Total UK ban on Hezbollah as terrorist organization

Political wing cannot be separated from military arm, UK ministers say

Jonathan Lawrence London

The UK is to ban Hezbollah for threatening stability in the Middle East and posting a threat to Britain’s national security.

Membership of the organisation, or that of any of its branches, will now be a criminal offence by up to 10 years imprisonment.

Hezbollah’s military wing is already prohibited in the UK, but the government said it was no longer possible to separate it from the “political and paramilitary organisation”.

The move “will be a significant blow to Hezbollah’s operations in the region”, the government said.

Miranda, the UK’s Counter Terrorism Minister, said: “This is a significant step in our efforts to counter Hezbollah’s activities and prevent them from interfering in our region.”

Hezbollah’s political wing, which is led by Hassan Nasrallah, has been targeted by a series of US and European sanctions, including its designation as a terrorist organisation.

The ban follows a report by the UK’s intelligence agencies that showed Hezbollah was using its political arm to funnel money and resources to its military wing, which is involved in fighting in Syria and Iraq.

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The UK’s decision follows similar moves by the US, EU and other countries, which have also banned Hezbollah.

The ban is expected to have a number of implications for Hezbollah’s operations, including its ability to fund and organise terrorist activities.

Oscar winner Rami Malek is in talks to play Elvis Presley in a film about the King’s life, according to reports.

The role has been coveted by a number of major stars, but Malek is reportedly the leading contender.

Malek, 41, is best known for his role in the biopic “Bohemian Rhapsody” as Freddie Mercury, which earned him an Oscar nomination.

The film is expected to be released later this year.

The ban on Hezbollah comes as a result of the group’s involvement in the Syrian conflict, which has seen rising tensions between the US and Russia.

The US has accused Iran of providing support to Hezbollah, while Russia has denied any involvement.

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The Exhibition

Cultural expo

A cultural exhibition held in the middle of the month, several activities have been organized to attract the interests of the public. Various stalls are set up along the roads, attracting visitors from all over the kingdom. The event will continue until March 5. People can visit the best of these from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Auto show

The exhibition is on display, attracting tourists from all over the kingdom. The exhibition will be held in the middle of the month.

Business networking

The event aims to provide entrepreneurs and other members of the business community with the opportunity to meet and network. It is expected to attract a large number of participants.

What's Trending

Today's top stories explained by Deema Al-Khaidir

Cultural bond

Chinese language in KSA

The Chinese language will soon be added to Saudi schools curriculum. The event aims to teach students to appreciate the language and its cultural significance.

Disappearing

Mo Salah's performance

Egyptian footballer Mohamed Salah's performance in recent matches has been exceptional. According to Liverpool fans, the Egyptian international has scored two goals in the last two matches, including a hat-trick against Crystal Palace.

Regional

The Middle East round-up

Several events are expected to catch the interest of the Middle East region, including the Arab World Trade Fair, which is expected to bring together companies from various regions.

Prayer Times in Saudi Arabia

Feb 26

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Analysts applaud the UK’s move to ban Hezbollah, saying it will damage the group — and send a signal to its backer, Iran.

Beirut 1983

**BACKGROUND**

A UK ban on Hezbollah, established on March 23, 1983, places the group as a terrorist organization.

**CONFUSION**

The decision is neither in line with the EU nor with US designation of Hezbollah as a terrorist organization.

**IMPACT**

The ban will affect Hezbollah’s ability to raise funds and conduct operations.

**FOREIGN MINISTRY**

The UK’s ban is seen as a step towards de-radicalization.

**SYRIA**

Syria, Hezbollah’s ally, has already imposed similar sanctions.

**ISRAEL**

Israel, which has been attacking Hezbollah in Lebanon, is likely to step up pressure.

**USA**

The US has not yet responded to the UK’s move.

**ISLAMIC JIHAD**

A rival group also designated as a terrorist organization.

**MILITARY WING**

Hezbollah’s military wing, known for its terrorist activities, has been targeted.

**POLITICAL WING**

Hezbollah’s political wing has been excluded.

**WORLD STATES**

Several countries have already imposed sanctions on Hezbollah.

**LEBANON**

Lebanon, where Hezbollah is strong, is likely to react.

**TERRORISM**

The move is seen as a significant blow to Hezbollah’s international profile.

**DECADES OF TERROR**

**1982-83**

Israel invades Lebanon; subsequent bombings at Israeli army base, Haifa, 112 dead.

**1983**

US embassy in Beirut, suicide car bomb, 63 dead.

**1988**

Korean Air Lines is blown up; 269 dead.

**1994**

Hezbollah assassins estate, suicide car bomb, 85 dead.

**1994**

TWA Flight 847, Calvi- nes, Sicily, hijacked, one dead.

**1992**

Israel invasion, Beirut, suicide car bomb, 85 dead.

**1994**

Jaish al-Islam center, Lebanon, suicide car bomb, 85 dead.

**2005**

Hezbollah coresident in Beirut, suicide car bomb, 95 dead.

**2009**

Egypt, police killed in shootout with Islamic militants, 36 dead.

**2012**

Euro Paralympics, suicide bomber on passing bus, 37 dead.
SAUDI LANDMINES PROJECT CLEARS 1,371 HOUTHI DEVICES

KSA Relief serves 4,129 Syrian refugees in Zaatari camp

ARAB NEWS, Riyadh

The Saudi Project for Landmine Clearance (MAMON) in Yemen extracted 111 anti-personnel mines, 625 anti-vehicle mines, 678 undetonated mines, and 463 unexploded ordnance—totaling 2,371 mines—during three weeks of February.

A total of 4,475 mines have been removed since the beginning of the project. An estimated 200 million mines have been planted by the Houthis-backed rebels in Yemen over the past three years, claiming thousands of civilian lives.

MAMON aims to decontaminate mines in Yemen to protect civilians and ensure that affected humanitarian agencies are delivered safely. Oxfam is developing techniques to detect and remove mines into antimine capabilities to aid civilians and war survivors.

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FACILITY

Nursery opens at Personal Status Court in Riyadh

ARAB NEWS, Riyadh

The Saudi Arabia Ministry of Justice has opened a nursery at the Personal Status Court in Riyadh to provide a suitable environment for children visiting their parents.

The pilot phase of the nursery was launched on Friday. Children up to six years of age will be offered care by specialized staff witha

HIGHLIGTHS

Seven engineers and 40 workers, along with members of the nursery team, have been employed.

Dr. Najla Yashar Alwan, the vice president of the social affairs office at KAFEC, said she initiated the nursery to encourage visiting young Saudi men and women to become entrepreneurs.

The nursery is one of the steps taken by the ministry to protect children’s rights. Others include the approval of a new law and access to cover during trips to the court.

Minister Mr. Jalal bin Mohammed Al Sarraf announced that the statutory provisions of the Protection from Abuse Act and the child welfare law are being observed during judicial review.

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BRIEFS

The Best of the Rest

SAUDI TALENT

20 teams progress in next stage of KAUST’s Hajj and Umrah contest

ARAB NEWS, Jeddah

Twenty teams have been chosen to progress to the next phase of an innovation and entrepreneurship initiative by King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), which aims to support and develop projects to deliver smart services for pilgrims in Saudi Arabia during Hajj.

They were selected from 80 teams, with 30 participating in each, after a series of preliminary programs at the university’s campus in Thuwal, Jeddah. The initiative is part of KAUST’s contribution to the Muslim Cultural Forum. It will continue with the selection of the six winners—three from the innovation and three from the entrepreneurship tracks—each of which will receive SR 40,000 ($10,660) to support their work.

The entrepreneurship and innovation initiatives under the umbrella of Makkah province, one of KAUST’s most important partnership units, aimed at being the head of the unbridled innovation and creativity.

There are six innovative ideas that so far invested in providing practical help and continual support to help develop the projects:

- The project included four bazaars, six teachers.
- During the Hajj season, 60,000 pilgrims will be offered care by special staff with a

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WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

The appointment of Princess Reema bint Bandar as Saudi Arabia’s ambassador to the UK has been welcomed by female diplomats in the kingdom.

DFCC Bank senior manager, Princess Reema bint Bandar, attended the event wearing a bright pink dress. The event was attended by Princess Reem Al Saud and Dr. Thorne, president of the National University of Ireland, who presented the princess with a certificate for her efforts in promoting women’s rights.

The princess is one of the first women to be appointed as a foreign minister in a major country.

FATI FACTS

Princess Reema bint Bandar was appointed as Saudi Arabia’s first female ambassador by King Salman. She has been serving as a diplomat in the kingdom since 2017.

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Major Saudi-British energy initiative launched in Kingdom

Estimated $60 billion in renewable energy development projects in the pipeline

BREATHTHROUGH

A major Saudi-British initiative aimed at advancing clean energy and artificial intelligence technologies is underway in the Kingdom.

Workshops taking place in the capital Riyadh and the city of Jeddah will mark the first step in the project that will develop long-term energy projects.

The UK-Saudi Innovation Partnership, in collaboration with the Saudi Ministry of Industry and Mineral Development, is organizing workshops over three days from Feb. 25 to 27, under the title “Clean Energy and Artificial Intelligence.”

The events involve Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman’s visit to the UK last year during which he signed several memorandums of understanding, including one between the Saudi-British Business Council and Oxford University to promote knowledge exchange in the field of technological innovation.

At a press conference, the two countries will have an annual energy and industry summit to identify future areas of collaboration.

Collaboration

The exchanges at the opening of the workshops were delivered by Dr. Richard Atkinson, the principal research fellow at King Saud University. Other speakers included Dr. Sajd Aldawsari, the acting director of King Faisal University, and Prof. Nabil Al-Nasser, the director of the Materials Science Centre at The University of Edinburgh.

In his speech, Dr. Atkinson emphasized the importance of such initiatives, saying they will contribute to the development of the Kingdom’s energy sector.

Riyad Al-Aghbar, the director of the Kingdom’s energy sector, said the collaboration is an important step in the Kingdom’s efforts to diversify its energy mix.

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Dr. Nabil Al-Nasser, chief scientific advisor at the UK Department for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy, expressed his support for the initiative, saying it will help the UK and Saudi Arabia to develop innovative technologies and solutions that can improve the efficiency of energy systems.

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Sudanese protesters rally to ‘challenge’ state of emergency

Security officials use tear gas to break up the demonstration

**POLITICAL CRISIS**

Sudanese police趋势 tear gas and water cannon Thursday evening, as they clashed with hundreds of demonstrators in Khartoum, in a sign that the opposition movement has not been deterred by the government’s announcement of a state of emergency.

The government declared a state of emergency Tuesday, following violent protests against the military council’s seizure of power from the ruling National Congress Party.

**BACKGROUND**

- Protesters faced-off in the town of Atbara on Friday against a government decision to raise the price of bread.

- The crackdown culminated in demonstrations against Al-Bashir’s government for the third time in a month.

- Officially, the government has been in power for almost 30 years, and the UN’s World Bank and International Monetary Fund have imposed economic sanctions.

- Al-Bashir’s government has been accused of corruption, human rights abuses, and economic mismanagement.

- The government has imposed a state of emergency, which gives it greater powers to arrest and detain protesters.

- The crackdown has sparked international condemnation, with many countries calling for an end to violence.

**HIGH AMBITIONS**

First Emirati set to head space in September, says UAE

The UAE announced on Monday that the country will send its first astronaut to space, becoming the latest country to join an international space program.

The mission, scheduled for September, will be led by a 34-year-old Emirati engineer.

**FAST FACTS**

- The first Emirati in space will be Sultan Al-Neyadi, who was selected for a one-year mission in 2018.

- The UAE’s space agency, the emirate’s 20-year-old hopes to become a regional leader in space exploration and technology.

- The mission is part of the UAE’s broader Vision 2021 strategy, which includes establishing a space station by 2025.

**MISSTRENCHMENT OF INTEREST**

Turkey urges China to protect religious minorities in Xinjiang region

Turkey’s foreign minister has called on China to protect its minority population in Xinjiang, which the government has been accused of repressing.

**Frederick Oh,**

Diplomatic reporter in Beijing, says China has been accused of detaining millions of Uighurs and other ethnic groups in Xinjiang.

**Misstrenchment of interest**

China has been accused of conducting a wide-ranging campaign of repression and cultural suppression against its Uighur population, leading to widespread human rights abuses.

**AP Photo/Emilio Morenatti**

A demonstrator uses a slingshot to hurl stones at police in Khartoum, Sudan, on Thursday. (AP Photo/Mosa'ab Elshamy)
Arab, EU leaders reaffirm pledge to enhance cooperation

The summit is "only the beginning, but a good beginning," says European Council President

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VIOLENCE

Gunmen in Somalia kill 8 in roadside massacre

Somalia’s Al-Shabab insurgents have carried out a series of attacks against those supporting the government.

The statement said two airstrikes on Saturday hit the Karrayye area, about 230 km southwest of Mogadishu.

Another airstrike was in the Jowhar area, about 50 km west of Hambale and a third was in the south west of Mogadishu.

The statement added that civilians were killed in the attacks.

With these four airstrikes, the US military has carried out at least 10 in the last 3 weeks in Somalia against Al-Shabab, the deadliest extremist group in Africa.

PRESIDENTS EXCHANGE

Iraq’s president discusses Daesh detainees during French visit

Fast Facts

- Iraqi government has 19 French detainees in custody after they were transferred from Daesh in Libya.

- French considers the legal authorities to be in charge of determining the status of French nationals in custody.

- Daesh is responsible for the kidnapping and detention of French nationals.
India welcomes ‘milestone’ invitation to OIC conference

Attending meeting of OIC foreign ministers will be first for India

The Indian government has welcomed a ‘milestone’ invitation for its attendance at a high-profile conclave in Abu Dhabi. This unusual event in the calendar of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in the UAE.

India will be the ‘guest of honor’ at the third session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers scheduled to be held in Abu Dhabi on March 4-5.

And Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been invited to attend the OIC High-level Conference on Women and Children’s Rights, a meeting which is expected to be attended by the leaders of Pakistan, Bangladesh, the French, and the United States.

The OIC’s Secretary General Ahmad Abu Alkhair has said that the meeting will be held in conjunction with the 70th anniversary of the UN.

This meeting is significant in that it is the first time that India has been invited to attend an OIC meeting.

We see this invitation as the desire of the leadership of the OIC to go beyond its rapidly growing clientele and forge a true multifaceted partnership at the multilateral and international level.

We welcome the opportunity to present our views on the current state of affairs in the world and to contribute to the debate on issues of common concern.

We hope that this meeting will be a stepping stone towards a deeper and more meaningful engagement with the OIC.

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Iran’s constitution must be changed

Dr. Mohamad Al-Sulami

Iran must change its constitution, which has a number of provisions which make it incompatible with the idea of a democratic, secular state. The Constitution’s provisions are based on the principles of the Islamic Republic and the organic nature of the state, which means that any change must be made through a national referendum. The current Constitution was adopted in 1979 after the Islamic Revolution and it has been in effect since then.

The Constitution includes a number of provisions that are not compatible with the democratic principles that are fundamental to any modern state. The Constitution provides for the supreme leader, who is the ultimate authority of the country, and the Council of Guardians, which is responsible for interpreting the Constitution and safeguarding the Islamic principles of the state. These provisions are not compatible with the idea of a democratic state where power is held by elected representatives of the people.

In addition, the Constitution includes provisions that are not compatible with the principles of human rights and freedom of expression. The Constitution provides for the state’s authority to limit freedom of expression and the press, and to regulate the media. These provisions are not compatible with the idea of a free and democratic state where the press and media are independent and can criticize the government.

Furthermore, the Constitution includes provisions that are not compatible with the principles of equality and non-discrimination. The Constitution includes provisions that discriminate against certain groups based on their religious beliefs or national origin. These provisions are not compatible with the idea of a state that is based on the principles of equality and non-discrimination.

In conclusion, Iran must change its Constitution to make it compatible with the democratic principles that are fundamental to any modern state. The Constitution must be changed to provide for a democratic form of government where power is held by elected representatives of the people, and to ensure the fundamental rights of all citizens, including freedom of expression, freedom of religion, and equality.

Turkey should use EU accession process as excuse for change

Yasir Yavuz

Turkey should use the EU accession process as an excuse for change. Turkey has been a member of the European Union since 2004, but it has yet to make substantial progress towards full membership. This has led to a growing sense of frustration among many Turks, who see the EU as a symbol of modernity and prosperity.

Turkey’s accession process is a key element of its foreign policy, as it seeks to strengthen its ties with the West and to improve its standing in the international community. The process has also been used as leverage in negotiations with other countries, such as Russia and the United States.

However, Turkey’s accession process has been slow and unsteady, and has been marred by political controversies and delays. This has led to a sense of disappointment among many Turks, who see the EU accession process as a symbol of the country’s progress and modernity.

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Trump tweet sends oil tumbling

"Fragile" world cannot take a price hit, US leader warns OPEC after crude value climbs 20 percent this year

**ENERGY**

**EXECUTIVE EDITOR**

Donald Trump tweet (translated)

"Oil prices getting too high, OPEC, please relax and take it easy. World cannot take a price hike - Fragile" Trump tweeted.

**INVESTMENT**

**SAUDI ENERGY COMPANY STRIKES DEALS WITH SILK ROAD FUND AND HUAWEI**

Saudi Arabian Investment Co. (ACWA) Power has struck two initial agreements in China as part of an official visit by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

The energy company agreed deals with Silk Road Fund and Huawei, which it said would pave the way for collaboration in renewable investments and technological advancement of power generation and desalination production plans.

ACWA Power Chairman Mohammed Abdullah Almazroui said, "As a leading developer of power and water assets in the region, we are excited to continue our journey in China, one of the world’s leading economies. This step is a significant milestone in our strategic initiatives".

Under the first agreement, the Silk Road Fund will partner with ACWA Power in its Renewable Energy Build-up and Belt and Road countries including South Africa, UAE, Jordan and Egypt.

ACWA also entered into an agreement with Chinese tech giant Huawei to collaborate in order to improve efficiency and performance of its 50% owned ACWA Power and 100% owned ACWA Power. The collaboration also extends to the development of power plant management.

ACWA said in a statement.

**SKIRMISH? CHINA-US ROW IS A STRUGGLE FOR GLOBAL SUPREMACY**

There were no visible signs of relief when US President Donald Trump surprised investors in Beijing on Monday and said his Chinese counterpart, President Xi Jinping, said they had reached an "initial" deal which "is not going to fall apart".

Financial officials, who in the past have been cautious in China, are now looking for signs of a potential breakthrough in the trade war that has roiled global markets.

Trump’s comments were made in a statement that the US and China have agreed to "further discussions on trade and finance".

US stocks rose on the news and the dollar fell against major currencies, while oil prices dropped, suggesting a "truce" in the ongoing trade war.

**CONCLUSION**

China and the US need a resolution. The Chinese economy has slowed, and higher US tariffs would hit its growth. US suppliers, meanwhile, face a difficult future as US tariffs rise, pushing the global economy into recession.

Trump’s comments were made at a time when trade talks are ongoing and when China is pushing for an "initial" deal to be reached in the coming weeks.

**HIGH LIGHTS**

- Oil price falls by more than 3 percent after Trump tweet.
- Prices near 2019 highs before cutback kicks in.
- Crude price has climbed around 10 percent this year.

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**US-China go head-to-head over Huawei at tech show**

Washington delegation to deliver cybersecurity warning to telecom executives

AP Exclusive

Chinese tech company Huawei faces a double whammy at the world’s biggest mobile industry trade fair as it wages a geopolitical battle with the US government over its role in next-generation telecom networks.

Huawei has an outside chance at MWC Barcelona, a four-day festival showcase of mobile devices and innovations, to convince some of the world’s biggest telecom operators to choose its gear, but its命运 hangs by a thread post the order.

The focus of this year’s event is new 5G technology that will roll out in the coming years, but US-China tensions over Huawei, the world’s biggest maker of networking gear, will continue.

In Washington, intelligence agencies say a large delegation to press the case with:

*Geng Shuang,驺

Huawei's National Security Committee, a group of top executives and government officials that they should avoid using Huawei ever again.

On Thursday, June 29, the US government announced a ban on Huawei, a move that could disrupt the global telecom industry. The US government has been negotiating with China to allow Huawei to operate in the US, and the two countries are likely to reach a deal.

**FAST FACT**

MWC Barcelona, a four-day industry showcase of mobile devices and innovations, is expected to draw more than 100,000 visitors.

**Chemicals**

Cavestro warns on earnings as rivals drive up prices

German chemical giant Covestro said on Monday that its operating profit for the first half of the year was hit hard by a 21% jump in raw materials and a 10% increase in energy costs.

The company’s shares fell 10% to the lowest level since February 2016, and its net profit was 67% lower than in the same period last year.

**Pharmaceuticals**

Roche to buy US gene therapy group Spark

Swiss pharmaceutical giant Roche said Monday that it would acquire US gene therapy group Spark for $1.0 billion, a deal that will be completed by the end of the year.

Roche said it had signed an agreement to buy Spark, a company that develops treatments for genetic disorders.

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**Economy**

**Half of business analysts tip US recession by 2020**

Half of the 100 business economists surveyed by Bloomberg expect the US economy to slide into a recession by the end of 2019, while another 38% think it will happen in 2020.

**Shipping**

Freight boost helps Hague Lloyd lift 2019 profits

General Electric’s shipping arm, Hague Lloyd, reported a 32% rise in profits for 2018, driven by higher freight rates and stronger demand.

The company’s shares rose 10% in late afternoon trading on Wednesday.

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**Beijing meets debt control targets as it ramps up economic support**

Huawei’s founder, Ren Zhengfei, warned that the company was facing “harsh” conditions.

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Federer eases to win as path to final opens up
Swiss star made to work for victory as Kachanov and Raonic exit in first round

Dubai Newsline

Roger Federer was made to work for his victory on Saturday in round two of the Dubai Tennis Championships as Karen Khachanov and Milos Raonic were sent packing.

Khachanov and Raonic were sent packing as they both lost to their Swiss opponent in straight sets.

Federer will now face a stern test in the quarter-finals against either Alexander Zverev or Andrey Rublev.

An apologetic Sam Altman wants to try again

The co-founder of Y Combinator wants to try again to try to open the door to the future.

He said he is not giving up on the idea of opening the door to the future, but he is not sure when he will try again.

REMEMBER SARS? Ever had it? It’s a disease that is caused by a virus that is transmitted from person to person through coughing, sneezing, or direct contact.

SARS-CoV-2 is the virus that causes COVID-19.

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Best Actress in a Supporting Role: Olivia Colman, "The Favourite"

Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Sam Rockwell, "Bohemian Rhapsody"

Best Actress in a Supporting Role: Allison Janney, "I, Tonya"

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Best Production Design: Hannah Beachler, "Black Panther"

Best Art Direction: "The Favourite"

Best Costume Design: "The Favourite"

Best Makeup and Hair: "The Favourite"

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