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Hindus from Ngakhuya Village wait to receive aid delivered by volunteers. The second batch of volunteers from UEHRD arrived in Sittway on 29 November and started to conduct surveys and distribute aid in the villages of Buthidaung and Maungtau townships. **PHOTO: PHOE HTAUNG**

Rebuilding Rakhine

2nd Batch Youth Volunteers of UEHRD begin work in Rakhine

THE following are the voices of volunteers, residents, and administrators who are collectively helping to rebuild and restore Rakhine State.

A villager shared his memories of the vicious attacks by masked Islamic terrorists. A pro-

gramme director spoke of the importance of youth in the rebuilding effort. A volunteer told a reporter of his pride in being able to help his countrymen. All remarked on the unity that they said is essential in the recovery.

In the weeks and months

since the terrorist attacks of late August, journalists, residents, and volunteers have witnessed a gradual return to normalcy in the region due to efforts by people of all races and ethnicities, from all walks of life and from many parts of the country.

The 2nd Batch Youth Volunteers of the UEHRD Programme arrived in Sittway on 29 November and started to conduct surveys in the villages of Buthidaung and Maungtau townships in Maungtau District.

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Hindus from IDP camps in Sittway return home

HINDU families sheltering at internally displaced camps in Sittway returned home yesterday as the situation in Rakhine State has returned to normalcy.

With the last batch of 123 Hindu people from 36 households today, all the displaced people staying at the 31 camps in Sittway have returned home with the help of local authorities.

“We have arranged a ship for the last batch 123 Hindus to go back home tomorrow,” said Rakhine State Government Office.

The Hindus who moved from Sittway are currently sheltering at a camp established near Maungtau District General Administration Department as they are repairing their homes.

“Some of their houses were burnt down in the terrorist attacks. Some are still reparable. We will send them to their houses when their houses are ready to accommodate them,” said U Ye Htut, Maungtau District Deputy Commissioner.

The local authorities have planned to allocate land to those who lost their homes in the terrorist attacks and to provide food and security to all communities in the area, according to the Maungtau District Deputy Commissioner.

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Infrastructure built, renovated for repatriation of refugees

Construction and basic infrastructure construction work group of UEHRD committee is building and renovating buildings in Taungpyo police station compound for use as repatriation camp in Taungpyo Letwe, Maungdaw Township to repatriate Bengalis and Hindus who went to Bangladesh after the August 25 Maungdaw region terrorists events it is learnt.

In doing this, 3 units of 120 ft. long, 30 ft. wide six-rooms buildings, 60 ft. long 18 ft. wide wooden staff quarter, a 40 ft. long 20 ft. wide building for staff quarter, a 20 by 20 ft. brick building for staff quarter were being repaired and renovated and 40 ft. long 30 ft. wide and 10 ft. high wooden brief hall, 4 units of 48 ft. long 6 ft. wide 8-rooms building with 4 bathroom and 4 toilets, a 15 ft. long, 8 ft. wide 4 feet high ground

tank, two overhead tank with a capacity of 1,200 gallons, a kitchen measuring 60 ft. long, 30 ft. wide and 11 ft. high kitchen, and dining hall, two tube wells and roads in front of the buildings were built.

Furthermore, Ministry of Construction is constructing a total of 80 modular houses of which 31 modular houses are for use as offices for staff assigned for repatriation work, 8 modular houses for staff to live, 41 modular houses for returnees to stay temporarily it is learnt.

Currently construction and basic infrastructure construction work group is renovating 2 barracks measuring 120 ft. long and 30 ft. wide while Ministry of Construction is stockpiling materials and conducting earth work to construct the modular houses.— Myanmar News Agency ■



A ceremony of week's activities for Asia-Pacific Malaria Elimination in 2030 held in progress. **PHOTO: MNA**

Activities week being held for Asia-Pacific malaria elimination

The ceremony of week's activities for Asia-Pacific Malaria Elimination in 2030 was held at Kempinski Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

The week's activities were held with the 22 malaria-endemic countries. This is the second time that Myanmar hosted the 2nd week activity for Asia-Pacific Malaria Elimination with the joint cooperation from the Ministry of Health and Sports, World

Health Organization, UNOPS, Asia Development Bank (ADB), Asia-Pacific Malaria Elimination Network (APMEN) and Asia-Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance (APLMA).

At the ceremony, organizations which are concerned about malaria from ADB and the officials from APMEN discussed about how to fight against malaria. The subjects discussed including the speeding up of

targets aiming at the malaria elimination, to highlight the importance of targets, discussions about innovative approaches, the global technical strategy laid out by WHO, the strategy for malaria elimination in the Greater Mekong Subregion and how to face and solve the new challenges was held in order to be a malaria-free Asia-Pacific by 2030. The week's activities will go on until 8 December.—MDN ■

Coordination meeting to publish NRPC periodical



A coordination meeting for publishing NRPC periodical holds in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

A coordination meeting to publish a NRPC periodical that will inform the public of the national policy and the works done on the peace process was held yesterday morning at the Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor meeting hall, Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting, National Reconciliation and Peace Center (NRPC) secretary Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Tin explained about forming the required committee to publish the pe-

riodical and to widely describe the policies and processes of the union peace process works.

Next, Ministry of Office of the State Counsellor director general U Zaw Htay explained about publishing the periodicals and those in attendance discussed widely about policies and subjects to be included and determining the publishing intervals etc.

The meeting was attended by Peace Commission member U Aung Soe and departmental responsible persons.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives IBAHRI Director

U AYE THA AUNG, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and chairman of the Joint Bill Committee received Mr. Phillip Thamindjis, Director of the International Bar

Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI) works with the London-based global legal community at 10 am at the Hluttaw's Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Also present were Joint Bill Committee secretary Dr Myat Nyana Soe, joint secretary of the committee U Kyaw Soe Lin and officials.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Indonesia Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs arrives

An Indonesian delegation led by Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs Mr. Wiranto arrived to Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening.

The visiting Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs Mr. Wiranto and party were welcomed in Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director General U Soe Han, Indonesia Ambassador to Myanmar H.E. Dr. Ito Sumardi and officials.— Myanmar News Agency ■



Director General U Soe Han welcomes Indonesian Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs Mr. Wiranto at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**



Dr. Min Thein (Director, Department of Relief and Resettlement).



Mahn Aung Naing Kyi (leader of No. 3 team) UEHRD Youth Volunteer.



Daw San San Aye (Rakhine National).



Maw Nul Rau Soon (Hindu).



U Isuk (Islamist) Ngakhura Village.

Rebuilding Rakhine

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On 1 December, youth volunteers went to Ngakhura in Maungtau township and Done-thein, Kyarno-pyin, Phar-yay villages in Buthidaung Township to collect data. On 2 December, they went to Ngakhura Village in Maungtau, where Rakhine, Hindus and Islamists co-existed to provide foods.

News teams went to Ngakhura Village, where they saw youth volunteers conduct surveys and provide food, interviewing personnel and locals for this report.

Dr. Min Thein (Director, Department of Relief and Resettlement)

In launching the UEHRD programme, we had two goals. The first is to provide humanitarian assistance to the needy with the cooperation of youths from across the nation. The other is to take part in the implementation of resettling villages which were destroyed, under the support of the governments of Regions and States. In providing assistance, we chose villages — remote areas and areas within reach of a one-day round-trip journey. Now the villages in Maungtau, including

Ngakhura, are to be done in the second batch. Here, local Rakhine people, Hindus and Islamists are living together. They share the same market and school. That being so, we symbolically chose the village as a priority.

In implementing the tasks under the UEHRD programme, we would like to share two pieces of news — one is our desire to show that not only local nationals but also the whole populace across the nation are giving support wholeheartedly, and the other is to show that we are not discriminating, as alleged by some.

Our project has two messages — the whole populace's stance together with the local nationals and non-segregation between two different believers. We cannot implement national development with a person or an organisation alone. Only if the whole populace collectively cooperates will success be gained. Especially now, it is time for the praiseworthy deeds of youths, the future generation, to wholeheartedly contribute their voluntary labour and withstand all the hardships. I would like to add that youths came to the area with some anxieties in their minds. Therefore, the Department of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement would like to

say thanks to them and simultaneously their parents for their kind permission to allow their offspring to come here.

Daw San San Aye (Rakhine National)

I have six family members. Altogether there are over 100 Rakhine nationals. Some left here, so only a few go to school. Now that the UEHRD youths came to provide some rations — rice, edible oil, salt, chillies, potatoes, pulses and others, we can live on them. Now we are unemployed. In the past, we used to sell commodities, but we have nothing left. At the time of the terrorist attacks, they, who were dressed in black masks, exchanged fire with security forces. At 10 pm or so, we rushed into the camp. In the village, Rakhine, Hindus and Bengalis co-existed in peace. We shared with each other. They asked for what they wanted and they in return helped us. Now we live in peace with them, those who remained in the village, without abandoning the village.

U Isuk (Islamist) Ngakhura Village

I live in Kappakaung, east of Ngakhura village. Organisations provided us with rice, cooking

oil, pulses, potatoes, powdered milk, onion and etc. And they collected data they wanted. They asked us what we need more. All living here were not involved in terrorist attacks. Those who got involved have escaped. Here, there are Rakhine nationals, Hindus and Muslims like us. We live here in peace. Thanks a lot for helping like this. It is necessary to help us to run businesses for the long-term.

Maw Nul Rau Soon (Hindu)

I am a leader of a 100-household of the Hindu village. In the village, there are 600 Hindus in the village. Youth volunteers provided us with various kinds of food and clothing. My family has 45 members, getting seven units of assistances. They asked whether there are conveniences or not as to collecting the family records. Now they came to give aid for four times. Thanks a lot for providing in such a way. It is convenient for us to live on what we got. But we are still afraid of the dangers of terrorists. For the time being, we have no jobs. It is not convenient for us to find meat for our daily consumption in nearby areas only. In the past it is not difficult for us to find meat and fish. Before now, we earned our living on fishing and hair-cutting. Some went to Malaysia for employment. What we ask is for the authorities

to let us do fishing freely. Some people were not enlisted in the family list. If possible, we want the matter to be implemented as soon as possible. Before now, in the village, Hindus, Muslims and Rakhine nationals used to live together. But some now have the feelings of anxiety and doubt.

Mahn Aung Naing Kyi (leader of No. 3 team) UEHRD Youth Volunteer

I live in Mayangone township, Yangon Region, being a Kayin-Bamar national. The objective of applying for the youth programme is that I am greatly interested in the programme, "20 Days of Youth for the People." That is because we — Hindu, Muslim and Rakhine, belong to the same human race with the same basic values. We respect these same basic values. Being human beings, we applied for taking part in the programme of UEHRD based on our willingness to help with humanitarian aid. We were given training in the camp. We were taught about safety and security, how to do surveys, how to collect data and how to distribute commodities. We were well trained how to avoid sayings, livings and doings which will result in outbreaks of another conflicts. And first aid was also taught to us. —News Team / Photo: Pho Htaung ■

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If you have burning desire and willingness, everything is possible for you: Mi Sandi, a vocalist

YOUTH All-Round Development Festival, which was held for three days on December 1-3, included literature, arts, sports, IT and science, book sales, youth education program, discussions and entertainment. During the discussion, Writer Ponnya Khin and youth vocalist Mi Sandi talked and discussed on the title of "The Pursuit of Art", at RC hall, University of Yangon.

Youth Vocalist Mi Sandi

I came here at the invita-

tion of Sayama Ponnya Khin, a well-known author and youths of the Yangon University. I managed to come and see them although I was fully occupied with my work. Being a youth, I want to take part in this festival and keep in touch with many youths from different schools and universities as it's a memorable moment for me.

Youths of today are sometimes at a loss what to do next between their aims and

fulfillment of their parents' wishes. It's a difficult for them to make a bold decision to go on with it.

Writer Sayama Ponnya Khin

I came to know that some of them are really interested in my similar experience how to overcome my difficulties, which was all about my education versus my artist life. They can learn from my personal experience.—Ohnmar Thant/Myat Sandi ■



Vocalist Mi Sandi and writer Sayama Ponnya Khin delivering the talk show at Youth All-round Development Festival in RC hall, University of Yangon. **PHOTO: YE HTUT**

Hindus from IDP camps in Sittway return home

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"Still, they have worries for returning to their homes though the situation has returned to normalcy. We will make efforts for peaceful coexistence between the communities," said U Ye Htut.

All Myanmar Hindu Central Board issued a statement

on 1 October expressing deep sorrow for ethnic nationals and Hindus killed by ARSA extremist terrorists in Rakhine State and urges to make arrangements to provide security and restore the livelihood of the remaining family members.

The statement said ethnic Rakhine nationals, public

servants and some Hindus were killed and wounded by recent ARSA extremist terrorists' atrocities in Maungdaw, Rakhine State. The worst incident was the cruel mass killing of Hindu villagers of an entire village and the forced abduction of some Hindus to another country.—News Team ■

Union Minister Lt-Gen Sein Win receives DCAF Director Mr. Thomas Guerber



Union Minister Lt-Gen Sein Win holds talks with DCAF Director Mr. Thomas Guerber yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

MINISTRY of Defence, Union Minister Lt-Gen Sein Win received a delegation led by Ambassador Mr. Thomas Guerber, Director of Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) based in Geneva at 2:00 pm at the Minister's office,

Ministry of Defence yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters relating to peace processes, the Rakhine issue, promoting co-operation between Tatmadaw and DCAF.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Myanmar export import status during FY 2017-2018 from April to September

DURING September of FY 2017-2018 the value of Myanmar's normal export is US\$ 1,190.40 million and border trade export is US\$ 567.05 million totaling US\$ 1,757.45 million. During the same period, the value of Myanmar's normal import is 1,209.02 million and border trade import is US\$ 282.30 million totaling US\$1,491.32 million. Therefore the total trade value for September of FY 2017-2018 is US\$ 3,248.77 million while the trade deficit was US\$ 266.13 million.

From April to September of FY 2017-2018, the value of Myanmar's normal export is US\$ 4,923.00 million and border trade export is US\$2,308.07 million totaling US\$ 7,231.07 million. Value of normal import is US\$ 7,640.67 million and border trade import is US\$ 1,454.22 million totaling US\$ 9,094.89 million. Therefore the total trade value during April to September of FY 2017-2018 is US\$ 16,325.96 million with a trade deficit of US\$ 1,863.82 million it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency

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Administrative machinery needs to be strengthened to restore rule of law

By News Team
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It reached for over 3 months that ARSA extremist terrorists made a series of attacks in Maungtaw, Rakhine on August 25. Due to the events, situations on administrative, economic, transportation, regional development affairs strayed from the right paths, displacing people to other regions. Concerning these changes, with the instructions of the State Government and Regional Governments authorities concerned are implementing restoration of the machinery into normal state by launching operations on the ground, starting to come into existences to some extent, for the time being.

Here is the interview with U Ye Htut, Maungtaw District Commissioner who is now dealing with the implementation of the development in Maungtaw Region by the News Team.

Q: Let me know the process implemented after 3 months period of August 25 event in Maungtaw.

A: After August 25 event, regional security was under control in cooperation between organisations taking responsibilities of security sector. And, we had managed to deal with rule of law in the region. At the time of restoration of security and rule of law, humanitarian assistances are being given to all the injured people living in the region, regardless of race and religion. Simultaneously rehabilitation and resettlements are being implemented. Statistics and necessary facts and figures of those injured and destroyed due to the events were collected systematically with the help of departments and security forces. For the time

being, necessary food and other commodities are being given. During the periods, displaced people were assembled in a place and provided with aids. Now that area consolidation is being gained, aids deliveries were made to those who are greatly in need of help. In doing so, people were provided equally depending upon the amounts of the population, regardless of race or religion. Remote villages and those which were not easily accessible were assembled in a place and infrastructures needed for them were built. For now, 12 new villages were designated.

Q: It has been learnt that preparations are being made to accept those who run away to the neighboring countries. Let me know the time to be implemented?

A: It has been agreed between Myanmar and Bangladesh. With the instruction given through the Rakhine State Government according to the National Policy laid down, we will carry out. Concerning the acceptance, those who will come by road will be accepted at Taungpyo Letwe camp, with those who will come by boat to be accepted at the Ngakhura Camp. After making them stay at the temporary camp for some period, accommodation for them will continue to be launched. It will be implemented as soon as possible as agreed at the national level.

Q: New villages are being built, it was learnt. What kinds of buildings are being built?

A: The land has been designated for building 12 combined villages. Of them, at six villages ground-breaking was already made. Reclamation and foundations were already being made. All the companies had



Maungtaw District Commissioner U Ye Htut.

been ordered to complete the construction not later than 31st March. Most include one-storeyed buildings. Traditional types will also be included.

Q: What about the arrangement for construction in the villages destroyed by fire?

A: It is impossible to restore in its original condition, concerning resettlements in the villages burnt down by terrorists. On such grounds, there were no inhabitants and properties, home-made firearms and mines were found in finding those places on receipt of news and information. It needs to systematically clear away on these place. Now the places are being cleared away with machineries provided by the government.

Q: To which extent, had the process of harvest in Maungtaw district reached?

A: Due to the events, there were more than 60000 acreage of un-harvested monsoon paddy in the region.

Harvest and winnowing was started one month ago. Altogether 0.14 million baskets of rice had been collected. Under the supervision of the Rakhine State Government, harvest, dry-

ing and selling was made.

Q: We heard people say about slow development of road transport in Maungtaw. Let me know about the preparations, if ever?

A: Concerning repair of roads, they are being repaired for the roads to be able to be used for the time being. Companies assigned by the national-level are also implementing. On completion of website of roads most of the roads in Maungtaw district will become better, we hope.

Q: It has been learnt that Rathedaung-Buthidaung-Maungtaw Power Grid Line started to be implemented. When will it be used in Maungtaw region?

A: For the time being Buthidaung and Maungtaw areas were supplied with power generators. After the event October 9 2016, electricity is being distributed from 6 pm to 6 am for the whole night. In March 2017 Rathedaung and in June Buthidaung and December in 2018 Maungtaw will be supplied with electricity.

Q: Due to the event, almost all basic education schools were known to have suspended. Let us know the present situation of reopening the schools.

A: In Maungtaw region, there are more than 400 schools. As schools are being reopened as situation permits more than half are being reopened by now. As for the (school) buildings, there were some that were damaged. If it is not damaged and if there are students ready to attend it, it will be reopened. If it is damaged and there isn't any student to attend, it is not reopened. The school is not damaged but if there isn't any student to attend,

it will remain suspended. If the school is not damaged and there are students ready to attend, it will be opened as soon as security situation permits.

Q: Explain about the status of trade in Maungtaw region and reopening of markets.

A: In Maungtaw district, there are small markets in every village in the past. These markets are not systematic in terms of municipal law. Therefore, arrangements are made for those markets to systematically conduct trade. The markets are to be operated under the management of the municipal. Similarly, markets under the management of municipals are being arranged to be opened. Although Maungtaw Myoma market is opened 24 hours, meat, fish and vegetables were being sold in each wards and villages markets. Myoma market sells clothing and other consumer products the whole day but the development is not like in main land area so people are relying on individual shops. People are depending more on markets in wards and villages and Myoma market is not as busy as in the past. Myoma market is a distinct market in Maungtaw town and plans are underway for it to be the indicator of development.

Q : How do you see the Maungtaw situation as a district administrator?

A: If you want to develop a region, you need to view the event in the region as it is. Based on the view, cooperation must be provided with good intention. Some will think along the way they want based on the events in the conflict area while some will think one-sidedly.

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By viewing the situation as it is and cooperating, trust will improve. Due to the conflicts, security is affected. When security is affected, rule of law become weak. If rule of law is weak, (the region) it is left behind in development. If all want development all need to cooperate with good intention. Terrorism based on religion is not related to a religion. It is simply terrorism. It is related only to those who use religion for other matters. We are at the age of democracy government and everything will be conducted according to the law. There will be no discrimination in anyway. Those who want to cooperate need to cooperate according to the law.

Q: There were crit-



Workers collect rice after drying the grain under the sun in Maungtau region. **PHOTO: MIN HTET**

icisms that Maungtau region is weak in rule of law. As a responsible person, what would you like to say about this?

A: The administrative machinery must be firm to restore rule of law in Maungtau region. As the administrative machinery is run according to the law, enforcement of law is required. Without firm administrative machinery,

rule of law is not easy. Policies, rules, regulations etc. need to be obeyed exactly. If not, affective action needs to be taken. Only then will the rule of law be established. Once the rule of law is firm the idea of having no security need not be considered.

Based on the country's policy, preparation to elect new administrators is being made. As for the

villages, administrative organizations and departmental organizations are weak in reaching the local populace. As the administrative organizations did not reach the local populace, trust and dependent on the administration organizations is also reduced. Administrative organizations need to be in touch with the local populace regularly. Data are

to be collected systematically. Short and long term plans need to be drawn up and submitted to the state government. Villages are to be pushed and managed to implement policies set. Management will be according to the law. If anyone goes beyond the law, effective action will be taken. Fences that are making a maze in the village will be removed.

There should be proper road for entry and exit to/from the village. Existence of health hazards and lack of systematic house construction is due to the weaknesses of the related departments. Nothing more need to be said about rule of law in the region if the administrators administer according to the law and the people obey the law. ■



Harvesting of monsoon rice in Maungtau region. **PHOTO: MIN HTET**

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(S'PORE) PTE LTD**

Phone No: 2301185

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

MV MINANUR CEBI VOY. NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MINANUR CEBI VOY. NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4.12.2017 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of AIPT-1 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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**AGENT FOR: M/S BEN LINE AGENCIES
(S'PORE) PTE LTD.**

Phone No: 2301928

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

MV HHL VALPARAZSO M VOY. NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HHL VALPARAZSO VOY. NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4.12.2017 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MITT-4 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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