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**Political**

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**ECONOMY**

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**Interview**

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A suicide bomber in Pakistan killed at least 63 people and wound dozens more in an attack on a teaching hospital in Quetta, according to officials in the province. The violence was reported from a hospital in the province of Baluchistan.

The attack was the second major assault in the south in less than a week, carrying out an attack in the day, but wounds, killed, said an official.

A bomb blast in the south of the country in the day, wounds.

“There are many wounded, so the death toll is not final,” said Saleh Baloch, the provincial health minister.

“Television footage showed scores of chaos, with panicked people fleeing the hospital corridors.

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**Political**

**TEHRAN —** Iranian President Hassan Rouhani on Sunday that it is essential to make efforts to boost only among Muslims and restore peace in the Islamic world.

"Today, scholars and scientists in semi- naries and scholars have busy day to raise awareness of the young gen- eration in the world of Islam and show them real image of Islam," he said during a meeting with clerics in Baku, Azerbaijan.

He noted that "division and associa- tion under the name of Islam is a plot in line with Islamophobia." Calling a religion of "secu- rity" and "brotherhood," Rouhani said that all the members of the family of Islam.

He also highlighted the importance of respecting the countries' territorial integrity and "sacred and holy places as well as the fact that Iran is a neighbor to its people and living in the region." The announcement is a new step in the fierce rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran, which has been exacerbated by political, economic, and military tensions.

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Iran's arms shipments to Lebanon await- ing its ‘clandestine’ support

**UNITED NATIONS —** The UN Security Council Secretary Ali Sham- khani condemned the deadly attack targeting the Presidential complex of Quetta on Monday which left at least 18 people dead.

"Suicidal blast and shooting in a hospital, however, once again shows that terrorists and extremists have targeted all aspects of the human's life, and that benefiting from human- ity is their only cause and actual belief," Shamkhani said in a statement.

The attack is the latest in a series of recent attacks targeting security forces in Pakistan. The attack is the latest in a series of recent attacks targeting security forces in Pakistan.

There has been no claim of responsibil- ity for the blast in the hospital.

The explosion occurred soon after dozens of lawyers gathered at the hospi- tal for the funeral of the killing of the Basij and Iranian parliamentarian Ali Shamsi, who was shot dead on Monday afternoon.

**Political**

**TEHRAN —** Following the full text of the inter- view, the UN official said that "Iran and the Islamic Republic have sustained a history of over 13 centuries in the Middle East." What is your assessment of the report?

A UN Security General Ban Ki-Moon has expressed his deep concern about the situation in the Islamic Republic and the "human rights violations and the political situation in the Islamic Republic," the UN chief said.

He noted that human rights violations and "political situation have led to the killing and torture of thousands of people, including members of the Islamic Republic's security forces, in recent months." He added that "the killing and torture of thousands of people, including members of the Islamic Republic's security forces, in recent months." He added that "the killing and torture of thousands of people, including members of the Islamic Republic's security forces, in recent months." He added that "the killing and torture of thousands of people, including members of the Islamic Republic's security forces, in recent months." He added that "the killing and torture of thousands of people, including members of the Islamic Republic's security forces, in recent months." He added that "the killing and torture of thousands of people, including members of the Islamic Republic's security forces, in recent months." He added that "the killing and torture of thousands of people, including members of the Islamic Republic's security forces, in recent months." He added that "the killing and torture of thousands of people, including members of the Islamic Republic's security forces, in recent months." He added that "the killing and torture of thousands of people, including members of the Islamic Republic's security forces, in recent months." He added that "the killing and torture of thousands of people, including members of the Islamic Republic's security forces, in recent months."
Syria-bound arms arrive in Aleppo first report

A recent report has disclosed that large volumes of arms and ammunition, supplied by East European and Balkan countries, are initially dispatched to Syrian militants.

In a statement, the report said that the munitions, including Kalashnikov AK-47 assault rifles, machine guns, grenades as well as anti-tank guns, are initially being sent by railway and air. The report also describes a considerable amount of military officers attempted to seize Turkish unity in the wake of the failed coup.

Meanwhile, more than 1 million Turks gathered in Istanbul on Sunday, with 240 members representing 30 regions of Turkey's provinces as well as in central and the families of those who died, were set up at the event grounds, broadcast on giant screens in all of Turkish key's provinces, and crowds of thousands were gathered to speak out against the surge in police violence any involvement.

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Indonesia's Pertamina eyes two Iran oilfields for possible investment

Indonesia's state-owned Pertamina on Monday signed a memorandum of understanding to conduct preliminary studies on two Iranian oilfields, a step closer to the company's first move in the Middle Eastern country's upstream sector.

Under the agreement, Pertamina has six months to look into Iran's Al-Teymur and Mansouri oilfields, which are located off the country's southern coast and contain total reserves of more than 5 billion barrels.

"Iran is one of Pertamina's priorities. We're serious about investing in Iran's upstream sector," said Pertamina CEO Dwi Soetjipto in a statement.

Pertamina has said it is planning to increase its upstream investment, particularly focusing on new discoveries and reserves.

 Jakarta said Monday it was sticking to its plan to lift oil output this year, signalling its commitment to OPEC's production freeze as it looks to raise its output to levels seen before September, if oil prices weaken.

Global oil production freeze could be discussed at an extraordinary OPEC meeting in November, said Indonesia’s energy minister, and current OPEC president, adding that OPEC was in continuous talks to stabilize energy markets.

Some OPEC officials had said a revival of talks on a production freeze in July was "dead in the water" and was not viable at current oil prices.

"OPEC continues to monitor developments closely, and is in constant deliberations with all member states," said Indonesia’s energy minister.

According to IRNA, with implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), Iran has started negotiating with international companies and firms to participate in the country’s oil industry.

Qatar’s energy minister, and current OPEC president, said on Monday the global oil market had stabilised and was glooming despite the recent decline in global oil prices, adding that OPEC was in continuous talks to stabilise the market.

"The recent decline observed in oil prices and the current market volatility is temporary," said Sheikh Mohamed bin Saleh al-Attiyah, Qatar’s minister of energy and industry, said in a statement.

"OPEC continues to develop monitoring closely daily oil production data from all member states and will act accordingly."

Qatar holds the OPEC presidency for 2016.

An informal meeting of OPEC member countries is scheduled to take place on the sidelines of the International Petroleum Industry Forum, which groups producers and consumers, in Algiers from Sept. 26-28, the statement said.

Oil prices rose on Monday, lifted by reports of renewed talks by OPEC concerning production cuts. The EU is also looking at a global oil production freeze in a bid to rein in output.

The demand that non-OPEC producing giant Russia was quick to dismiss.

London Brent futures rose 35 cents at €4.22 per barrel Monday, though still a 2016 high near €43 a barrel hit in June. The price fell by over 25% after the July meeting, when some OPEC members froze production in a bid to reduce output, a demand that non-OPEC producing giant Russia was quick to dismiss.

Iran has been able to raise its crude oil output to 3.5 million barrels per day (bpd) since international sanctions were lifted in January, and the country’s largest oil producer, may reach its pre-sanctions production levels in coming months.

Still, Tehran is looking to boost investment in the country’s oil and gas infrastructure and field development that has stagnated over the last decade.

Pertamina also said it would import its first shipment of liquid petroleum gas (LPG) from South Korea in December.

Pertamina in May agreed to pay $600 million to local start-up owned marketer National Iranian Oil Co. (NIOC).

OPEC and its partners are term contracts and some in the form of spot sales.

Before the EU embargo on Iran in 2012, Europe imported on average about 400,000 barrels of oil a day from Tehran, according to Iranian government figures.

"Iran is working on a proposal to convert its spot oil sale contracts with Europeans to long term ones. Shana news agency reported on Monday that Qasem Qazimi, the director for international affairs of National Iranian Oil Co. (NIOC), said the companies are term contracts and some in the form of spot sales.

In the much anticipated mouse and oil complex, China and India have been among the buyers for Iran’s oil last year, with India taking 30% of Iran’s exports.

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Amazon Japan raidied on suspicion of antitrust practices.

Japanese Fair Trade Commission has raided the offices of Amazon.com Inc's local unit on suspicion of pressuring retailers to offer products lower than rival sites, the Nikkei business daily said on Monday.

The authorities, which are unidentified sources with knowledge of the case, did not say when the raid was carried out.

Japanese Fair Trade Commission spokesman said he could not confirm the report but added: "it is our job to investigate such cases."

Amazon Japan website booked net sales of 2.58 trillion yen ($22 billion) in fiscal 2015, second to that of Amazon.com's worldwide sales.

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China's outbound tourism slows amid weak yuan

The weaker yuan has slowed growth in China's outbound tourism, said analysts, with the yuan down more than 7 per cent against the US dollar since its one-off devaluation in August last year.

“The devaluation of the Chinese yuan has no doubt increased the cost of outbound tourism,” Shinoki Securities analyst Zhang Bin wrote in a report. “The weaker yuan will dampen the enthusiasm for outbound travelling and shopping among Chinese tourists.”

China National Tourism Administration (CNTA) shows that the growth rate of Chinese outbound tourism is slowing, up only 4.8 per cent year on year to 59 million in the first half of 2016 – the slowest growth in the past six years and the first time it has fallen to single-digit levels in that period.

“The weaker yuan, nevertheless, cannot be seen as the fatal blow to China's outbound tourism,” Zhang said, adding that recent acts of terrorism in Europe have seriously scared away Chinese tourists. “Zhang said, adding that for the first time it has fallen to single-digit levels in that period.

The next morning over breakfast, our friend told us that we were going on a road trip up into the mountains to Ouraman Takht. I was immediately excited, but I had no idea quite how much wonder and awe Kurdistan would have in store for me that day.

Driving through the mountains with Mina and two other friends will probably always be one of my top travel memories. Sharing embarrassing stories, arguing about Heidegger, and listening to Leonard Cohen and Edith Piaf, I easily forgot that we came from different backgrounds. It was like being back with my friends at university.

Every other day of the discussions and debates I had with fellow students at Williams seemed to be at least as much about showering off our intelligence as any genuine interest in what we were talking about, Mina, and my friend was obvious.

Most of our talks would come back to Iran, and my friends’ hopes and fears for their country. For them, Hegel and Zizek weren’t just impressive names to drop but potential sources of answers for their future. Their passion for philosophy, literature, music, and poetry was inspiring, but also I sensed that I, coming from a position of bliss, couldn’t quite grasp.

Visiting Kurdistan was such a special experience, and a destination I’d highly recommend to other tourists. The locals were friendly, the landscape beautiful, and the culture distinctly unique from what I saw I experienced in Iran.

The overnight bus from Tehran cost 130,000 Rial (7.5) and took about 12 hours. There is a hotel in Marivan, but as with the rest of Iran, I’d recommend staying with a local! I know there is at least one Couch-surfing host in town, and if you send me a message I’ll put you in contact with him.

(Source: Heartmybadass.com)

TRADE GUIDE

Secrets to making the most of your time off

Who wouldn’t love more time off? Our days away from work are a chance to relax, unwind, and enjoy travel!

Schedule your trip thoughtfully

You can extend limited annual leave by linking your trips to long weekends and national holidays. These vary by country and workplace, so plan carefully and get familiar with the dates ahead of time.

Research in advance for a stress-free getaway

Start at least 10 minutes of research for every hour of holiday time. This equates to 60 minutes (1 hour) a day. You will have insight into what is available there, a better understanding on how to organize your daily sightseeing, upcoming events and dining schedule. You will have a game plan for transportation and other logistics and be aware of health, safety, security, visa and other important issues that may concern you.

And the not-so-good times to go

Don’t travel in the first few weeks of the school summer holidays. They are the busiest and most expensive. If you’re planning on taking the family over to Europe during the winter, this is the perfect time since off season. There are some great bargains to be had and many destinations that are usually overrun with tourists are fairly quiet.

Know your travel style and plan accordingly

If you enjoy exploring and/or leisurely, relaxing visits, visit fewer total numbers of places and stay longer at each destination. If you like active and focused pursuits and/or enjoy seeing the best place has to offer but prefer to move on after the highlights, visit more numbers of places and stay shorter periods at each destination.

Bring your kids? Pick a family-friendly hotel search for a hotel offering extra amenities or ample room size, both vital when planning a family trip, recommends insider. In the off-season, ‘town expensive hotels that rely mainly on business and conferences will drop their prices, which are a bonus as many have indoor swimming pools, which are perfect to entertain the kids. Fewer parks including complimentary breakfasts can help family travelers save money in the long run, so always consider staying with a family-friendly hotel.

Prioritize and set a budget

Planning and keeping track of travel expenditures will help you to recognize what important things and how you are spending on during your vacations. Budgeting appropriately, helps maximize your holiday experience as you will get best bang for your travel buck.

Keep an open mind while traveling

While you may have planned all the details thoroughly, things may happen during your trip’s visit I would. Keep an open mind and continue exploring the areas – who knows you may end up in unique and pleasant small towns with lovely little shops, week markets and fascinating museums.

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Draghi jumps Brexit hurdle to find oil damping inflation outlook

Whenever Mario Draghi clears a hurdle on his path to higher inflation, a new one appears. Even as the 19-nation economy sends encouraging signals that challenges from Brexit to terrorism won’t derail the modest recovery, a new decline in oil prices is casting a shadow over an expected pick-up in inflation. With growth not strong enough to generate price pressures, the European Central Bank president may have to revise his outlook yet again.

Inflation remains far below the ECB’s 2 percent goal after more than two years of unprecedented stimulus and isn’t seen reaching it before 2018. Staff will begin to draw up fresh forecasts in mid-August, and while officials are in no rush to adjust or expand their 1.7 trillion-euro ($1.9 trillion) quantitative-easing plan in September, economists predict Draghi will have to ease policy before the end of the year.

“Now that the euro-area economy seems to have shrugged off the Brexit vote, focus will again shift on inflation, against the background of those negative news from oil prices,” said Johannes Gari, an economist at Natixis in Frankfurt. “Yes, the ECB has managed to dispel deflation fears, but all the uncertainty means inflation will stay lower for longer — and Draghi will have to take notice.”

The UK’s vote to leave the European Union, the soundness of the region’s banks and a string of terror attacks from Germany to France dominated the public debate in the past weeks. Draghi and his fellow policymakers have worked to reassure businesses, consumers and investors that they would react to these shocks as needed while buying time to better assess the effects.

Now, surveys suggest the impact of Brexit on the euro-area economy will be limited, with the recovery continuing at its slow but steady pace. Economic sentiment improved in July and the Ifo economic sentiment index points to a slight acceleration in activity.

Euro-area output unexpectedly accelerated to the highest in six months, signaling that manufacturers and services providers were shrugging off concerns that the UK vote to leave the European Union would hurt the economy. A Purchasing Managers’ Index for both industries rose to 53.1 in July from 52.9 in June, Markit Economics said on August 3. A July 22 estimate was for a drop to 52.9. A reading above 50 indicates expansion.

The rise may not be as severe as previous ones, which have seen the cost of oil plunge some 40 percent over periods of similar length. However, it is set to mute the inflation rate that was projected to pick up as effects of previous commodity-price declines peter out. The ECB currently sees consumer-price growth accelerating to an average of 0.6 percent in the fourth quarter, from 0.2 percent the previous quarter. The ECB is expected to start cutting its bond purchases in October, but inflation could still be a problem.

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The domestic economy probably won’t be able to contribute much. According to a recent ECB research paper, the gap between actual and potential output might not rise but fall to record lows in the coming months. Core inflation, which strips out volatile elements like energy and food, stood at 0.9 percent in July. Gizem Kara, an economist at Banque Pictet & Cie SA in Geneva. “Inflation is still likely to increase but it will be a very gradual and modest increase.”

End of the road for OPEC’s production cuts?

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Oil rises on renewed output freeze talks, but fundamentals remain weak

Oil prices rose in early trading on Monday, lifted by reports of renewed talks by some members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to restrain output.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures were at $41.90 per barrel at 0411 GMT, up 10 cents from their last close. Brent futures were trading at $44.84 per barrel, up 7 cents.

The price rise came on the back of renewed talks by some OPEC members to freeze production in a bid to rein in output that has been consistently outpacing demand. But OPEC members including Venezuela, Ecuador and Kuwait are said to be behind this latest reconciliation. But just a few days ago, the group appeared close to an accord, with Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Iran persist in their battle for market share, ramping up exports again, said Matt Smith of ClipperData in a note.

Yet in the absence of an agreement, a fight for market share via high output and price discounts is still weighing on markets.

China’s July exports, imports fall more than expected

China’s exports and imports fell more than expected in July in a rocky start to the third quarter, suggesting global demand remains weak in the aftermath of Britain’s decision to leave the EU.

Exports fell 4.4 percent from a year earlier, General Administration of Customs said on Monday, while adding that it expects pressure on exports is likely to ease at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

Imports fell 12.5 percent from a year earlier, the biggest decline since February, suggesting domestic demand remains sluggish despite a flurry of measures to stimulate growth.

That resulted in a trade surplus of $52.9 billion in July, versus a $47.6 billion forecast and June’s $48.1 billion.

Economists polled by Reuters had expected trade to remain weak but show some signs of moderating.

July exports had been expected to fall 3.0 percent, compared with a 4.8 percent decline in June, while imports were seen falling 7.0 percent, following June’s drop of 8.4 percent.

(Source: Reuters)
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Study: Reading books leads to long life

The latest key to a long life may be as close as your local library. A new study suggests that people who read a lot of books tend to live longer. The matter whether it is Harry Pot...ver or War and Peace – it is the time spent reading that counts.

After controlling for factors such as age, gender, education and income, the researchers found that, in general, those who read books lived up to two years longer than those who did not. Unlikely previous iterations, the data takes perspec...d group, they are not the same thing as a computer or a book.

The study was published in the Journal of Social Science and Medicine.

(Source: Webmd)

Electronic tattoo powered by smartphone monitors health

An electronic sticker has been developed by researchers...achieve and heart rate. Information is displayed as a flashing light and is readable through their smartphone.

The "technology is a thin, skin-like platform of wireless, battery-free electronics, " John Rogers, the head of the lab that created the...free BNPs to the environment and heal themselves in response to damage.

"Grown materials are not entirely new, but their current use is much broader.\" said ELM program manager John Byrne. "By using the data from the NASA Messenger mission, we can now grow living components' original biological advantages.\"
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Rohani, Putin, and Aliyev push for regional integration

The President of Iran, President Hassan Rouhani, has announced a summit of the three presidents of Iran, Russia, and Azerbaijan.

Rouhani said the summit will take place on the sidelines of the meeting of the three countries’ foreign ministers in Tehran next week.

“The Islamic Republic of Iran’s foreign policy is based on regional cooperation and neighboring countries in particular is our strategic choice in finding solutions to achieve common in terest and a win-win policy,” Rouhani said.”From the perspective of Iran, tripar tite meeting between presidents of Iran, Russia and Azerbaijan, which export their products to Russia can now enhance their cooperation in other fields as well.” (Source: Reuters)
**NHSM How Muslim-American women are proving Donald Trump wrong**

On Monday, the hashtag #KhalilahHarrison went viral on Twitter in response to the Republican nominee’s instruction that Muslim women are not “allowed” to speak. Trump made a series of belittling remarks on Sunday to ABC News’ Georgie Stephanopoulos about Khizr and Ghazan Khan, Muslim American parents of a soldier killed by a suicide bomber in Iraq. Khan delivered an address at the Democratic National Convention on Thursday evening while standing next to his wife, who Trump alleged did not speak because she didn’t have her husband’s permission.

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(Source: fortune.com)

**Ukip’s Lisa Duffy wants to ban Muslim veil in public venues**

Launching his own leadership campaign, Lisa Duffy will also demand the closure of all mosques in Britain, and accuse the government of “completely and comprehensively ban” on sharia law. In a speech in London, Duffy will say her proposals are designed to foster integration, arguing: “Muslims who were born in this country... are as British as I am and simply want them to feel as British as I do.”

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(Source: theguardian)

**Pope sets up commission to study women deacons**

The Vatican did not set a date for the commission’s work to start or a deadline for it to be completed, AFP reported.

(Source: USA Today)

**National plan for empowering breadwinner women being drafted:**

A comprehensive plan aimed at empowering breadwinner women is being drafted and negotiations are underway for providing finance for the plan, the vice president for family and women affairs said on Monday.

“{We have developed an efficient model for empowering breadwinner women and we are planning to extend it to the whole country” DNA quoted Shahidkhan Midawi as saying.

Reports from different provinces with similar conditions and their successful experiences are collected and the results will be utilized in the national level, she noted.

Last year the plan was implemented tentatively in Shahr-e Ray, Tehran province, according to DNA.

“The plan is not focused on issues like Islam – I’m not challenging the bigot vote”

Duffy – who is backed by Suzanne Evans, the former Ukip spooky – will say she wants to create a “path of opportunity” for young Muslim women who were told by men what they should wear, what leisure activities they should pursue and who they should marry.

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“We focus on our policies, cementing libertarian values, labelling as libertarianism our views, and renowned activist and media commentator Linda Sarsour, who tweeted that she is tired of others trying to define Muslim women. “We define us. We tell our own stories,” she wrote.

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**RECIPE OF THE WEEK**

Fresh peach dessert

“Peach, apricots and plums are all available at the local fruit shop. I usually buy a mix of these fruits and make a simple syrup to drizzle over the fruit before serving”

**Ingredients:**

- 16 whole graham crackers, crushed
- 3/4 cup butter, melted
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1/4 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 pint heavy cream
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 4 large fresh peaches

1. Soften the cream in a large bowl until soft peaks form. Beat in 1/3 cup sugar until the cream forms stiff peaks. Fold the whipped cream into the cooled marshmallow mixture.

2. Sprinkle the reserved crumb mixture over the remaining mixture into the bottom of a 9x13-inch baking dish. Press the remaining mixture into the bottom of a 9x13-inch baking dish. Press the remaining mixture over the peaches. Sprinkle the reserved crumb mixture over the cream. Refrigerate until serving.
Iran optimistic despite defeat against Argentina

Iran's volleyball team suffered a straight-set defeat against Argentina in its opening match of the 2016 Olympics in Rio on Monday. The Argentine squad defeated Iran 3-0 (23-21, 26-24, 29-28) in a Pool B match held at the indoor Ginásio Gilberto Kassab arena in the northern Maracanã neighborhood of Rio.

Argentina's Facundo Conte dominated for Argentina with 21 points. Seyyed Mohammad Mosadegh was Iran's top scorer with 10.

Iran's head coach Reza Losano believes his homeland team had a better performance. "Argentina is my country and I would like to congratulate them for this win. This is the first time I faced my country at Olympics. We lost the game due to tactical errors and it was nothing to do with the player's mentality. We'll now focus on the player's recovery as we're going to face Poland in the next step," Losano added.

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