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### **Pillars of Peace and BRICUP**

It is interesting reading about BRICUP after returning from Gaza. I was there during Operation Pillars of Peace. This latest operation supposedly began on the 14th November and ended 21st November 2012. 173 Palestinians were killed between 8th November and the time of the 21st ceasefire (Al Haq 22nd November 2012). Why? What did Israel achieve? Nothing.

The charges made against BRICUP are often that we are one sided or that we support the Palestinian cause too single-mindedly. We 'do not see both sides of the story'. This is difficult to accept after experiencing life under siege. There was nothing proportionate or balanced about the deaths in November; it was hell plain and simple. There are no two sides to such an experience. This puts much of the critique in its place.

Everything that can be done should be done to put pressure on Israel. No state can be allowed to be about constant mass killings. The Alternative Information Centre made the point that the international community has failed time and time again in applying the most basic principles when it came to Palestine. That community has 'condoned colonialism, apartheid and occupation' and rarely failed to stand with Israel. Unspeakable crimes have been committed against a people in their 'right to life and dignity' (Statement on Sunday 18th November 2012). But this time it was different. Palestine refused to compromise its dignity and all sorts of resistance were everywhere. Resistance comes in all sorts of forms.

The bombing was completely indiscriminate. In Gaza there can be no such thing as 'targeted' killing, people live so closely together in the area. The nightmare began with the murder of Ahmed Sa'id al-Ja'bari, who had stated many times he was about 'liberating the whole of Palestine' (Milton-Edwards and Farell 2010: 126). In an attack on the Ja'bari home in 2004, his eldest son, his brother and three of his cousins were killed in a similarly devastating air strike. Jabari had been instrumental in past ceasefire agreements concluding several conflicts, such was his respect in many different military groups. Jabari

also worked on prisoners' issues and support for the families of martyrs.

What is often missing in reports in that battles have to be put in context. In *Illars of Peace*, the Alternative Information Centre said the community of nations had failed time and time again in applying the most basic principles when it came to Palestine. That community has 'condoned colonialism, apartheid and occupation' and rarely failed to stand with Israel. Unspeakable crimes have been committed against a people in their 'right to life and dignity' as a result (Statement on Sunday 18th November 2012). But this time it was different. Palestine dignity showed itself to be everywhere in all sorts of resistance. It was strong and unified ...

The centre of activity was Shifa Hospital. Internationals were there in numbers. This included the media of course but also Medicins Sans Frontieres and Red Crescent. Palestinian medics worked flat out. Each one was a witness to Israel's madness. The hospital released a statement on the 21st November saying since the 14 November 137 had been killed, with 1200 injured. 42% of the dead were women, children, and elderly, who made 59% of the injured. But this did not capture the reality of the situation.

There were circles of drones making huge circles right across the sky. As the night came in the shelling from gunboats started; and then there were the lightning strikes of F-16s. Children had to experience this over a period of weeks. What is often not appreciated is the way everything shakes when this sort of military hardware goes to work. Everything goes into darkness as buildings shake and roads move about as though in an earthquake. Windows explode and bits of metal fly in all directions. All this happened at once, day after day, in this narrow strip of heavily populated land. As things moved nearer towards a ceasefire, the bangs and booms got ever louder. It was completely terrifying. Each day there was the task of burying the dead. Bodies were moved as quickly as possible but always there were the smells - smells of burning and smells of death.

So coming back and hearing about balanced views seemed totally unrelated to the reality I left behind after coming through Rafah. I crossed on the 22nd November and quite rightly the celebrations were already under way. Palestinians were getting ready

to open the schools and get the universities moving again. No one hesitated because there had been absolutely no defeat. Gaza had resisted and once again showed the world what dignity is about, what a respect for life is about and what it means for a people to continue, time after time, against all odds. Gaza celebrated. For Israel Pillars of Peace was another matter ...

BRICUP should take heart from the determination of Gaza. It should push on with its boycott campaign and it should move debate much more towards a moratorium on discontinuing all European research funding to Israel. Pillars of Peace showed how desperate the militaristic bullying of Israel has become. It showed how effective the Palestinian resistance is to Zionist violence and it above all else showed how much of a need there is to build international opposition. If ever there was a time for a focused campaign in our unions and solidarity groups it is surely now ....

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## Boycotts, Free Speech and Anti-Semitism

Colleagues will be interested that the hearings in the Employment Tribunal case against the University and Colleges Union (UCU) for anti-semitism are now concluded. Some supporters may not even be aware that this case had been lodged.

The case was brought against the UCU by Mr. Ronnie Fraser, a retired further education lecturer in mathematics from Barnet College, and a member of the union. It arose from the decision of the UCU National Congress in 2011 to reject the European

Union Monitoring Commission (EUMC) definition of anti-semitism as inappropriate for use by the union. The Congress delegates decided that the definition confused and partly conflated anti-Zionism and anti-semitism, and could be used to attempt to silence critics of Israel.

The charge against the union is that it has breached the Equality Act by discriminating against Mr. Fraser as a Jew by virtue of a climate of hostility created by a series of motions in favour of the boycott of Israel that were passed by successive UCU Congresses since 2007, and by the rejection of the EUMC definition.

Mr Fraser was represented in the case by Mr. Anthony Julius, of the law firm Mishcon de Reya (which specializes, inter alia, in high profile divorce cases - Princess Diana, Heather Mills - and in the defence of Israeli interests from boycott initiatives). The UCU was represented by Mr. Anthony White QC. The hearing lasted three weeks, taking statements and responses to cross-examination from 30 witnesses for the plaintiff (including the disgraced Labour MP, Dennis MacShane), and from seven witnesses (all union officials) for the defendant. Submissions were heard by three judges who were set to deliberate from November 2012 through to February 2013.

During the hearing, Mr. Fraser is reported to have had some difficulty in answering questions from the union's barrister, particularly in relation to definitions of anti-Zionism and anti-semitism, the nature of the organization that he runs (Academic Friends of Israel), and whether any hostility that he experienced was political rather than being racial or religious discrimination. In response to a question from the Chair of the Tribunal, Mr. Fraser confirmed his view that the line was crossed into anti-semitism in motions that criticize Israel and the ideology of Zionism.

During cross-examination of some of Mr. Fraser's witnesses, it became clear that key evidence of a climate of anti-semitism in the union was claimed to be that some Jewish members felt themselves to have been discriminated against. Hence the impact on those members of motions critical of Israel was the key referent.

In summation of the union's defence, Mr. White observed that, since no allegation of intentional harassment of Mr. Fraser had been made, everything hung on the perceptions of those who felt discriminated against, and whether such feelings were reasonable. He drew a distinction between Jewish culture and religion as 'protected characteristics' in law, and Zionism. Was the Tribunal going to treat the latter as a protected belief system under the terms of the Act? He observed that this would be difficult particularly in the face of the letter received by the Tribunal from the 58 members of the UCU of Jewish origin who declared that they did not consider the UCU motions to be anti-semitic (even though some of the signatories did not agree with those motions) and had never themselves experienced anti-semitism in the UCU.

Mr. Julius responded, in summarizing Mr. Fraser's case, by asserting that a substantial majority of Jewish members have a positive attachment to Israel, and that a connection with Israel is part of Jewish identity. This was, therefore, a protected characteristic in law. He claimed that the evidence, both from Mr. Fraser's witnesses and from the union's witnesses, showed that the UCU was incapable of recognizing that it was suffering from anti-semitism institutionally. Rather than defending it, the union was denying free speech by refusing to hear what is being said by Jewish members, and thus driving them out of membership.

The judgment in the case is not expected until March or April.

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**The PACBI Column**

## **2012 Highlights of the Academic & Cultural Boycott of Israel**

2012 has been an exciting year for the growth of the cultural and academic boycott of Israel, a pillar of the global BDS movement. In what follows we would like to offer the main *highlights* of the year.

This is far from an exhaustive list, though, so we hope that we shall be forgiven by each and every activist who contributed to a victory that space did not allow mentioning here. We call on our partners and activists around the world to continue in this spirit in 2013 and to especially work on the academic front to press for the isolation of Israeli academic institutions so long as Israel continues to practice apartheid, occupation and colonialism and its academic institutions continue to plan, implement, justify and whitewash these violations of international law. We wish everyone a 2013 closer to freedom, justice and equality.

## **December**

- University of Toronto Graduate Students Union Endorses BDS Campaign after an effective campaign by Students Against Israeli Apartheid (SAIA).<sup>i</sup>

- In a major success for the campaign against Israeli prison contractor G4S, the University of Oslo, Norway's largest, has announced that it will terminate its contract with the company in July 2013. G4S is held complicit in Israel's violations of human rights, including in illegal colonies and torture of Palestinian prisoners. Student activists with the University's Palestine Committee led this effort.<sup>ii</sup>

- Andreas Oberg, Swedish guitarist, cancels gig in Tel Aviv, heeding BDS activists' appeals.<sup>iii</sup>

- Portico Quartet cancel their performance in Israel and call for BDS.<sup>iv</sup>

## **November**

- Roger Waters, musician and founder of *Pink Floyd*, reiterates support for BDS in a UN address on behalf of the Russell Tribunal on Palestine.<sup>v</sup>

- Teachers' Union of Ireland (Dublin Colleges Branch AGM) declares support for BDS.<sup>vi</sup>

- York University (Canada) Graduate Students' Association Endorses BDS Campaign.<sup>vii</sup>

- Ross Daly, along with his musicians, cancelled their participation at an Israeli oud festival following appeals by BDS activists.<sup>viii</sup>

- Stevie Wonder pulls out of IDF fundraiser after receiving many letters calling on him to cancel, including from South African Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, Roger Waters, and leading African-American figures. The US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation and the US Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (USACBI) led the effort.<sup>ix</sup>

- American Studies Association (ASA) reports on an academic boycott effort at its annual conference supported by 150 scholars.<sup>x</sup>

- Just over a year since an Orange County jury, in a politically-motivated prosecution, convicted the "Irvine 11" students for disrupting a lecture by Israeli Ambassador Michael Oren, the Associated Students of UC Irvine vote *unanimously* to call for divestment from companies that profit from Israeli occupation.<sup>xi</sup>

- Students for Justice in Palestine, the largest network of campus-based Palestine solidarity groups in the US, holds its second national conference, celebrating a year of successes since its inaugural conference in 2011.<sup>xii</sup>

- The Cape Town World Music Festival had to do without one of its star acts when Pops Mohamed boycotted the event because of co-sponsorship by the Israeli embassy.<sup>xiii</sup>

- Ten talented young harpists bow out of the International Harp Contest in Israel, leaving only 22 non-Israelis to complete in the increasingly unpopular state sponsored event. In addition, acclaimed harpists Naoko Yoshino and Park Stickney also quietly cancelled their performances for the Harp Contest.<sup>xiv</sup>

- At least 10 international actors withdrew from the IsraDrama festival, following last minute appeals asking them not to collaborate with the Cameri Theater in Tel Aviv which performs in settlements.<sup>xv</sup>

- Electronica musician and DJ Carl Craig of Detroit quietly cancels his gig in Tel Aviv. Several letters were sent to Craig urging him to cancel.<sup>xvi</sup>

## **October**

- PACBI issues a call for action, “Interrogating Israel Studies in the Academy,”<sup>xvii</sup> including suggestions for how to mobilize against Israel Studies schemes at universities around the world. The call, which exposes the political agendas of Israel Studies programs and how they undermine academic integrity, builds upon a BRICUP<sup>xviii</sup> briefing document issued in May 2012 concerning “Hasbara posts” in Israel Studies at UK universities.

- Hip hop duo Rebel Diaz, The Narcicyst, artist Narcenio Hall, and Cairo-based art collective Mosireen cancel Creative Time Summit gig over partnership with Israeli organization.<sup>xix</sup>

- Ramallah-based Palestinian MC Boikutt, Syrian singer Lena Chamamyan, Lebanese MC Malikah (Lynn Fattouh), Palestinian singer and composer Marwan Abado and Palestinian DJ Sotusura all pull out of the Salam.Orient cultural festival in Austria due to Israeli embassy sponsorship.<sup>xx</sup>

- Four of five speakers pull out of UNESCO conference honoring Israeli president Shimon Peres at University of Connecticut. Peres is accused of war crimes in Lebanon and Palestine.<sup>xxi</sup>

- Turkish alternative band Baba Zula canceled their planned concert in Israel after BDS appeals.<sup>xxii</sup>

## **September**

- Lebanon’s Mashrou’ Leila band cancels on Red Hot Chili Peppers after latter refuses to heed calls for cancelling Israel gig.<sup>xxiii</sup>

- British theatre director Peter Brook cancels participation in an Israeli festival after appeals from Palestinian, Israeli and international groups and activists.<sup>xxiv</sup>

- Rejecting normalization<sup>xxv</sup>, twenty Palestinian film directors refuse to participate in the filming of 24h

Jerusalem, a German-Israeli-Palestinian film project that was to be partially funded by Israeli entities that are implicated in numerous violations of human rights and illegal activities against Palestinians.<sup>xxvi</sup>

- University of California Student Association (UCSA), a body which represents hundreds of thousands of students across the University of California, pass by a 12-0 vote (two abstentions) a resolution condemning CA House Resolution 35 which equates Palestine activism with anti-Semitism.<sup>xxvii</sup>

- The Indian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (InCACBI) lead spirited protests against the participation of three Israeli universities in the Indo-Global Education Summit in Hyderabad calling for a boycott of all complicit Israeli academic institutions.<sup>xxviii</sup>

## **August**

- University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) Student Representative Council supports academic boycott of Israeli institutions.<sup>xxix</sup>

- InCACBI launch a campaign against the academic research agreement between the Indian University Grants Commission and the Israel Science Foundation.<sup>xxx</sup>

- Lebanese filmmakers pull out of Israeli-run workshop in Jordan.<sup>xxxi</sup>

- Lenny Kravitz Cancels Israel show<sup>xxxii</sup> after appeals from activists.<sup>xxxiii</sup>

- Swedish rock band The Cardigans cancel Tel Aviv performance.<sup>xxxiv</sup>

## **July**

- Palestinian dance troupe Juthor withdraw from a celebration in Switzerland that involved normalization and the promotion of Israeli culture. Organizers of the *International Folklore Encounters Festival, Fribourg* had intended to bring Juthor onto the stage together with the Israeli group Shalom Israel.<sup>xxxv</sup>

- Nino Katamadze's quietly cancels five-concert tour of Israel after being contacted by Israeli BDS activist group Boycott From Within.<sup>xxxvi</sup>

- Anti-apartheid fans of Hollywood actors Bruce Willis and Jean Claude Van Damme were relieved the two stars cancelled their planned visit to Tel Aviv, where they were scheduled to attend a local premiere screening of their latest film *Expendables*.<sup>xxxvii</sup>

- Reggae artist Sizzla Kalonji cancels his gig in Israel after tweeting his disappointment that Obama had awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Israeli President Shimon Peres.<sup>xxxviii</sup>

## June

- Arizona State University Student Government Votes to Divest from Israel.<sup>xxxix</sup>

- World renowned percussion virtuoso Zakir Hussain calls off Israel visit after appeals from the Indian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott (InCACBI) of Israel and other BDS activists.<sup>xl</sup>

- Alice Walker declines request to publish Israeli edition of her best-selling book *The Color Purple*, arguing that Israel "is guilty of apartheid and persecution of the Palestinian people."<sup>xli</sup>

- Israeli former Foreign Ministry director Alon Liel backs cultural boycott of Israel.<sup>xlii</sup>

## May

- Professor Katherine Franke, Director of the Columbia University Center for Gender & Sexuality Law, Joins the academic boycott of an Israeli-Government Sponsored Conference.<sup>xliii</sup>

- Indian writer Vikas Swarup, author of *Slumdog Millionaire*, cancelled his participation in the International Writers Festivals in Jerusalem heeding appeals from InCACBI, PACBI and BDS activists around the world.<sup>xliv</sup>

- Huzama Habayeb, a Palestinian novelist, led an overwhelmingly successful academic boycott effort involving the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. The Center's planned book project titled *Memory of a Promise: Short Stories by Middle Eastern Women* was cancelled because nearly half of the authors (13 out of 29) withdrew their literary contributions in protest of the project's attempt to promote a false symmetry, or balance, between Palestinians/Arabs on the one side and establishment-celebrated Israelis on the other.<sup>xlv</sup>

## April

- As part of its ongoing review of positions and guidelines, PACBI issues a statement on normalization and partial boycotts, in view of two of the most important issues that arise in debating BDS, particularly in Western countries: (A) whether or not Palestinians should be "working with Israelis" rather than "boycotting them," and (B) whether supporters of BDS should fully boycott Israel or boycott only companies involved in Israel's occupation and colonial settlements.<sup>xlvi</sup>

- After learning about the cultural boycott of Israel from Irish Palestine Solidarity Committee (IPSC) activists, among others, Irish band Dervish cancel Israel gigs, and decide "not to break this boycott."<sup>xlvii</sup>

- Moroccan BDS activists who reject normalization with apartheid Israel claim victory<sup>xlviii</sup> with the cancellation of the second Mediterranean Delight International Belly Dance Festival which was to be held in Marrakech in May. The festival is produced by Israeli Simona Guzman and involves the owner of an Israeli belly dancing school.<sup>xlix</sup>

## March

- At its 18<sup>th</sup> annual national conference M.E.Ch.A. (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán), the largest association of Latin@ youth in the US, chapter leaders voted by a landslide decision to endorse BDS against Israel, due to its military occupation and settlement of Palestine.<sup>1</sup>



- Israeli expert forced to cancel lecture at the University of Jordan after large protests by students who condemned the visit as normalization.<sup>li</sup>

- Seattle LGBT Commission Cancels “Pinkwashing” Event Sponsored by Israeli Consulate. The US Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (USACBI) led the campaign against the event.<sup>lii</sup>

- Graduate Students at Carlton University (Canada) vote to divest from companies implicated in the Israeli Occupation. SAIA spearheaded the effort.<sup>liii</sup>

- Tens of prominent British Actors and artists, including Oscar, Emmy and Golden Globe winner Emma Thompson, sign a letter asking Shakespeare's Globe festival in London to withdraw its invitation to Israeli national theater group Habima, due to its complicity in Israel's human rights violations and colonization of Palestinian land.<sup>liv</sup> Israeli president Shimon Peres in a major interview with the Israeli media singled out the British artists campaign against Habima as a sign of Israel's increasing isolation and its potential impact on the Israeli economy.<sup>lv</sup>

## **February**

- New York Indie band The Pains of Being Pure at Heart cancel Israel gig for “political reasons,” as reported by the Israeli media.<sup>lvi</sup>

- Rock musician Cat Power cancels Israel show over “its conflict with the Palestinians,” as reported by the Washington Post.<sup>lvii</sup>

- University of Pennsylvania student group PennBDS organizes a historic conference on BDS on campus, attracting hundreds of activists from all over the US.<sup>lviii</sup> Israel lobby groups across the US waged an unprecedented, but ultimately abortive, smearing and bullying campaign to cancel the conference.<sup>lix</sup>

- University of Regina (Canada) Students Union joins the BDS movement.<sup>lx</sup>

- US jazz vocalist Cassandra Wilson cancels Israel show stating: “as a human rights activist, I identify with the cultural boycott of Israel.”<sup>lxi</sup>

## **January**

- US based band tUnE-yArDs cancels Tel Aviv gig and Israeli source believes cancellation was political.<sup>lxii</sup> Band founder Merrill Garbus is a signatory of the 500 Artists Against Israeli Apartheid (Montreal) letter endorsing BDS<sup>lxiii</sup>, published in February 2010.

- National Union of Students (NUS) in the UK endorses divestment from companies implicated in Israel's violations of human rights.<sup>lxiv</sup> Citing “similar moves” against apartheid South Africa, NUS targets specific complicit companies.<sup>lxv</sup>

- French philosopher Jacques Rancière cancels a lecture at Tel Aviv University after appeals from BDS France and Association des Universitaires pour le Respect du Droit International en Palestine (AURDIP).<sup>lxvi</sup>

- Belgian singer Lara Fabian who performed at Israel's 60<sup>th</sup> “anniversary” celebrations in France cancels Lebanon tour after pressure from the Campaign to Boycott Supporters of Israel in Lebanon (CBSI).<sup>lxvii</sup>

- US scholars' delegation organized by USACBI calls for academic and cultural boycott of Israel.<sup>lxviii</sup> Presenting a model of academic activism and international solidarity, several members of the delegation published articles about their experiences in Palestine and in support of the academic boycott of Israel.<sup>lxix</sup>

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## France awards its Prize for Human Rights to the Alternative Information Center

AURDIP and BRICUP welcome the award of the Human Rights Prize of the French Republic to the Alternative Information Center, (AIC), a joint Palestinian-Israeli organization based in the West Bank and Jerusalem. The award recognizes the work of AIC to show Israeli impunity in the occupied Palestinian territories and to promote the accountability of the Israeli army and settler violence. The prize is awarded by the French Prime Minister, Jean-Marc Ayrault, on December 10, 2012.

The co-founder of the AIC, Michael (Mikado) Warschawski says --

[The] AIC is proud to see this action which recognises Israeli-Palestinian cooperation in the fight against colonialism and for equality. [Indeed] we are proud to have been exposed this week by the neo-conservative organization "NGO Monitor" as the organization that has done the most in recent denunciation of Israeli crimes in Gaza. [Unfortunately, we now] have to close our office in West Jerusalem [because of] lack of funding. This office, that many of you have experienced, is not only a place of work for a part of our team, but also a space made permanently available to all social movements and associations in West Jerusalem and an address for hundreds of international activists who come each year [to] Palestine / Israel ...



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You can support the AIC by connecting to

[www.alternativenews.org](http://www.alternativenews.org) or  
<http://www.ujfp.org/spip.php?article2486>

Information from AURDIP –the Association of Scholars for the Respect of International Law in Palestine < <http://www.aurdip.org/> >

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## **Ariel College: Q & A, number 2**

### **Q. When is a university not a university?**

#### **A. When it is an employment agency**

See Newsletter 59 for background concerning Ariel College. Israel has now recognised the College as the first Israeli University in the West Bank. So what scholarly activities is it now achieving? Haaretz tells us that recent court documents [1] show that the University is now functioning as an employment agency for the Defence Ministry.

Apparently, the university won a tender to be the formal employer of guides, cashiers and maintenance staff working in the Ministry's museums. The court ruled "Essentially, the testimony indicates that Ariel served as a 'formal' employer, which paid the salaries, conducted job interviews, provided salary slips and noted absences and the like, but day-to-day life there involved interaction with representatives of the Defence Ministry." The University also employs staff members for the Knesset, the Education Ministry and other ministries. A former Education Ministry staffer who received her paycheck from the Ariel center is reported to have said, "Aside from timesheets and paychecks, I had no connection with Ariel. Nothing, nothing, nothing."

1] <http://www.haaretz.com/news/national/ariel-university-acting-as-employment-agency-for-israel-s-defense-ministry-say-workers.premium-1.490928>

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## **Notices**

**BRICUP is the British Committee for the Universities of Palestine.**

We are always willing to help provide speakers for meetings. All such requests and any comments or suggestions concerning this Newsletter are welcome.

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## **BRICUP Speakers available for Israeli Apartheid Week and other events.**

Israeli Apartheid Week ([www.apartheidweek.org](http://www.apartheidweek.org)) is an annual series of events held in cities and campuses across the globe to educate people about the nature of Israel and its apartheid system. BRICUP has a list of members who are experienced in speaking about the cultural and academic boycott to students and other interested groups across the country. Please get in touch ([bricup@bricup.org.uk](mailto:bricup@bricup.org.uk)) if you are interested in booking a BRICUP speaker for your event.

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