang tips pangkalusugan

**Dr. Willie T. Ong**

### 1. Kumain ng mas kaunting pagkain.

Maraming pag-aaral ang nagpakita na ang pagbabawas sa pagkonsumo ng calories ay nagpapahaba ng buhay. Ayon sa teorya sa pag-diyeta, ang pagkain ng mas kaunting pagkain (20% na mas kaunti) ay maaaring mabawasan ang dami ng pamamaga sa mga daluyan ng dugo at maaaring bawasan ang dami ng mga lason sa katawan. Kahit sa panahon ng Bibliya, ang pag-fastang at pag-iwas sa ilang mga pagkain ay hinihikayat.

### 2. Subukan ang Mediterranean Diet.

Ang Mediterranean diet ay binubuo ng gulay, prutas, beans, mani at olive oil. Ang mga isda at manok ay kinakain din ng katamtaman. Ipinapakita ng mga pag-aaral na ang mga taong kumunsumo ng Mediterranean diet ay makaiwas sa sakit sa puso at Alzheimers Disease. Sa katunayan, itinuturing ito ng ilang mga eksperto bilang pinaka-masustansyang diyeta.

### 3. Piliin ang masustansyang fats.

Mayroong 2 uri ng taba (fats): ang masustansya at hindi masustansyang taba. Ang mga hindi masustansyang taba (saturated fats at trans-fatty acids) ay nagdudulot ng sakit sa puso. Ang saturated fats ay matatagpuan sa mantikilya, creams, at taba ng baboy at baka. Ang trans fats ay matatagpuan sa margarin at cooking oil at mga pagkaing dumaaan sa proseso kagaya ng biscuits. Tingnan ang label at subukan bawasan ang pagkain nito. Sa kabilang dako, ang masustansyang fats ay matatagpuan sa mani, abokado at matatabang isda katulad ng salmon, sardines, mackerel at tilapia. Kung mamimili, piliin ang low-fat milk at low fat na mga palaman. Alisin ang mga nakikitang taba bago ito lutuin.

### 4. Panatilihin ang kalinisan sa ngipin.

Ang pagkakaroon ng sakit sa gilagid ay nauugnay sa sakit sa puso at sa katunayan ay maaaring magpa-ikli ng buhay. Pinaniniwalaan na ang pamamaga sa gilagid ay nauugnay sa pamamaga din ng mga arteries o ugat sa puso. Ang impeksyon sa bibig ay maaaring humantong sa delikadong impeksyon sa balbula (valve) ng puso. Mag-sepilyo ng ngipin 3 beses kada araw. Gumamit ng panlinis ng dila para matanggal ang bakterya sa dila. At mag-floss din araw-araw.

## DOST gives P1.4-M for Lanao del Norte's animal feeds facility

MANILA – The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) has provided PHP1.4 million to help establish an animal feed production facility in Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte.

In a taped report aired on Friday, Secretary Fortunato de la Peña said this project would benefit about 200 farmers.

"The project will offer (an) additional source of income for smallhold farmers as suppliers of raw materials. This will also support local small-scale livestock and poultry owners, as well as fish raisers, by establishing affordable locally produced animal feeds," he said.

Lanao del Norte Science and Technology Director Dorina Mae Ytang told the Philippine News Agency (PNA) the facility is expected to be completed by the second quarter of 2022.

"The LGU (local gov-

ernment unit) of Kauswagan already allocated an area for the facility. The funds were turned over last August 11. Based on the work plan, procurement of feeds production technology will start within the fourth quarter this year," she said.

Kauswagan, together with other municipalities, such as the members of the League of Organic Agriculture Municipalities, Cities, and Provinces in the Philippines, has been at the forefront in advocating sustainable farming, Ytang said.

She added that to ensure organic agriculture in the locality, control of raw materials and feeds for farm animals is essential.

Among the raw mate-



rials for animal feed are yellow corn, soya, crude coco oil, concoctions, rice bran, and copra.

The DOST funding will be used to buy equipment, such as feed mixer, grinder, pelleting machine, moisture analyzer, as well as for the laboratory analysis of feeds.

"The project is projected to generate income of at least PHP722,800 on its first year of full operation, and employ five locals to manage the facility," de la Peña said in his report.

He assured that the feeds to be produced are com-

pliant with the prescribed nutritional requirements, pass health and quality standards, and are price-competitive. (PNA)

## EDITORIAL

### Sige, arya COA

Walang makapigil sa Commission on Audit (COA) sa pagkuwestiyon sa mga tanggapan na hindi maayos ang paggastos ng pondo. Tama lamang naman sapagkat ito ang kanilang trabaho. Bakit pa nagkaroon ng COA kung hindi isasagawa ang kanilang trabaho. Kaya kahit na sinabi ni President Duterte sa kanyang Gabinete noong nakaraang linggo na huwag pakinggan ang COA sa mga inilalabas na report, hindi pa rin ito dahilan para tumigil ang komisyon.

Patuloy ang COA sa paglalabas ng kanilang audit report sa kabila na nakakaranas umano ng harassment ang mga opisyal. Ayon sa mga opisyal, hindi sila titigil sapagkat ang ginagawa ay para maprotektahan ang pondo ng bayan.

Nagsimula ang ratsada ng COA noong nakaraang linggo, nang kuwestyunin ang Department of Health (DOH) sa hindi maayos na pamamahala sa COVID-19 fund na nagkakahalaga ng P67.32 bilyon. Ayon pa sa COA, may iregularidad sa mga biniling medical supplies ng DOH.

Pero ayon kay DOH Sec. Francisco Duque III, walang anomalya. Wala raw ninakaw na pondo. Ang pondo ay ginamit sa pagbili ng COVID test kits, personal protective equipment (PPEs) at ibinayad sa suweldo at benepisyo ng medical frontliners. Itinanggi naman ng medical frontliners na naibigay na ang benepisyo sa kanila.

Hindi lamang DOH ang kinukuwestiyon ng COA ukol sa pondo. Kinuwestiyon ang National Irrigation Administration sa mga hindi natatapos na proyekto na ginastusan ng bilyong pondo. Pati ang ipinagagawang infinity pool ng Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) sa La Union ay kinuwestiyon din ng COA dahil pagsasayang ito ng pondo. Hindi rin nakaligtas ang Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) sa mga biniling sanitary napkin sa construction company.

Pati ang PTV-4 ay kinakastigo sa P189 milyon sahod ng mga empleyado noong nakaraang taon. Ayon sa COA walang maipakitang katibayan ang mga empleyado na pumasok sila sa trabaho pero sumuweldo. Wala umanong Daily Time Record (DTR) ang mga empleyado ng PTV-4. Ayon sa COA ang DTR ang primary requirements para sa payment ng suweldo.

Magpapatuloy pa umano ang COA. Dapat lang na hindi sila tumigil sapagkat ang pinag-uusapan dito ay pera ng bayan. Dapat malaman kung paano ito ginastos at kung tama ang paggastos.

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## Stocks end 4-day rally; peso gains vs. US dollar

MANILA – The local stock barometer ended the week in negative territory due to correction but the peso gained against the US dollar.

After a four-day rally, the Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEI) lost 1.27 percent, or 85.29 points, to 6,633.22 points.

It was tracked by all the other counters, with the All Shares index down by 0.43 percent, or 17.91 points, to 4,123.72 points.

Holding Firms posted the biggest decline among the sectoral indices after it fell by 1.63 percent.

Property slipped by 1.27 percent; Financials, 0.98 percent; Industrial, 0.62 percent; Mining and Oil, 0.60 percent; and Services, 0.49 percent.

Volume totaled 2.04

billion shares amounting to PHP6.3 billion.

Advancers led decliners at 113 to 78, while 47 shares were unchanged.

Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. (RCBC) chief economist Michael Ricafort attributed the negative close of the main index to the rise in coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) cases in the country, due partly to the Delta variant, and its impact on the quarantine classification.

However, Ricafort said this is expected to be countered by the arrival of more vaccines against Covid-19, as well as the increase in the number of

people vaccinated against the virus.

He also cited as factors in the coming days the increase in the government's infrastructure program and the developments in the US, such as the decisions of the Federal Reserve and economic prints in the world's largest economy.

For one, Metro Manila's quarantine classification has been lowered from the strictest level, the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ), to modified ECQ from August 21 to 31.

Meanwhile, the peso ended the week up against the US dollar at 50.37 from 50.55 a day ago.

It opened the day at 50.48 and traded between 50.54 and 50.3, averaging at 50.424.

Volume reached USD977.6 million, lower than the previous session's USD1.08 billion. (PNA)

## Unacceptable to let 'terrorist organization' overrun Afghanistan

GENEVA – It is unacceptable for states to stand on the sidelines as a UN Security Council listed terrorist organization overruns Afghanistan and commits acts that may amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity, UN human rights experts said on Monday.

The experts said international law requires that those engaged in terrorism be dealt with fully using laws developed “since the Taliban was first designated as a terrorist organization by the UN Security Council.”

They said the Security Council must “be unequivocal in action,” calling on the body “to apply to the fullest extent and consistent with international law, the international sanctions on designated terrorist organizations.”

The UN officials stressed that the Taliban's recent military offensive “appeared to have taken over much of Afghanistan by force and has directly targeted civilian city centers.”

“The most basic of commitments made in the current agreement, namely, a commitment to engage in an intra-Afghan dialogue, rather than pursue a military offensive, is being broken with impunity,” read the statement.

They also pointed out the “particular responsibilities of states who have led and engaged in a peace process with the Taliban.”

The statement came shortly after UN chief Antonio Guterres appealed to the international community to stand united to ensure that Afghanistan does not go back to being a terrorist haven where human rights are trampled.

The UN experts include Fionnuala Ni Aolain, special rapporteur on human rights while countering terrorism; Clement Voule, special rapporteur on the rights to peaceful assembly; Mary Lawlor, special rapporteur on human rights defenders; Irene Khan, special rapporteur on freedom of expression; Morris Tidball-Binz, special rapporteur on extrajudicial or arbitrary executions; Nils Melzer, special rapporteur on torture, and others.

relentless campaign of direct targeting of civilians, civil society and journalists, summary executions, the assass-

ination of human rights defenders, mass executions of civilians, and unlawful restrictions on the human rights of women and girls.”

“We are outraged by the wanton attacks on civilians, the targeting of independent journalists and media, and the violence being directed at women and girls including the imposition of strictures on their capacity to function in any independent way in society, which is entirely inconsistent with the dignity and rights of women and girls,” the experts said.

The UN experts said they had reports from 16 provinces that most women are “experiencing the same rights violations as 20 years ago” under the control of the Taliban.

Some 80 percent of nearly a quarter of a million Afghans forced to flee since the end of May are women and children, according to UN officials. (Anadolu)



‘Prevent slaughter of civilians’

The experts urged UN members to take “immediate and preventive action to prevent the slaughter of civilians.”

They said the action is critical to avert “the destruction of essential civilian infrastructure, and the undoing of decades of human rights, the rule of law and gender equality work to advance the health, education, culture and social infrastructure of Afghanistan.”

“The work undertaken in partnership over the last 20 years by the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the international community with Afghan human rights defenders, women's groups, other civil society organizations, and the Afghan people is under grave threat,” the experts warned.

The UN experts cited a recent statement from the High Commissioner for Human Rights that said the Taliban have carried out “a



## Pacquiao fails to reclaim WBA title after bowing to Cuban fighter

MANILA – Manny Pacquiao failed to reclaim the World Boxing Association welterweight title that was stripped away from him after falling prey to Cuban pug Yordenis Ugas in their showdown at the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas on Sunday (Philippine Time).

In a battle pitting boxers who saw their original opponents backing out due to various eye injuries, the 42-year-old Pacquiao looked sluggish in his first bout in two years, and the 35-year-old Ugas banked on his reach advantage to connect jabs eventually swelled Pacquiao's face a bit early on.

The fighting senator would put up a gallant fight, even turning the jets early into Round 10, but Ugas closed out the match on a strong note, delivering haymakers to Pacquiao in the final two periods.

Two judges had it 116-112, while the third juror

scored the bout 115-113 all in favor of Ugas, who moved up to 27-4.

Pacquiao, on the other hand, fell to 62-8-2.

This also put the re-scheduling of his postponed fight against World Boxing Council (WBC) and International Boxing Federation champ, Errol Spence, in further peril as a possibility of an Ugas-Spence bout for the undisputed welterweight king status now surfaces.

Meanwhile, Mark Magsayo inched closer to a world title shot by stopping Mexican opponent Julio Ceja in an undercard match.

Magsayo knocked

Ceja out in the 10th round of their scheduled 12-round WBC featherweight title eliminator.

Magsayo actually showed glimpses early on as he knocked Ceja down in Round 1.

Ceja bounced back and delivered crisp body shots to Magsayo that knocked him down in the fifth round.

The bout was close until Magsayo went on a series of strikes to the head that set up his knockout right hook on Ceja.

Magsayo, who scored his 16th knockout win of his career even as he remains unbeaten 23 fights in, is now on track of facing Gary Russell next for the WBC belt. (PNA)

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# Imus City Brigada Eskwela 2021 virtual kick off set

IMUS CITY, Cavite (PIA) --The Imus City Schools Division Office will hold the Brigada Eskwela 2021 virtual kick-off this Friday, 20 August 2021 pursuant to the Department of Education (DepEd) Memorandum Circular no. 48 s. 2021 that sets the Brigada Eskwela activities from August 3 – September 30, 2021.

According to Imus Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Rosemarie D. Torres the Brigada Eskwela is focused on strengthening the support and cooperation of the stakeholders, and parents to ensure the proper and orderly implementation of the plans and projects included in the basic education continuity plan of the DepEd.

Part of the undertaking is the 'Brigada Pagbasa sa Panahon ng Pandemya' in which parents are encouraged to guide and teach their children to read in support of the teachers particularly to those who are slow learners or have difficulty in reading.

Another program of the Brigada Eskwela is the Bayanihan sa Paaralan that enjoins parents to participate in other activities such as in distribution of learning modules, as well as distribution of food packs for the school-based feeding program.

Other stakeholders

and parents may donate learning gadgets, materials for printing, as well as CoViD-19 supplies such as face masks, face shields, alcohols and sanitizers to



support the teachers and educators as they perform their crucial role in shaping the character and the future of the Imuseño youth.

The online activities include teaching parents to practice their creative skills on providing and creating a conducive learning space for their children within their homes. Some activities guide the parents to ensure that their children are truly learning with the online classes.

In support of the SDO programs, the city government had developed several projects such as the granting of gadget loans for students, provision of laptops and other equipment to help with the blended learning system, and the partnership with network providers to strengthen the WiFi connectivity for use with the online classes of the

students shared Imus City Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi.

He also disclosed that despite the apprehensions of the parents' for their children's education during the pandemic, the city had a high enrollment rate last year.

Maliksi lauded the city's SDO thru the able leadership of SDS Torres because it had been cited as the Top SDO not just in the whole region but in the country as well.

## DAR Farm Business School to give vegetable price stability

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) --The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) here offered a Farm Business School to help the local farmers of Tanza town grow vegetables, and address the price instability of farm produce in the public market.

This is in response to the recent increase in prices of vegetable produce that was observed in the past few days causing a slump in sales at the Tanza Public Market.

According to a vegetable vendor of the said public market, prices of several vegetables increased after the recent weeks of rains.

The prices of cabbage, tomatoes, and garlic increased by P30 per kilo while chili is sold at P200 from the previous price of P80 per kilo.

D A R - T r e c e Martires City Agrarian Reform Officer I Ms. Corazon Peji said, "Price increases are affected by changes in weather, as well as the

etables produced are less then prices go up but if farmers produce more the prices go down."

The Farm Business School aims to teach the local farmers how and when to grow certain varieties of vegetables as well as the proper pricing of their farm produce to be able to avoid the irregular changes in prices of vegetables in the local markets.



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## Apat na nars sa MLEM general hospital sa Tagkawayan, ipinadala sa STRH sa Bacoor

LUNGSOD NG LUCENA, Quezon (PIA) --Apat (4) na nars sa Maria L. Eleazar Memorial General Hospital sa bayan ng Tagkawayan ang ipinadala ng Department of Health (DOH) sa Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital (STRH) sa Bacoor City sa lalawigan ng Cavite.

Ayon sa Tagkawayan Teleradyo FB Page, nagdesisyon ang DOH na humiram ng mga medical health workers (MHW) sa mga lugar na may mababang kaso ng COVID-19 tulad ng Tagkawayan para matugunan ang pangangailangan sa karagdagang MHW sa mga lugar na may mataas na kaso ng COVID-19.

Ang bayan ng Tagkawayan ang isa sa mga bayan sa rehiyon na may mababang bilang ng kaso ng COVID-19 dahil sa mahuhusay na MHW dito na walang sawang tumutugon sa kanilang tungkulin, ayon pa sa Tagkawayan Teleradyo FB Page.



Samantala, ayon sa COVID-19 Update ng Bacoor City as of August 17, may 134 bagong kaso ng COVID-19 na naitala sa lungsod, may 78 na gumaling na, habang isang lalaki na 67-taong gulang ang naitalang namatay mula sa Barangay Salinas 1. Sa kabuuan, may 13,314 na ang naitatalang kaso ng COVID-19 sa Lungsod ng Bacoor kung

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