

DAILY PAKISTAN WATCH

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Security

- ◆ **Counterterrorism Drive Intensifies in Balochistan** — Security forces killed **six terrorists in two intelligence-based operations** under the ongoing *Radd-ul-Fitna-3* campaign. Four were eliminated in the border area between **Ziarat and Harnai**, while two others were killed in **Killi Zaik**, with three injured. One of the dead was identified as **Mushtaq Ahmed alias Koh Yar**. Forces recovered **ammunition, grenades and IED-making material**, underscoring the scale of militant activity. The government has designated all such outfits in Balochistan as '**Fitna al-Hindustan**', accusing India of sponsoring proxies. Security sources reaffirmed commitment to continue operations until terrorism is eradicated and lasting peace established in the province. (*The Express Tribune*, [18 August 2026](#))
- ◆ **Pakistan Rejects Indian Allegations of Terror Links** — The **Foreign Office (FO)** dismissed as "**baseless assertions**" claims by Indian Home Minister **Amit Shah** that Pakistan was linked to the arrest of over 200 alleged terror operatives in India. FO spokesperson **Tahir Andrabi** said the remarks were part of India's "**malicious campaign against Pakistan**" aimed at diverting attention from domestic security challenges. He stressed that "**unfounded Indian insinuations**" could not obscure India's state-sponsored terrorism, citing the case of **Kulbhushan Jadhav** as proof of Indian subversion. Andrabi urged the international community to hold India accountable, while recalling Pakistan's repeated evidence of Indian proxies such as the **TTP, BLA and Majeed Brigade** operating against it. (*The Express Tribune*, [18 August 2026](#))
- ◆ **ISPR Rejects Indian 'Operation Sindoor' Narrative** — Pakistan's military media wing **ISPR** has dismissed an Indian documentary on so-called Operation Sindoor, calling it "**highly dramatised, coloured and factually inaccurate.**" In a statement, ISPR said India was attempting to rewrite the outcome of "**Marka-e-Haq**" through selective interviews, emotional narration and Bollywood-style reconstructions. It rejected attempts to link **COAS General Syed Asim Munir's April 16, 2025 address** with the **Pahalgam incident of April 22, 2025**, describing this as a conspiracy theory. ISPR highlighted contradictions in India's own account, noting perpetrators were claimed to be eliminated on 28 July, yet the documentary presented Operation Sindoor as punishment in May. It also rejected India's claim of "**100 percent mission success**", stressing Pakistan's forces had thwarted aggression and shot down eight aircraft. (*The Express Tribune*, [18 August 2026](#))
- ◆ **Escalation Risks in Middle East Security** — The editorial warns that the Middle East is sliding towards wider conflict, with **military escalation dominating Washington and Tel Aviv's thinking**. US President **Donald Trump's alarming claim** that the US could declare the **Strait of Hormuz** its territory, coupled with threats against Oman, has raised fears of spiralling tensions. The editorial stresses that **regional diplomacy, such as Iran-Oman talks, should be encouraged, not threatened**. It argues that US-Israel policies have united Iran and exposed the limits of military

might, while Israel's rejection of peace initiatives undermines stability. The editorial concludes that **regional countries must build collective security and self-reliance**, limiting external powers' destabilising influence. (*The News*, [18 August 2026](#))

◆ **Learning from Indonesia's Counter-Extremism Success** — At a lecture organised by CAPES, Indonesian expert **Dr Noor Huda Ismail** urged Pakistan to adopt a **whole-of-society approach** to counter violent extremism, noting Indonesia's milestone of **zero terrorist attacks annually since the Bali bombings in 2002**. He outlined four stages of Indonesia's journey: **counterterrorism, deradicalisation, prevention, and community resilience**, stressing that radicalisation is relational before ideological. He explained extremists exploit gaps by offering **recognition, belonging and purpose**, while the internet accelerates recruitment. **Dr Khuram Iqbal**, CAPES President, praised Indonesia's success and emphasised Pakistan's need to learn from its model to build comprehensive policies against extremism. (*The Nation*, [18 August 2026](#))

◆ **TTP Operations 16 August 2026**: On 16 August 2026, Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan conducted **16 operations** across nine districts. **Heavy casualties included 13 personnel killed in Mir Ali** during a retaliatory suicide attack on a military convoy. Further fatalities and injuries occurred in Gariyum, Shakai, and Dogar. Two FC personnel and two civilian suppliers were detained and subsequently released following guarantees from local tribal elders. Operations targeted state security forces, military posts, and infrastructure, resulting in destroyed surveillance cameras, a solar installation, damaged vehicles, and a downed quadcopter drone in Lower Dir. Additionally, continuous pressure forced security forces to abandon a police checkpoint in Mohmand. (*Telegram*, 17 August 2026)

Operations Data Table

District	Area	Operations Count	Operational Details & Key Outcomes
South Waziristan	Ladha	3	Surprise attack on Malatoni posts (camera destroyed/captured, likely casualties); 2 military equipment suppliers detained and released on tribal elders' guarantees.
	Shakai	1	Attack on Saplipanga camp; 1 security personnel killed, 1 surveillance camera destroyed.
	Angoor Adda	1	Guerrilla attack on Sare Khaware fort; 1 surveillance camera and solar system destroyed.
	Toyi	1	FC personnel detained and released on tribal guarantee conditional on resigning from service.
North Waziristan	Gariyum	2	Surprise attack in Chag Shameri killed 2 personnel; sniper attack near Bubali wounded 1 FC personnel.
	Mir Ali	1	Suicide attack on military convoy in Eidik; 13 personnel killed, several wounded, vehicles destroyed.
Bajaur	Salarzai	1	Targeted attack in Matta Shah wounded 1 CTD personnel.
Khyber	Tirah Maidan	1	Surprise attack on Sher Khel Adda post; potential enemy casualties.

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Dera Ismail Khan	Prova	1	Mortar attack on Kiri Shimozaï military camp; casualties highly likely.
Lower Dir	Lal Qila	1	Military quadcopter drone shot down four days prior.
Khurram	Dogar	1	Sniper attack in Dargai; 1 personnel killed, 1 wounded, 1 security camera destroyed.
Mohmand	Khwezai Baizai	1	Police checkpoint in Sheikhanô Kali vacated due to persistent attacks.
Peshawar	FR Peshawar	1	FC personnel detained in Bazargi and released on tribal guarantee conditional on resigning from duty.
Total		16	

Economy

- Court Ruling Highlights Need for Tax Reform** — The Federal Constitutional Court has upheld the right of commercial entities to adjust **super tax liabilities against available tax credits**, affirming the principle of **sensible taxation**. The editorial argues that forcing taxpayers to pay in full and then seek refunds creates “**needless duplication and administrative friction**”. While the ruling resolves one contradiction, Pakistan’s tax regime remains a **patchwork of levies, exemptions, surcharges and overlapping rules**, making compliance difficult. The piece stresses that clarity and predictability are more valuable than squeezing revenue, as arbitrary systems discourage compliance. **Parliament must now address deeper contradictions to build trust and broaden the tax base.** (*The Nation*, [18 August 2026](#))
- Exploring Energy Beneath Pakistan’s Soil** — Pakistan’s heavy reliance on imported fossil fuels has long drained foreign exchange and exposed the economy to global price shocks, a vulnerability magnified by the current **Strait of Hormuz crisis**. Against this backdrop, **Pakistan Petroleum Limited’s discovery at the Dolphin X-1 well in Sindh’s Sujawal district** offers cautious optimism. Though commercial viability remains uncertain, the find is significant as the **first from the Jurassic-age Chiltan Formation in the Lower Indus Basin**, opening a new geological frontier. The editorial stresses that consistent exploration is vital, as each viable field reduces import dependence, strengthens energy security and saves foreign reserves. **Pakistan must search harder beneath its own feet.** (*The Nation*, [18 August 2026](#))
- Oil Prices Surge Amid Gulf Tensions** — Global oil markets reacted sharply on Monday as **Brent crude rose \$2.50 to \$91.02 per barrel** and **US WTI climbed \$2.27 to \$84.67**, driven by fears over supply disruptions linked to the ongoing **Iran-US conflict**. Investor pessimism deepened after **President Donald Trump** demanded Iran’s surrender and threatened military action against Oman, raising concerns about the stability of the **Strait of Hormuz**, a vital energy chokepoint. A senior Iranian official warned Tehran would escalate tensions and launch attacks if Washington failed to honour the interim peace deal. Analysts noted prices may spike further if crude flows through Hormuz or the **Bab el-Mandeb Strait** are halted. (*Dawn*, [18 August 2026](#))

- ◆ **PPL Announces Landmark Gas Discovery in Sindh** — Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) has reported a “pioneering” gas and condensate discovery at the **Dolphin X-1 well in Sujawal district, Sindh**. This marks the **first-ever hydrocarbon find from the Jurassic-age Chiltan Formation in the Lower Indus Basin**, opening a new frontier for exploration. The well, drilled to 3,850m, flowed **0.942 MMSCFD of good quality gas** with a heating value of 1000 Btu/scf. Operated by PPL with **75% working interest** and **GHPL holding 25%**, the project overcame marshy terrain using specialised equipment. PPL credited the vision of **Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif** and Petroleum Minister **Ali Pervaiz Malik**, while acknowledging support from the **Pakistan Navy**. (*Dawn*, [17 August 2026](#))
- ◆ **Wheat Policy Failures Exposed** — The editorial highlights that **Punjab and Sindh’s refusal to accept imported wheat** reflects not quality concerns but the **unfinished transition from state-led procurement to a liberalised market**. With the government scaling back procurement without a credible replacement, imports were needed to fill shortfalls, driving flour prices up **77% in a year**. The piece stresses that while routine state intervention distorts markets, **farmers must be protected against price collapse and consumers against shortages**. Reduced provincial procurement has weakened farmers’ bargaining power, leaving traders dominant. The editorial concludes that liberalisation can only succeed with mechanisms ensuring fair returns and stable supply. (*Dawn*, [18 August 2026](#))

Foreign Policy

- ◆ **Pakistan Opposes India’s UNSC Bid** — Pakistan’s Permanent Representative to the UN, **Ambassador Asim Iftikhar Ahmad**, rejected India’s push for a permanent seat on the Security Council, saying it has **“no credentials whatsoever to even stake a claim”**. He explained that candidates are judged on voting records, compliance with resolutions and commitment to the UN Charter, areas where India falls short. Ahmad criticised the G4 demand for new permanent seats as **“an unjust and unfeasible privilege”**, warning that more veto holders would mean **“more problems, not less problems.”** He outlined Pakistan’s alternative through the **Uniting for Consensus group**, advocating ten new elected seats to ensure broader representation. (*The Express Tribune*, [18 August 2026](#))
- ◆ **Pakistan Assumes Presidency of UN Disarmament Forum** — Pakistan has taken over the presidency of the **United Nations Conference on Disarmament (CD)** in Geneva, the world’s principal multilateral forum for negotiating arms control and disarmament treaties. Representing Pakistan, **Ambassador Tahir Hussain Andrabi**, Additional Secretary (Arms Control and Disarmament) and FO Spokesperson, chaired the meetings. Pakistan will oversee the conclusion of the CD’s 2026 session, steering consultations on the Annual Report and related UNGA resolution. The presidency comes amid **mounting global challenges, including nuclear tensions, stalled negotiations, and concerns over the weaponisation of outer space**. The FO said this reflects international confidence in Pakistan’s diplomatic leadership and its emphasis on **strategic stability, non-proliferation and peaceful dispute resolution**. (*The Express Tribune*, [18 August 2026](#))
- ◆ **Dar and Fidan Reaffirm Diplomatic Cooperation** — Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister **Ishaq Dar** held a telephonic conversation with Turkish Foreign Minister **Hakan Fidan**, discussing

recent regional developments and ways to strengthen bilateral cooperation. According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, both leaders agreed that **“dialogue and diplomacy remain the way forward to address regional challenges and promote peace and stability.”** The exchange reflects Islamabad’s ongoing engagement with regional and international counterparts, underscoring Pakistan and Türkiye’s shared commitment to collaboration on matters of mutual interest. (*The Express Tribune*, [18 August 2026](#))

- ◆ **Iran Threatens Offensive in Hormuz as Regional Tensions Rise** — Prime Minister **Shehbaz Sharif** praised President **Donald Trump’s** remarks supporting the **Makkah Joint Defence Agreement** between Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Türkiye, calling his leadership “courageous and decisive” for averting last year’s nuclear crisis. Meanwhile, Iran warned it would shift from defensive to **“fully offensive”** operations in the **Strait of Hormuz** if diplomacy with the US fails, threatening a “timely and precise” military strike to break the naval blockade. Trump dismissed prospects of extending the June MoU with Tehran, urging Iran to “put up the white flag of surrender.” Oil markets remain volatile, with Brent crude fluctuating amid fears of wider regional escalation, including **Houthi attacks in Bab el-Mandeb** and drone strikes in Iraq. (*The News*, [18 August 2026](#))
- ◆ **Pakistan and Morocco Deepen Bilateral Engagement** — Islamabad hosted an event marking Morocco’s Enthronement Day, celebrating **historic and brotherly ties** between the two nations. Ambassador **Mohamed Karmoune** highlighted Morocco’s economic progress under **King Mohammed VI**, particularly in **industry, tourism, renewable energy and investment**, while reaffirming commitment to stronger cooperation. Senator **Mushahid Hussain Sayed** recalled Pakistan’s support for Morocco’s independence and praised its role in the OIC. Ambassador **Syed Adil Gillani** emphasised expanding cooperation in **trade, agriculture, education, security and tourism**, aligning with Pakistan’s **‘Engage Africa’ policy**. Ambassador **Hamid Asghar Khan** noted Morocco’s tourism success with **18 million arrivals and \$14 billion revenue**, underscoring opportunities in agriculture, food security and infrastructure. (*The News*, [18 August 2026](#))
- ◆ **Pakistan’s Climate Vulnerability Highlighted in Parliament** — Senator **Musadik Masood Malik**, Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, told the National Assembly that **Pakistan is among the world’s most climate-vulnerable nations despite contributing minimally to global emissions**. He noted that recurrent climate-induced disasters over the past three years have caused severe human, economic and environmental losses. To strengthen resilience, the government has introduced frameworks such as the **Pakistan Cloud First Policy (PCFP)**, requiring public sector entities to prioritise cloud services to cut costs and improve efficiency. Malik also cited initiatives under the **National AI Policy 2025**, aiming to train one million individuals in AI and digital technologies, with 300,000 already enrolled. (*The Nation*, [18 August 2026](#))
- ◆ **India’s Political Discord Amid Global Turmoil** — In his column, **Jawed Naqvi**, *Dawn’s* correspondent in Delhi, critiques Prime Minister **Narendra Modi’s Independence Day address**, noting that instead of addressing global crises — including **Russia’s confrontation with NATO** and **Iran’s defiance of US-Israeli military pressure** — Modi focused on promoting the divisive song *Vande Mataram*. Naqvi highlights India’s moral crisis, citing **Amnesty International’s** revelation of **2,596 Indian arms shipments to Israel during the Gaza genocide**, and questions the

Congress party's reluctance to challenge Hindutva-driven religiosity. He recalls that **Rabindranath Tagore trimmed the song in 1911 to remove divisive religious references**, underscoring its misuse by Hindutva practitioners today. The piece concludes that India faces unresolved contradictions between secular ideals and sectarian politics. (*Dawn*, [18 August 2026](#))

- ◆ **Five Seconds of Peace at Wagah** — Dr Rakhshinda Perveen reflects on a viral clip of a **Pakistani Ranger saluting an Indian BSF officer**, answered with a nod, describing it as “**peace as discipline, not as sentiment**”. She links the moment to Max Ehrmann’s *Desiderata* (1927), which urges calm amid “noise and haste”, arguing that soldiers’ professional respect contrasts with governments’ hostility. Pakistan and India, born a day apart, remain estranged yet alike, both struggling with inequality and poor **human development rankings (India 130th, Pakistan 168th)**. Perveen insists that hostility impoverishes both nations, while gestures of dignity cost nothing. She concludes that the two countries should compete over **HDI rankings rather than hostility**, adopting *Desiderata*’s insistence that “the world is still a beautiful place.” (*Dawn*, [18 August 2026](#))

Politics, Culture, Etc.

- ◆ **Talks Resume Amid Political Tensions** — The government and opposition agreed to continue dialogue, with **Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif** expected to lead consultations on political and constitutional matters personally. Adviser **Rana Sanaullah**, Law Minister **Azam Nazeer Tarar** and **Tariq Fazal Chaudhry** met opposition leader **Mahmood Khan Achakzai**, who insisted the premier’s presence was essential. Later, the Senate saw heated debate over **Imran Khan’s health**, as opposition leader **Allama Raja Nasir Abbas** demanded [“he be treated by doctors of his choice and allowed to meet his family”]. Government ministers countered that Khan was receiving care under jail rules, stressing equality before law. Despite protests, ministers reiterated that “**the negotiating table is still there**”, urging opposition to engage constructively. (*The Express Tribune*, [18 August 2026](#))
- ◆ **PML-N Gains Strength in AJK Assembly** — Sajid Iqbal Abbasi, winner of the **LA-14 Dhirkot seat** on the Awami Dast-e-Bazu party ticket, has announced his support for the **PML-N**, further consolidating the party’s position as it prepares to form the next government in Azad Jammu and Kashmir. Adviser to the Prime Minister **Rana Sanaullah** welcomed Abbasi’s decision, stressing that he and **Raja Faisal Ejaz** would work together “like brothers” for the constituency’s development. Sanaullah said the people of AJK had expressed confidence in the PML-N, particularly in Muzaffarabad and Mirpur divisions, and voiced hope of securing a two-thirds majority. He added that **AJK urgently needed development** and the new government would act within constitutional and legal frameworks. (*The Express Tribune*, [18 August 2026](#))
- ◆ **PPP Warns Against Silence in Punjab** — At a press conference in Lahore, **Syed Hassan Murtaza**, General Secretary PPP Punjab, declared that while the PPP remains allied with the PML-N, it is not “**deaf and dumb**” and will continue to raise public issues and party reservations. He criticised the PML-N’s governance, saying its performance was limited to “**a few roads and photo-op projects**” and lacked concrete relief policies. Murtaza lamented that PPP bore the brunt of flawed policies without credit for successes, and accused the Punjab government of retaliatory actions against PPP leaders. He also highlighted failures in the criminal justice system and vowed to pursue

legal and political challenges, including alleged rigging in AJK elections. (*The Express Tribune*, [18 August 2026](#))

- ◆ **PTI Urges Creation of National Wheat Council** — The **Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Kisan Wing General Secretary Ejaz Shafi** has called for establishing a national wheat council, warning that conflicting government estimates and poor planning could trigger a crisis. He questioned official production figures, noting discrepancies between agencies: the **Crop Reporting Services (CRS)** estimated **29.8 million tonnes from 9.48 million hectares**, while **SUPARCO's satellite-based assessment** put output at **27.48 million tonnes from 8.84 million hectares**. Shafi argued that import decisions must rest on **reliable, verifiable data**, criticising the government's move to import one million tonnes despite claims of sufficient reserves. He said the situation exposed serious shortcomings in wheat estimation and planning. (*The Express Tribune*, [18 August 2026](#))

- ◆ **Medical Reports on Imran Khan's Health Spark Debate** — A Supreme Court submission revealed that jailed former prime minister **Imran Khan's affected eye has "almost regained normal vision"** after treatment by top ophthalmologists in Islamabad and Rawalpindi. The report detailed 39 medical check-ups since November 2023, noting blood pressure fluctuations and stress-related complaints. A cardiologist recommended more family meetings and access to newspapers and television to reduce anxiety, while a four-member medical board advised daily walks and mental relief. **PTI Information Secretary Sheikh Waqas Akram** said the findings **"vindicate the party's longstanding concerns"** and questioned why medical recommendations were not implemented. Imran's sister **Aleema Khan** demanded his immediate transfer to Shifa International Hospital. (*The News*, [18 August 2026](#))

- ◆ **Foreign Nationals Detained in Islamabad Scam Centre Raid** — Pakistani authorities announced the detention of **258 foreigners**, including **170 Vietnamese, 40 Chinese and 48 others**, after raiding an alleged scam call centre in **Gulberg Green, Islamabad**. Officials from the **Federal Investigation Agency (FIA)** said the detainees had entered on tourist visas but were engaged in unauthorised activities. They are currently held in **Rawalpindi jail**, with embassies informed and investigations ongoing. Outcomes may include deportation. The raid follows a similar operation in July 2025, when 149 suspects — including 71 foreigners — were arrested for alleged Ponzi schemes and investment fraud. Authorities said further details of the allegations will be released soon. (*The News*, [18 August 2026](#))

- ◆ **JI Launches Nationwide Sit-ins Against Fuel Prices** — The **Jamaat-e-Islami (JI)** staged sit-ins across major cities including **Karachi, Lahore and Peshawar**, protesting against soaring inflation, high taxes and steep petroleum levies. The government currently collects **Rs77.28 per litre on diesel and Rs80 per litre on petrol**, pushing essentials beyond public reach. Addressing protesters in Lahore, **JI Emir Hafiz Naeem ur Rehman** said the peaceful sit-ins marked the beginning of a broader movement, vowing to intensify demonstrations. In Karachi, **JI women wing leader Javed Fahim** declared that rulers had **"accepted their failure"** and must step down or meet demands. **JI Karachi Emir Monem Zafar Khan** demanded slashing fuel prices and a forensic audit of independent power producers. (*The Nation*, [18 August 2026](#))

- ◆ **Reserved Seats Polling in AJK Set for August 24** — The **Election Commission of 'Azad' Jammu and Kashmir (AJK)** has scheduled polling for **eight reserved seats** in the Legislative Assembly,

including those for **women, technocrats, overseas Kashmiris and Ulema/Mashaikh**, on **24 August 2026**. Nomination papers will be submitted on **20 August**, with parties finalising candidates. The **PML-N** has already interviewed women aspirants, with final nominations expected on the same day. These elections will complete the formation of the **AJK Legislative Assembly** following recent general polls. The outcome of the women's reserved seats is seen as particularly significant, as it could influence the **balance of power in the new government**. (*The Nation*, [18 August 2026](#))

- ◆ **Supreme Court Acquits Final Accused in Kot Radha Kishan Case** — The **Supreme Court of Pakistan** has acquitted the last three individuals sentenced to death in the **2014 Kot Radha Kishan lynching case**, where Christian couple **Shama and Shahzad Masih** were burned alive in a brick kiln over blasphemy allegations. A three-judge bench led by **Justice Shahzad Ahmad Khan** ruled that the prosecution failed to prove guilt beyond reasonable doubt, granting the accused the **"benefit of doubt"**. The judgement highlighted contradictions in witness testimony, absence of relatives as complainants, and lack of corroborating evidence. The Court also dismissed the state's appeal against the acquittal of 102 others, stressing that **"an innocent person should not be executed in the absence of reliable evidence."** (*Dawn*, [18 August 2026](#))
- ◆ **Nawaz Sharif's Olive Branch to PPP** — In this editorial, *Dawn* notes that **PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif** has called for easing tensions with coalition partner **PPP**, saying political differences should not turn into animosity. He acknowledged PPP's complaints of rigging in the **AJK elections** as "upsetting" and expressed personal goodwill. However, PPP leaders remain firm, insisting they will only accept results of "free and fair elections." Analysts suggest the rivalry is more performative than fundamental, given PPP's entrenched role in the ruling coalition. The editorial cautions that Nawaz's reconciliation appears limited to PPP, not the wider opposition, and warns that **rumoured administrative reconfiguration** could test the partnership. (*Dawn*, [18 August 2026](#))
- ◆ **Institutions, Not Crisis Management, Define Nations** — In this opinion piece, a public policy advocate, business strategist and former minister for investment argues that Pakistan has reached a defining moment where **"the challenge is no longer to discover better ideas, but to build institutions capable of implementing the ones we already possess."** The writer stresses that Pakistan has never lacked reform agendas, but has failed to create institutions to sustain them. **Resilience cannot be a national strategy**, as nations succeed not by recovering from crises but by building systems that fail less often. Development must become the organising principle of statecraft, with education, innovation, justice and investment anchored in capable institutions. History, the author concludes, will judge Pakistan not by crises managed but by institutions built. (*Dawn*, [18 August 2026](#))



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