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## In brief

### QATAR | Vehicles Woqod plans new inspection centres

Woqod will add two more vehicle inspection centres during the second half of this year. They will be located at petrol stations in Mesaimeer and north of Qatar University. Woqod vice-chairman and managing director Mohamed Turki al-Sobai said that both projects were near completion and would be operational soon. Woqod, he said, had signed a contract with a French company to provide equipment and technology for the new centres. **Page 33**

### QATAR | West Bay Ferry service 'to be launched'

A ferry service is to be launched between Doha airport and the West Bay district, says a report in a local Arabic daily. "This is for the benefit of the arriving passengers who wish to stay in the hotels in the West Bay district," the report said. As many as six boats are being readied and the service will start before the inauguration of the new airport in December this year, it said.

### QATAR | Decision Bank holiday on March 4

Qatar Central Bank (QCB) yesterday announced that all banks and financial institutions under its control will be closed to the public on March 4 (Sunday). A QCB release said it was in line with the Council of Ministers' decision of the year 2009, stipulating that the first Sunday of March each year shall be an official holiday for all banks operating in Qatar.

### QATAR | Vote Polling station at Russian embassy

The Russian embassy in Qatar will hold presidential elections on its premises for Russian citizens on March 4 between 8am and 8pm. All Russian citizens eligible to vote must bring their passports to the polling station at the embassy in New Doha (Al Qutaifiya), Area 66, st. 804, Villa 4. More information can be had on tel. 44836231, e-mail: rusemb@qatar.net.qa or visit www.qatar.mid.ru.

### SYRIA | Unrest Referendum goes ahead as 31 die

At least 31 Syrian civilians and soldiers were killed yesterday in bloodshed that coincided with a vote on a new constitution that could keep President Bashar al-Assad in power until 2028. **Page 14**

# Emir urges UN probe

HH Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani calls on the UN to "investigate the measures Israel has taken to Judaize Jerusalem since its occupation in 1967"

AFP, QNA  
Doha

Qatar yesterday urged the UN to investigate Jewish settlement expansion in Arab East Jerusalem, warning that Israel's occupation of the Palestinian territories was unacceptable.

"We must act quickly to stop the Judaisation of Jerusalem," said HH the Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, in his opening remarks at the International Conference on Jerusalem (Al-Quds) in Doha.

The two-day conference, which brings together international and regional experts and officials, is intended to address an Israeli push to cement its control over the occupied eastern sector of the holy city.

In his remarks, HH Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa called on the UN to "investigate the measures Israel has taken to Judaize Jerusalem since its occupation in 1967".

He said such an investigation would constitute the first step towards "forcing Israel to reverse those measures". Israeli settlement activity in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, has proved one of the thorniest issues dividing Israel and the Palestinians.

Direct talks that began in September 2010 broke down shortly after they started over the issue, when Israel declined to renew a partial settlement freeze and the Palestinians said they would not continue talks without a new moratorium.

The Palestinians want East Jerusalem as the capital of their future state and adamantly reject Jewish settlement construction in the territory.

They accuse the Jewish state of building settlement neighbourhoods in East Jerusalem, while denying Palestinian building permits and revoking their residency in a bid to rid the city of Arab residents.

Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa warned that public opinion in the Arab world, where months of popular protests overthrew four long-time strongmen in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and Yemen "has awakened and will not accept" anything "less than a just peace based on the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people".

"Is it conceivable that the people



HH the Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani addressing the opening of the International Conference on Jerusalem in Doha yesterday. **Left to right:** Robert Serry, UN special co-ordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Nabil al-Arabi secretary general of the Arab League, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, HH the Emir, Abdellah Benkirane, Prime Minister of Morocco and Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu secretary general Organisation of Islamic Co-operation.

that could no longer tolerate oppression at home will accept the oppression of a foreign occupation?" he asked.

HH the Emir called on the Palestinian leadership to exert every possible effort to preserve the Arab identity of Al-Quds and to enforce national reconciliation and to prepare a comprehensive and expanded strategy on various sectors and projects needed for the city, underlining Qatar's willingness to participate to its full potential

to accomplish and implement it. He underlined that the meeting had affirmed the Arab identity of Al-Quds since the third millennium BC. "The Israelis do not realise that there is no Palestinian state without Al-Quds and there is no Al-Quds without Al-Aqsa Mosque."

Since 1948, the Israeli governments had been in ongoing operations to rewrite the history of Al-Quds through marginalisation and abolition of all historical periods, the Emir noted.

He regretted that the Arab countries were not making all the needed efforts to preserve the Arab and Islamic identity of Al-Quds. "What Israeli is doing in Al-Quds is definitely a clear violation of international law and ... of numerous resolutions of the Security Council and the UN General Assembly concerning the rights of the Palestinian people. Therefore, the current status of Al-Quds re-

quires a firm stand to face the blatant Israeli challenge which makes the Arab identity of Al-Quds in big danger."

HH the Emir underlined that protecting Al-Quds would not be accomplished through slogans, speeches and conferences, pointing to a former Israeli prime minister's remarks that the happiest day in her life was when Muslims only denounced and condemned the burning of Al-Aqsa Mosque which she had thought would be the end of Israel.

The Emir stressed the importance of Arab unity in facing the Israeli violations and in preserving Al-Quds' identity, saying that all countries and governments in the world must realise that there is a unified Arab stand that will only accept a just peace based on the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

The Emir reaffirmed Qatar's support to the Palestinian people and their steadfastness of Al-Quds and their le-

gitimate demands in establishing the independent state of Palestine.

He called on civil society organisations, as a key partner with governments, to shoulder their responsibilities towards protecting Al-Quds and preserving its Arab and Islamic identity.

Israel occupied Arab East Jerusalem in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war and annexed it later in a move never recognised by the international community. It claims all of Jerusalem as its capital.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas who was attending the two-day conference told participants that "the measures of annexation... are null and void. East Jerusalem is the eternal capital of Palestine."

The opening of the two-day conference at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel was attended by the Speaker of the Advisory Council, the ministers, heads of the diplomatic corps accredited to the country and guests. **Pages 2, 3**

# Listed banks' cumulative net profits rise 22%

By Santhosh V Perumal  
Business Reporter

The cumulative net profits of the listed banks in Qatar rose 22% in 2011 on the back of a strong growth in their operating earnings as witnessed by double-digit growth in both interest/finance income and fee-based income.

However, the listed banks' profitability in 2011 witnessed a slowdown vis-a-vis that in the previous year as four among the eight lenders saw their net profits shrink year-on-year; yet the sector outperformed the country's stock barometer. The banking group's index had risen 7.96% year-to-date in 2011 compared to only 1.12% in the 20-stock benchmark.

The cumulative net profits of the

eight listed banks registered a 22% growth in 2011 against a 25% rise in the previous year, according to their balance sheets submitted with the Qatar Exchange.

The banks' cumulative net profits stood at QR14.98bn and total assets were valued at QR607.57bn at the end of December 31, 2011. The credit-deposit ratio stood at 117%.

QNB reported a 31.64% growth in net profit in 2011 (against a 35.76% growth in the previous year), Commercialbank 15.21% (7.33%), Doha Bank 17.73% (8.28%), Qatar Islamic Bank 8.16% (0.94%), Ahlibank 7.26% (37.21%), International Islamic 16.86% (9.29%), Masraf Al Rayan 16.26% (37.55%) and al khaliji 14.05% (155.06%).

The 22% growth in the cumulative net profit of the listed banks was in line with expansion in their operating

incomes with both interest/finance earnings and fee-based income registering double-digit growth; although general and administrative costs also rose.

**The banks' cumulative net profits stood at QR14.98bn and total assets were valued at QR607.57bn at the end of December 31, 2011**

The lenders' cumulative operating income surged 22.23% with interest/finance earnings growing by 19.25% and fee income by 14.39% in 2011. Both Ahlibank and Masraf Al Rayan gave total operating income while others gave net operating earnings.

QNB reported a 33.37% jump in its operating income, Commercialbank 11.72%, Doha Bank 10.95%, Qatar Is-

lamic Bank 17.54%, Ahlibank 6.67%, International Islamic 3.67%, Masraf Al Rayan 23.20% and al khaliji 23.68%.

Within the operational parameters, QNB registered a 37.32% growth in interest income, Commercialbank 8.99%, Doha Bank 16% and al khaliji 7.27%. In the case of Shariah-principled lenders, Qatar Islamic Bank's finance income was up 1.71% and Masraf Al Rayan 11.18%; whereas that of International Islamic fell 1.16%. In some cases, profit from Islamic financing and investments were clubbed.

In the case of net fee and commission income, QNB recorded a 15.80% rise, Commercialbank 11.26%, Qatar Islamic Bank 3.72%, Ahlibank 9.93%, Masraf Al Rayan 158.49% and al khaliji 18.93%; while Doha Bank's fell 3.20% and International Islamic 25.06%.

Dividend income was on the ris-

ing path for the conventional lenders with al khaliji reporting more than tripled revenue from that source. Commercialbank's dividend income more than doubled; while QNB registered 44.40% growth, Doha Bank 6.94% and Ahlibank 7.29%.

The banks' gain in foreign exchange dealings presented a varied picture with Doha Bank, Ahlibank, International Islamic and al khaliji reporting shrinkage; whereas QNB, Commercialbank and Rayan registering growth. Qatar Islamic Bank reported losses compared with profits in the previous year.

The impairment losses on loans and advances jumped about 48-fold in the case of Masraf Al Rayan, while QNB recorded 92% widening of such losses and Commercialbank (44%).

In the case of Doha Bank, the provi-

sion for impairment of loans and advances fell 18%, Qatar Islamic Bank 74% and Ahlibank 36%; while that of International Islamic surged 21%.

The cumulative assets of the banks stood at QR607.57bn, of which loan portfolio's share was 60.02% or QR364.67bn at the end of December 31, 2011.

QNB's total assets were valued at QR301.96bn, of which loans comprised 64.23% or QR193.94bn; Commercialbank QR71.54bn (58.16% or QR41.61bn); Doha Bank QR52.42bn (58.57% or QR30.70bn); Qatar Islamic Bank QR58.29bn (50.78% or QR29.60bn); Ahlibank QR17.73bn (68.53% or QR12.15bn); International Islamic QR23.36bn (45.33% or QR10.59bn); Rayan QR55.27bn (62.91% or QR34.77bn) and al khaliji QR27bn (41.89% or QR11.31bn).



HH the Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and (right) Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed Omar at the opening of the International Conference on Jerusalem in Doha yesterday.

# Abbas backs Emir's proposal to go to UN for action against Israel

**QNA**  
Doha

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas expressed his support to the proposal, presented yesterday by HH the Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, to approach the UN Security Council to adopt a resolution for the formation of an international investigation committee to look into all the actions taken by Israel since the 1967 occupation of Arab Jerusalem with the aim of obliterating the Islamic and Arab landmarks.

Addressing the opening session of the Doha International Conference for the Defence of Al-Quds, here yesterday, President Mahmoud Abbas explained that the conference is being held at a very delicate stage, Al-Quds is facing challenges and dangers which cannot be ignored anymore.

Providing adequate answers to such challenges facing Al-Quds is a big responsibility which calls for adopting policies to ensure the preservation of its Arab and Christian-Muslim character, Abbas said.

Abbas also noted that the Israeli occupation authorities have accelerated their efforts to obliterate the Arab and Christian-Muslim character of Jerusalem, in order to Judaize it.

The Palestinian president explained that the Israeli occupation authority's attempts to achieve the ultimate goal of these plans in Jerusalem have three axes.

The first is that they are working to change the character and structure of Jerusalem, believing that they can remove the name of Al-Quds from the memory of the world.

In this context, Abbas said that Al-Quds is witnessing an unprecedented acceleration in construction of settlements, with a view to changing its architectural characteristics and its cultural roots.

Since the occupation authorities removed the Mughrabi neighbourhood after the 1967 war in the Old City of Jerusalem, Israel is still demolishing Palestinian homes that carry historical symbolic such 'Karm al Mufti' and others, and build-



Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi arrives at the opening of the International Conference on Jerusalem in Doha yesterday.

ing settlements in more than one site on lands confiscated from the citizens of the holy city, Abbas underlined.

He said Israel had put up the "Apartheid Wall" and the settlements in order to isolate the city from its surroundings in the West Bank, and to prevent as well the communication between north and south of the West Bank.

The Palestinian president said the second axis of the plan of the Israeli occupation in the city of Jerusalem is completing the ethnic cleansing. Israel began implementing this scheme when the occupation began in 1967, forcing merchants, owners of business and the Palestinian citizens to leave their city through imposing high taxes associated with punitive measures.

He emphasised that what is implemented by the Israeli occupation authorities is an ethnic cleansing against Palestinian citizens, to make them a minority in their city with resident status only.

The Palestinian President explained that the third axis is

the Israel's endeavour to impoverish the holy city, destroy its infrastructure and undermine its economic resources. He said Jerusalem has always been, through all ages in history, a centre of prosperity with thriving economic, medical, educational and tourism activity as well as embracing cultural, intellectual and artistic work in Palestine.

To achieve that end Israel closed the headquarters of many of the Palestinian institutions, like the East House, the headquarters of professional and workers' trade unions, the Chamber of Commerce, which was founded in the 1930s before the Palestine 'Nakba' (exodus) and the creation of the State of Israel in 1948, Abbas said.

He said Israel also refused to grant licences to construct hospitals, universities, schools, hotels, apartments and shopping centres. The Jewish state has passed laws and taken measures to control the movement of foreign tourists to keep them away from the city's hotels owned by Palestinians.

He pointed out that the most

serious measure, apart from surrounding Jerusalem with a series of settlements in order to separate it from the rest of the West Bank, is the occupation authorities' setting up permanent barriers since the 1990s, which prevent Palestinian citizens from entering Jerusalem whether for prayers, work, medical treatment, study, shopping or for visiting their relatives and families without permits which are almost impossible to obtain.

The Palestinian president went on to say that these measures have led to what he called "the stopping of the flow of blood from arteries to the heart" because Jerusalem throughout its history had been receiving on daily basis tens of thousands of other Palestinian cities' citizens, who used to flock to the holy places, markets, schools, hospitals and workshops.

He said the Israel's aim is to rob Jerusalem of its historical and religious character. It wanted to wipe out its character as an avant-garde civilization and global centre. Its design aimed to reduce Jerusalem to an old



Delegates of the Neturei Karta, Orthodox Jews opposed to Zionism visit a photo exhibition held on sidelines of the opening session of the International Conference for the Defence of Jerusalem in Doha yesterday.

and decrepit neighbourhood, deserted mosques and churches, empty markets and streets.

President Abbas underlined the need to support the steadfastness of Jerusalemites, the defenders of the holy city, stressing that they would challenge the grave circumstances facing them and would live in their city to protect Al-Aqsa mosque and the city's churches.

The Palestinian president stressed the need to implement all plans and projects which aim to help save Jerusalem.

"To this end, we agreed with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), which adopted the plans on Jerusalem, that we work together so that able Arab and Islamic countries could adopt one of the sectors needed to enhance the steadfastness of our people in Jerusalem such as health, education, housing, infrastructure, trade, economy, culture and religious sites", Abbas said.

He said he had met the Secretary General of the OIC Dr. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu. "We have an agreement on the plan and mechanisms to implement this. Dr. Ihsanoglu will personally follow up the implementation of this plan which we hope would serve to strengthen the steadfastness of our people in Jerusalem," he added.

Abbas lauded the document on Jerusalem announced by Grand Sheikh of Al Azhar days before the conclusion of the Cairo Jerusalem Conference for the clear vision it contained and for the plans and activities it proposed.

He said, "Any work we do is based on the centrality of Jerusalem for the Palestinian cause. Out of this comes our adherence to our principal position of not to resume negotiations as long

as the occupation authorities do not fulfill their commitments to halt all settlement activity, particularly in Jerusalem".

Abbas underscored the need to work on several axes, the first of which being that Jerusalem must be the core issue in the political and economic relations between the Arab and Muslim and rest of the world.

He also called for developing a unified plan of action with the different Christian churches which are concerned with preserving churches as places of worship rather than being tourist attractions "as there are tens of thousands of faithful Christian who perform pilgrimage to the Holy Land every year".

The other contentious issue was the so-called annexation of Jerusalem by Israel through a law enacted by them on June 27, 1976. "This law is null and void because Jerusalem is the eternal capital of Palestine," he said.

The second topic of discussions centered on strengthening the infrastructure of the community in Jerusalem by adopting projects to support institutions and other projects in the Holy City. "Towards this objective we can expand the scope of participation of entities by including NGOs as well as Arab and Islamic governments," Abbas said.

"There are broad areas to build twinning relationships and partnership among similar institutions in various sectors like educational, economic, cultural and social. There are areas to make a qualitative difference through a series of small projects involving the maximum number of Arab citizens - Muslims and Christians".

He said the third topic dealt with creating constant contact with the people of Jerusalem to break the siege imposed on them

and on the holy city, pointing out to the leading role played by brethren in the areas of 48 who continuously organise mass visits to Jerusalem, praying in its mosques, shopping in its markets and helping its people feel that they are not alone.

"This area underscores the need to encourage all who can, especially brethren from Arab and Islamic countries as well as our fellow Arabs and Muslims and Christians in Europe and America to go to visit Jerusalem", he said, adding that this move will have political, moral, economic and humanitarian repercussions on the city of Jerusalem and its people.

Later President Mahmoud Abbas and his accompanying delegation left Doha yesterday wrapping up a one-day visit to Qatar. He was seen off at Doha International Airport by HE the Minister of State Abdullah bin Khalifa al-Attiyah and Palestinian ambassador to Qatar Muneer Abdullah Ghannam. **Page 3**

## Arab League chief praises Qatar's role



Arab League Secretary General Dr Nabil al-Arabi stressed the importance of the International Conference for the Defence of Al-Quds, which opened in Doha yesterday with the aim of providing adequate support of the holy city to maintain its identity in the face of the Judaisation policies practised by the Israeli occupation authorities.

In a statement to Qatar News Agency (QNA), al-Arabi praised Qatar's role in supporting the Palestinian cause in general, and the issue of Jerusalem in particular, as it seeks to raise the issue which is of interest to every Arab and Muslim citizen.

"It should be clear that Defence of Al-Quds Conference is not a government conference",

al-Arabi said. "It seeks to change the concepts we have about the city of Jerusalem and to highlight the daily threat faced by it," he added.

He explained that the issue of Jerusalem will not be solved in isolation from the Palestinian issue, saying the real problem is the need to end the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories, on which only the UN Security Council can take decisions.

In response to a question about the expected financial support for Jerusalem during the conference, the Arab League secretary general said that financial assistance is anticipated from the conference to support the city and its people, and there will be various projects to keep Jerusalem an Arab and Muslim city.

## Emir holds talks with Mahmoud Abbas

HH the Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani held talks with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and his accompanying delegation at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, on the sidelines of the International Conference for the Defence of Jerusalem. Talks dealt with topics tabled on the conference's agenda and the latest Palestinian developments. The Emir also attended a luncheon banquet held in honour of heads of delegations participating in the International Conference for the Defence of Jerusalem.



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Delegates attending the International Conference on Jerusalem.

**In brief**

**Emir receives call from Kofi Annan**

HH the Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani yesterday received a telephone call from Kofi Annan, the Joint United Nations-Arab League envoy for Syria. The situation in Syria was reviewed during the call.

**Talks held with US delegation**

HE the Minister of State for Interior Affairs Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa al-Thani met a delegation from Near East South Asia (NESA) Centre at the US National Defence University headed by director of the NESA Centre Ambassador James Larocco. Talks dealt with aspects of co-operation in areas of mutual interest and ways to support and develop them. Meanwhile, HE the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Major General Hamad bin Ali al-Attiyah also held talks with the director of the US Near East South Asia (NESA) Centre for Strategic Studies Ambassador James Larocco. They discussed bilateral relations and ways of enhancing them, mainly in the military domains.

The meeting was attended by US Ambassador to Qatar Susan Laila Ziadeh and a number of the Armed Forces senior officers.

**QCCI seminar on Doha port projects**

The Qatar Chamber of Commerce and Industry will organise an informational seminar on Wednesday on future projects for the New Doha Port in partnership with the port project's steering committee. The seminar will showcase the strategy pertaining to execution of the project's contracts and qualifying national firms to implement them, in addition to the inauguration of 20 projects in different fields.

# Palestinian cleric calls for urgent financial help

**QNA**  
Doha

A Palestinian cleric has called for urgent financial support for Palestinians in the old part of Jerusalem to help them resist Israel's judaisation policies.

Speaking to QNA, Ekrema Sabri, chairman of the Higher Islamic Authority in Jerusalem, said there are 11 sectors in the city that need emergency aid including education, health, housing and tourism.

He estimated the city's requirements at \$500mn annually, noting that a request was presented to the Arab summit conference in Sirte, Libya.

He said the Israelis were hur-

rying to impose a status quo in Jerusalem before the Arabs reap the fruits of the Arab Spring which, he said, hasn't yet matured.

Meanwhile, Morocco's King Mohamed praised the efforts of HH the Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani to push forward the Palestinian national reconciliation as being among primary objectives of the joint Arab action.

This came in the king's speech at the opening session of the International Conference for the Defence of Jerusalem, held here yesterday, and delivered on his behalf by the Moroccan Prime Minister Abdelilah Benkirane.

King Mohamed stressed that the participation of representatives from political, religious,

human rights and media sectors in the forum embodies the shared will to overcome one of the chronic challenges of peace in the Middle East.

**"The importance of HH the Emir's proposal is that it urges Arabs, Muslims and Christians worldwide to move for protecting Jerusalem"**

He said that the importance of the conference comes from being held in difficult regional and international circumstances characterised by the intransigence of the Israeli authorities and their constant systematic violation of the occupied Palestinian territory, as well as their plans aimed at violating the sanctities

of Jerusalem and its cultural, archaeological and religious sites, especially Al-Aqsa Mosque.

He explained that all these practices are flagrant violation of international legitimacy resolutions and the provisions of international law that considers East Jerusalem as an integral part of the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967.

The Moroccan king stressed that the illegal and unilateral practices aimed at changing the status of Jerusalem - like excavations and the storming of the Al Aqsa Mosque yards, especially the Mughrabi Gate, the settlements, the confiscation of land and property, and all operations aimed at the judaisation of the holy city, undermine the efforts for reaching a settlement based

on the two-state solution. They also deepen the gap between the parties concerned, serve only the extremist tendencies, threaten the security and stability in the region and push it towards more tension and violence.

He stressed the need for a firm move by the international community and its effective powers to compel Israel to halt these expansionist schemes and aggressive practices.

Meanwhile, HE the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Dr Khalid bin Mohamed al-Attiyah has supported the proposal by HH the Emir calling for approaching the UN Security Council to adopt a resolution for the formation of an international investigation committee to investigate all the actions taken by Israel since the

1967 occupation of Arab Jerusalem with a view to erasing its Arab and Muslim identity as reflecting his interest in Jerusalem and his acquaintance with the Palestinian issue.

Dr al-Attiyah stressed in a statement to Qatar News Agency (QNA) following his participation in the opening session of the conference that "the importance of HH the Emir's proposal is that it urges Arabs, Muslims and Christians worldwide to move for protecting Jerusalem".

On Qatar's position on the Jerusalem issue, the minister said: "Our position in Qatar is supportive of the brethren in Jerusalem, stressing the need for the Arab nation's unity after the "Arab spring" in order to protect the holy sites of Jerusalem".



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