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## Caribbean Sub-regional Workshop on the APEC Manual of Maritime Security Drills and Exercises

June 24 - 26, 2009, St. Lucia. The CICTE Secretariat partnered with the St. Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority (SLASPA) and the Government of St. Lucia to organize the first workshop for OAS Member States on the APEC Manual of Maritime Security Drills and Exercises June 24-26, 2009, in St Lucia. All 14 of the OAS Caribbean Member States were represented, with 33 participants including Port Facility Security Officers (PFSOs), Coast Guard, Captains of the Port, law enforcement personnel, and senior representatives of government agencies and ministries responsible for maritime security at the national level.



The workshop was led by two instructors from ST Education and Training Ltd, the Singapore-based company that developed the manual under contract with the Asia Pacific Economic Community (APEC) Maritime Security Experts (MEG-SEC) Sub-group and the Government of Canada. On the first day of the course participants were instructed in the content and applications of the manual, in addition to hearing a number of presentations on supply chain security and other relevant aspects of maritime security. Participants then spent the second day planning their own exercise, using the manual as a guide. On the third and final day the participants carried out the exercise they developed, under the guidance of the instructors and an exercise management team, and then conducted a series of hot-washes and a de-brief to identify what did and did not work, and lessons learned. Participants were overwhelmingly positive in their assessment that the manual is indeed a highly useful tool that they can use going forward, and endorsed the CICTE effort to make it as widely available as possible in the OAS Member States.

The APEC Manual of Maritime Security Drills and Exercises can provide significant and practical assistance to Port Facility Security Officers (PFSOs) and others responsible for implementing the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code and other international maritime security standards. The utilization of the manual by both OAS and APEC countries would constitute a significant step towards the harmonization of standards for security procedures and practices in the ports of the 50 countries in the APEC and OAS regions, and could increase cooperation and reduce the potential for duplication of efforts in the area of maritime security.

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## Editorial

### “It Takes a Region” ... To Address Bioterrorism

Policy makers recognize and understand that biological threats – whether occurring naturally or through deliberate bioterrorist attacks – do not respect borders: they are inherently global in nature. As such, responses must be equally international in nature. Many nations, however – including the U.S. – fail to develop or fund effective, comprehensive approaches to combating bioterrorism *internationally*. Recognizing these failures, OAS can make a real difference in efforts against bioterrorism, by stimulating and reinforcing **regional** preparedness and response mechanisms.

Most nations’ international programs against bioterrorism fail to recognize the uniqueness of the bio threat and instead rely on an ill-fitting attempt to graft the *nuclear* nonproliferation model inappropriately onto a biological realm by limiting access to materials, equipment, and expertise. This is fundamentally flawed, however, because nonproliferation (essentially “guns, guards, and gates” for research labs) will not work because biological materials differ substantially from nuclear materials in critical ways:

- Virtually all pathogens (except smallpox) are found naturally in the environment – and at countless facilities worldwide.
- It is not possible to track biological materials as one tracks nuclear material.
- Bio equipment, expertise, and knowledge are widely available and accessible.
- Scientific advances which benefit public health, agriculture, and trade make it ever more possible to create viruses and other organisms from scratch.

Bio-nonproliferation efforts can provide only marginal protection at best – and should not represent the primary or even significant thrust of international efforts. They promote merely an ***illusion of security*** – creating the false impression that such measures will meaningfully prevent or substantially reduce the risk of a bioterrorism attack. The overuse of terms such as Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and Chemical-Biological-Radiological-Nuclear (CBRN) lead to a conflation of the threats and of the strategies to address them – making it seem like dealing with bioterrorism is merely a variation on a theme.

Effective international strategies to strengthen biodefense must instead emphasize measures that will truly make a difference:

**1. Strengthen the detection of outbreaks and share information internationally:** The World Health Organization’s (WHO) revised (2005) International Health Regulations (IHR’s) are an important step in this direction – and nations must put meaningful resources *now* into working regionally and globally to implement fully the IHR’s and detection and early warning systems internationally. In the Americas, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) operates as WHO’s regional arm and is responsible for working on IHR implementation regionally.

**2. Develop effective mechanisms to share medical countermeasures across borders:** Nations must begin collaborating *now* to create systems to share and distribute countermeasures where they are most useful in slowing disease spread and limiting impact. One regional example worth noting: the U.S. has worked in collaboration with Canada and Mexico on a shared North American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Vaccine Bank.

**3. Stimulate international cooperation on collaborative research for new and improved medical countermeasures:** Nations must put meaningful energy into building and enhancing *international* partnerships for collaborative research, strengthening science’s reach, limiting redundancy of efforts, and establishing effective coalitions of shared expertise, discovery, and ultimately products.

**Develop and implement more international exercises and training:** Fundamentally, preparedness and response are key to combating bioterrorism. Exercises simulate response to fictional crisis scenarios, and nations must now work to *internationalize* such exercises, coordinating regional efforts.

*This is a call for re-defining “prevention” when it comes to bioterrorism. These strategies **will save lives** – thus functioning as a deterrent by **making bioterrorism a less attractive option**. Perhaps even more importantly, this approach has the added value of simultaneously serving essential global health needs.*

OAS’ regional role and the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism’s (CICTE) technical assistance are ideally suited to create, implement, and promote lessons learned from international exercises in the Americas – reinforcing the message that effectively combating bioterrorism is indeed good for defense, development, and diplomacy.

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## **Counter-Terrorism Activities**

### **Crisis Management Exercise on Maritime and Port Security in Chile**



On June 24-26, 2009, the Secretariat of CICTE conducted a Crisis Management Exercise (CME) on Maritime and Port Security—the fifth of its kind—in Valparaíso, Chile.

The exercise was conducted under CICTE's Port Security Assistance Partnership (PSAP) program, in conjunction with the Chilean Navy (DIRECTEMAR), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of the Interior.

The CME was implemented as a tabletop exercise, preceded by a one-day training on procedures of the International Ship and Port Facilities Security Code (ISPS) of the International Maritime Organization and the preparation of the tabletop. PSAP partners Transport Canada and the U.S. Coast Guard provided technical expertise on design, development, and implementation of the tabletop exercise. The main objective of the CME was to improve the coordination and cooperation between the various players who would be involved in a crisis situation and who share port security responsibilities at the strategic-political and tactical-operative decision levels. Colombia and Trinidad and Tobago contributed with auxiliary instructors to the CME, and Brazil was invited as observer. Other CME exercises are planned for 2009 and 2010.

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### **Airport Security Program**

The month of June was a very busy period for CICTE's Airport Security Program. CICTE facilitated two training programs in conjunction with the US Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in Belize and the Bahamas respectively as well as administered scholarships for ICAO training courses.

Belize received Basic Aviation Security training for approximately twenty (20) of its airport Security Screeners at the Philip S W Goldson International Airport during June 8 – 12, 2009.

At the Lynden Pindling International Airport, New Providence Island, Bahamas, the TSA provided Advanced Aviation Security Training to twenty-four (24) airport security Supervisors, June 22-26, 2009. This training addressed concepts and principles of managing aviation security operations within the unique environment of an international airport and was based on International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards and recommended practices. It focused on protection of passengers, crew, ground personnel, the general public, aircraft, and airport facilities.



The Secretariat provided a total of four (4) scholarships to nominees representing OAS Member States to attend ICAO's National Civil Aviation Security Training program course in Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 16-26. Four representatives, one each from Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua attended.

For more information about these or any other Aviation Security training courses please contact Ms. Hayda Wallen-Jaganath via Email [HWallen@oas.org](mailto:HWallen@oas.org) , Tel (202) 458 6951 or Fax (202) 458 3857.

## “Turning Point 3”: Israel’s National Emergency Exercise

The OAS/CICTE Secretariat participated –along with many other countries and international organizations- as observer to the “Turning Point 3”: Israel’s National Emergency Exercise, held in Israel between May 31 and June 4, 2009. The exercise included conventional and non conventional incidents, hazardous materials, and terrorist attacks. It included the active participation of the Israeli Cabinet, government departments and agencies, municipal authorities as well as private sector. It also involved civilian participation like a drill with school children. The event included visiting the National Emergency Management Authority (NEMA), which is responsible for coordinating emergency management efforts, and the facilities of other agencies, local municipalities, schools, emergency operations centers, command centers, and field locations where the drills were taking place; as well as briefings on organization, crisis management, doctrine and planning.

The CICTE Secretariat is currently exploring the possibilities of organizing technical assistance from Israeli agencies for OAS Member States on different security related areas, including crisis management.

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## Fourth Meeting of UNICRI’s Working Group on Protection of Vulnerable Targets

A representative of CICTE’s Secretariat participated in the 4th Brainstorming Meeting “Legislation, Training and Guidelines to Facilitate Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) to Protect Vulnerable Targets” held in Tromso, Norway, on June 22-24, 2009. The meeting was in connection with the work of one of the UN Working Groups of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) to implement the UN Global Counter Terrorism Strategy. The Working Group is co-chaired by the Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), INTERPOL, and the UN Department of Security and Safety. The meeting was organized by UNICRI’s Security Governance/Counter-Terrorism Laboratory in cooperation with Norwegian Police.



CICTE Secretariat has a strategic partnership with UNICRI in enhancing PPPs to protect vulnerable targets against terrorist and other serious threats to security; within this framework CICTE Secretariat participated in the meeting and presented a report on its work on Tourism Security Program in Mexico (Acapulco, Cancun and Cozumel), which UNICRI is observing in order to test its PPP principles and toolkit.

Police officers and representatives of security corporative business and private companies from different countries and international organizations attended the meeting, including: South Africa Police; Netherlands counterterrorism and security services; London Police; London Fred Olsen Marine Services; Walt Disney Security; OSCE Counterterrorism Unit; Portugal Security Services; Telecom Portugal; Portugal Rail Network Security; Norway Police; Norway security company; INTERPOL; Moscow antiterrorism; Moscow security private company; Russian Counter organized crime Interior Ministry; among others.

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## International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism

On June 12, 2009, the Brazilian National Congress ratified the text of the United Nations International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism of 2005 which entered into effect July 7, 2007. Six Member States of the OAS are States party to the convention: the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, and Peru.

For the status of the UN Convention on Nuclear Terrorism:

[http://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetailsIII.aspx?&src=TREATY&mtdsg\\_no=XVIII~15&chapter=18&Temp=mtdsg3&lang=en](http://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetailsIII.aspx?&src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XVIII~15&chapter=18&Temp=mtdsg3&lang=en)



## GAFISUD Plenary



The Secretariat of the South American Financial Action Task Force (GAFISUD by its initials in Spanish) will hold its XIX GAFISUD Representatives Plenary, in Montevideo, Uruguay on July 20-21, 2009.

Among other topics, this Plenary Session will discuss the process of mutual evaluation of Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, Mexico and Paraguay; will follow-up on the evaluations of Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay; and will report on training activities. The CICTE Secretariat will attend as an observer.

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## US - DR Maritime Interoperability Conference

U.S. and Dominican Republic authorities held the Fifth U.S. and Dominican Republic Maritime Interoperability Conference on the 24th of June in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. The two day conference was sponsored by U.S. Southern Command, and brought together numerous maritime and law enforcement authorities from both countries to discuss a range of issues relating to maritime security and safety. For more information: <https://www.piersystem.com/go/doc/586/284326/>

## Council of Europe News

- The First Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and New Communication Services took place in Reykjavik, Iceland on May 28-29 2009. A political declaration and a number of resolutions were adopted, including the resolutions on "Internet governance and critical Internet resources" and "Developments in anti-terrorism legislation in Council of Europe member states and their impact on freedom of expression and information". Moreover, a forum on "Anti-terrorism legislation and its impact on freedom of expression and information" was organized on May 27 at the aforementioned conference. For more information: <http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/standardsetting/media>
- Following a visit to Washington DC on June 1 and 2, the Council of Europe's Commissioner for Human Rights appealed to European governments to cooperate with President Obama in regards to the closing of Guantanamo camps. The Commissioner called upon all Council of Europe member states to welcome "cleared" ex-detainees in need of international protection. For more information: <http://www.coe.int/t/commissioner>
- The Council of Europe Committee of Ministers Rapporteur Group on Legal Cooperation (GR-J) had an exchange of views on June 9 with Mr. Alexandre Guessel, Anti-terrorism Coordinator of the Council of Europe, on the action taken by the Organization and its future priorities in the area of the fight against terrorism.
- The European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) released its annual activity report for 2008 on June 2, 2009. The [Annual Report](#) describes ECRI's main activities in 2008 and also highlights the main trends with regard to the presence of racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism and intolerance across Europe. For more information: <http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/monitoring/ecri>
- The Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL) released its annual activity report for 2008 on June 5, 2009. This document provides detailed information about the Committee's activities, as well as its achievements for the 2007-2008 year, and cooperation with other international players in the global AML/CFT network of assessment bodies. For more information: <http://www.coe.int/dghl/monitoring/moneyval>

## Upcoming events

- The European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) will hold its 49th plenary meeting in Strasbourg, France June 30-July3, 2009.
- The 15<sup>th</sup> Conference of Directors of Prison Administration (CDAP) will take place in Edinburgh, Scotland, on September 9-11, 2009 with the theme of "Overcrowded prisons: looking for solutions".



For further information on the Council of Europe action against terrorism, please visit <http://www.coe.int/gmt>

## **Recommended Reading**

### **Lone Wolf Lessons**



*By Scott Stewart and Fred Burton*

When militants are operating in a cell consisting of more than one person, there is a larger chance that one of them will get cold feet and reveal the plot to authorities. Lone wolves are solitary actors and it can be very difficult to determine their intentions before they act because they do not work with others.

For more information [click here](#).

### **Radicalization: Made in the USA?**

By Matthew Levitt

HSPI Commentary Series, June 2, 2009

When officials announced the successful prevention of a plot in New York to bomb synagogues and down airplanes with rocket-propelled grenades, many reacted with shock at the prospect of locally radicalized violent extremists plotting attacks here at home. Indeed, policymakers, long focused on the radicalization problem facing our European allies, were slow to realize that domestic radicalization and terrorist recruitment is a problem here in the United States as well. While short of the acute radicalization and recruitment crisis facing many European countries, recent events from Minneapolis to Atlanta suggest the United States is not immune from similar phenomena on our side of the Atlantic. . .

For more information [click here](#).



### **Mystery Surrounds Alleged Hezbollah Links to Drug Arrests in Curacao**

*By Chris Zambelis*

In the Jamestown Foundation's June 26 issue of the "Terrorism Monitor," the author concludes that detailed evidence regarding Hezbollah's supposed involvement in the Curacao drug case has yet to emerge. At the very least, the recent events in the Bekaa Valley indicate that Hezbollah's connection to the drug trade in Lebanon and beyond is far more complex than is often reflected in the sweeping generalizations characteristic of much of the media coverage of the topic.

For more information [click here](#).

### **Developing a Process to Build Partner Capacity for Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction**



How can the United States better support its partners' efforts to combat the threat of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) proliferation? Although the United States has instituted a number of programs to combat the spread of WMD, it does not have the resources necessary to stop all WMD threats. Instead, it needs to pursue a more coordinated effort to enhance partners' border security, WMD detection, interdiction, and other capabilities to address the global nature of the threat.

For the research brief please visit: [http://www.rand.org/pubs/research\\_briefs/RB9382/index1.html](http://www.rand.org/pubs/research_briefs/RB9382/index1.html)

For more information about the complete document: <http://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/MG783/>

### **Civil Society Facing the Consequences of Terrorism: Victims of Terrorism, Civil Liberties and Human Rights**

*Enrique Múgica Herzog*

Speech by the Spanish Ombudsman Enrique Múgica Herzog at the Seminar 'Civil Society Civil Society Facing the Consequences of Terrorism: Victims of Terrorism, Civil Liberties and Human Rights' organised by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, the Embassy of Switzerland and the Elcano Royal Institute and held in Madrid from June 15 to 16 2009. For more information [click here](#).



## Maritime Security: Fighting Piracy in the Gulf of Aden and Beyond

By James Jay Carafano, Ph.D., Richard Weitz, Ph.D., and Martin Edwin Andersen  
Special Report #59. This report provides specific recommendations for addressing piracy and other armed criminal acts at sea. It assesses the current threat in the Gulf of Aden and proposes the appropriate role for American power to protect U.S. interests and meet U.S. responsibilities to facilitate global commerce and maintain freedom of the seas.  
For more information [click here](#).

## Terrorist Financing on the Internet

[Michael Jacobson](#)

*CTC Sentinel*, the journal of West Point's Combating Terrorism Center  
June 2009. In response to growing international pressure since the September 11 attacks, the Internet has become the principal medium for terrorist groups like Hamas, Hezbollah or Al Qaeda to continued fund raising, funds transfer or spreading of messages. Although there is broad international agreement that the internet creates serious terrorism vulnerabilities and that action is needed to counter this growing threat, there is far less agreement on what steps need to be taken. For more information [click here](#).



## Defending the City: NYPD's Counterterrorism Operations Featuring Richard Falkenrath

June 25, 2009. On June 23, 2009, Richard Falkenrath, the New York Police Department (NYPD) deputy commissioner for counterterrorism, addressed a special Policy Forum luncheon at The Washington Institute as part of an ongoing counterterrorism lecture series sponsored by the Stein Program on Counterterrorism and Intelligence. Principal author of the U.S. government's National Strategy for Homeland Security, Dr. Falkenrath oversees the NYPD's counterterrorism operations and training. The following is a rapporteur's summary of his remarks. For more information [click here](#).



**Recent Events**

Month	Days	Event	Venue
June	2-4, 2009	UNODC/CICTE Regional Workshop on the Universal Legal Instruments against Nuclear Terrorism	Buenos Aires, Argentina
	8-12, 2009	Basic Aviation Security Training	Belize City, Belize
	16-26, 2009	Six Scholarships for OAS Member States to attend ICAO National Civil Aviation Security (AVSEC) Training Program	Buenos Aires, Argentina
	22-26, 2009	Advanced Aviation Security Workshop	Nassau, Bahamas
	25-26, 2009	CICTE Crisis Management Exercise on Port Security	Valparaiso, Chile
	24-26, 2009	Training Workshop for the Caribbean on APEC Manual on Maritime Security, Drills and Exercises	Castries, St. Lucia

**Upcoming Events**

Month	Days	Event	Venue
July	7-9, 2009	UN Reporting Workshop on UNSCR 1373, 1267, and 1540	Basseterre, St Kitts
	8, 2009	UN CTED Workshop on Mutual Legal Assistance	UN Headquarters, New York City
	13-17, 2009	CICTE Aviation Crisis Management Training	Guatemala City, Guatemala
	13-17, 2009	Canadian Border Security Agency Customs Training	Port of Spain, Trinidad
	16-17, 2009	Argentina CERT 10th anniversary celebration	Buenos Aires, Argentina
	20-21, 2009	GAFISUD Plenary	Montevideo, Uruguay
	20-24, 2009	CICTE Advanced Training on the Management of a National CSIRT for the southern Cone sub-region	Santiago, Chile
	21-23, 2009	REMJA Cyber Crime Working Group workshop	Santiago, Chile
	20-24, 2009	CICTE Document Security and Prevention of Fraud Workshop for Ecuador and Peru	Lima, Peru
	27-31, 2009	APEC MEG-SEC Workshop on maritime security	Singapore
August	27-30, 2009	CICTE Sub-regional Workshop for the southern Caribbean on Best Practices in Port Security and Implementation of the ISPS Code	Port Lisas, Trinidad & Tobago
	3-6, 2009	Sub-Regional Workshop for Central America on Bulk Cash Smuggling	Mexico City, Mexico
	3-7, 2009	Aviation Security Training	Honduras
	4-6, 2009	US Secret Service Global Cyber Security Conference	Washington DC, United States
	10-14, 2009	Tourism Security Level II Training for Haiti	Port-Au-Price, Haiti
September	TBD	Tourism Security Level II Training for Mexico	Acapulco, Mexico
	14-22, 2009	PANAMAX Crisis Exercise, organized by SOUTHCOM and the Government of Panama	Panama
	29-30, 2009	UNODC/CICTE Specialized training for Peru on counter terrorism investigation and prosecutions	Lima, Peru



## **News**

### **India criticizes release of Mumbai-linked man**

India has criticized the release from house arrest of the leader of a Pakistani group linked to the Mumbai terror attacks. He was released by the Lahore High Court in Pakistan after his lawyer submitted a petition, calling his detention illegal. For more information [click here](#).



### **Guantanamo Detainee Denies Guilt**

The first Guantanamo detainee brought to the US for trial, Ahmed Ghailani, pled not guilty June 9<sup>th</sup> in a New York Federal Court to involvement in two embassy blasts in East Africa in 1998. For more information [click here](#).

### **US Congress Approves \$520 Million to be Invested in Colombia in 2010**



According to information from June 17, the approved funds will finance the fight against drugs, terrorism, and alternative development projects meant to strengthen democracy in the country. The sum was approved by the Foreign Appropriations subcommittee for Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and relies in part on the budget of the State Department. The program approved by the subcommittee is slightly superior to that which President Barack Obama proposed one month ago when he presented Congress with his estimated budget for the coming year. For more information [click here](#).

### **Cuba against Acts of Nuclear Terrorism**

On June 17 Cuba joined the United Nation's resolve against nuclear terrorism and in doing so became the 54<sup>th</sup> nation to sign this international treaty. In accordance with the treaty, Cuba declared that within its borders there is located, against Cuban will, the American naval base, Guantanamo, and that Havana could not claim responsibility if the United States "possessed nuclear materials or arms in this illegally occupied Cuban territory." The treaty is one of 13 instruments of the United Nations used in the fight against terrorism and was adopted by the General Assembly of the UN on the 13 of April 2005. For more information [click here](#).

### **Ex-Georgia Tech Student convicted on terrorism charges**

A federal judge found former Georgia Tech student Syed Haris Ahmed guilty on June 10, 2009, of conspiring to provide material support to terrorism in the United States and abroad. Ahmed, 24, could face 15 years in prison. Ahmed has been held in solitary confinement at the U.S. Penitentiary in Atlanta since April 2006. Prosecutors contend that Ahmed discussed potential attacks in the United States with four other men. Among the potential targets were oil refineries, a military base and a GPS satellite system. In April, 2005, Ahmed and an accomplice were said to have made "casing videos" of landmarks in the Washington area such as the Capitol, the World Bank building and a Masonic Temple.

For more information [click here](#).

### **European Commission warns of Terrorists' Goals**



The European Commission warned on June 24 that terrorist groups are trying to procure devastating weapons, chemical, biological, and nuclear, and called on European States to prepare for this threat. "Terrorist groups are looking to possess chemical, biological, radiological, and atomic weapons," the European Commission declared, and presented various proposals of action from member states of the European Union (EU).

For more information [click here](#).



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