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The Iran war takes American lives with Israel kept out of it, as the coalition rewires its referees and dissolves into the October campaign.

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THE BOTTOM LINE This week the consolidation shows up as capital and standing: day-school lines written into two national budgets, three new seats in the House of Lords, and a foundation putting Home Depot money into the very campuses the encampments spent two years trying to make unlivable for Jews. The fear the last two years were meant to scatter keeps arriving instead as endowment and appointment. The building side of the ledger is writing the bigger checks this week — in the same cities where the graffiti goes up.

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FLASH BRIEF

- **Iran:** Iran kills two US soldiers in Jordan and fires Gulf-wide as American strikes reach an eighth night; Israel stays benched. *See The War Today.*
- **Lebanon:** The Lebanese army enters the first pilot zone as a Hezbollah roadside charge kills one of its own soldiers inside it. *See The War Today.*
- **Gaza:** The IDF kills the Hamas commander who held Israeli hostages and filmed the staged releases, in Khan Younis. *See The War Today.*
- **Haredi draft:** A nine-justice panel takes the yeshiva arrest-freeze on July 28 as a Bnei Brak mob attacks Tax Authority inspectors. *See Inside Israel.*
- **Dissolution:** The Knesset dissolves 62-0 for an October 27 election after rewriting the attorney general, broadcast, and kashrut rules. *See Inside Israel.*
- **AIPAC:** AIPAC delists fifteen House Democrats it endorsed after they voted to strip Israel's military aid. *See Israel and the World.*
- **Recognition:** Colombia and Slovenia reverse their Palestinian recognition and move to open embassies in Jerusalem. *See Israel and the World.*
- **Flotilla:** Sa'ar shows sixty ministers captured files tying the Sumud flotilla to Hamas. *See Israel and the World.*
- **Diaspora:** Assaults on Jews from Mongolia to Montenegro track no Gaza headline, only the Hebrew the victims were speaking. *See Israel and the World.*
- **Tisha B'Av:** Temple Mount groups vow to reach the gates for the fast eve even if police bar Jewish entry. *See Developments to Watch.*

Abroad, the war crosses into American casualties while the actual disarming — of Hezbollah in the pilot zone, of Hamas west of the Yellow Line — goes on the only way it ever does, one charge and one target folder at a time. At home, a coalition that spent its last week of full power rewiring its own referees turns to face a campaign it enters short of a majority. And in the chancelleries and the diaspora both, the sort continues: the ties that hold are the ones built on conviction, and the assault on the Jew has stopped bothering to cite a reason.

The War Today

Iran Kills Two US Soldiers in Jordan as Strikes Reach Night Eight

An Iranian ballistic missile killed two American service members in Jordan on Friday, left a third missing and wounded four, the first US combat deaths of the campaign. CENTCOM answered Saturday with an eighth consecutive night of strikes to “punish” the IRGC, hitting coastal surveillance, air defenses and missile and drone stores near Sirik, Bandar Abbas and Qeshm, after leveling seven bridges around Bandar Abbas the night before. Tehran declared the June memorandum suspended and spent the weekend firing outward — at Saudi Arabia for the first time in nearly four months (Prince Sultan air base at al-Kharj), at Kuwait, where drones set a power-and-desalination plant ablaze

and wounded soldiers at Ali al-Salem, and at Bahrain, which sounded its sixth air-raid warning. It widened the war onto Iraqi Kurdistan, striking opposition bases around Erbil and Sulaymaniyah, closing two border crossings and shutting the Khor Mor gas field. A statement issued in Mojtaba Khamenei's name called Trump's signature "worthless," though an Israeli security source claims Mojtaba is not in Iran at all and the messages are being written for him. Israel offered to join the strikes and Washington refused, telling Jerusalem to stay out while surging tanker aircraft onto Israeli Air Force bases and routing F-16s from Germany and F-35s from Britain through the region. Trump is weighing a wider offensive — Iranian power plants, the nuclear sites, and Pickaxe Mountain.

ASSESSMENT

The regime is spending outward onto Saudi, Kuwaiti and Kurdish ground because other people's territory is the only reach its missiles still have, and pricing a strait it cannot hold against the nuclear file the strikes were meant to close. The American dead are the threshold a wider war was always going to need, and Tehran drew first blood with a missile in Jordan, not the Iraqi militias that looked likelier to draw it. The standing arrangement inverts on itself this weekend: the war Jerusalem is forbidden to fire a shot in has begun killing the Americans whose permission layer keeps it benched, even as Washington bases the tankers for its next round on Israeli runways and tells Israel to sit down. [The "surprises" officials say they have readied for Tehran stay in the drawer at Washington's word.] A regime whose "worthless-signature" statements may be drafted for a leader who cannot be found is a weaker counterparty than eight nights of escalation make it look.

Lebanon's Army Enters the First Pilot Zone as Hezbollah Kills a Soldier

The framework handover began over the weekend, the Lebanese army deploying into the first pilot zone near Faroun and Randouria in the Bint Jbeil sector north of the Israeli security belt, with the IDF preparing to transfer a second zone and an official launch expected today. Hours earlier a roadside charge killed a Lebanese soldier and wounded two near Al-Mansouri, inside the zone — the IDF assessing Hezbollah placed it and noting the army vehicle had entered without the required coordination. Enforcement did not pause for the ceremony, the air force striking a Hezbollah drone cell near Tebnit after ground troops flagged it. Syrian security forces stopped a missile-and-drone shipment moving from Iraq toward Hezbollah, and Iran answered with a claim, denied by CENTCOM and a Syrian source, to have overrun a US post at al-Tanf. Aoun left Beirut for Washington and a White House summit on the deal, the first Lebanese head of state to make the trip since 2009.

ASSESSMENT

The transfer everyone signed lands exactly as the framework was built to make it land, the Lebanese army moving into ground it does not control while the only party disarming Hezbollah keeps doing it by demolition charge and drone strike. The soldier killed by a Hezbollah mine in the pilot zone is the arrangement in one image: the force meant to take the ground cannot cross it without coordinating past the group it is supposed to replace, and Beirut's writ still stops where Hezbollah's begins. Aoun flies to Washington to strengthen a ceasefire whose one enforceable clause is written in blown tunnels and drone strikes, and Syria's interdiction of the land bridge does more to disarm the group than any page settled in Rome. [Tehran's phantom victory at al-Tanf is what a regime reaches for when the real news is a truckload of its missiles stopped at the Syrian border.]

The Targeting Cell Reaches the Hamas Aide Who Held Israel's Hostages

The IDF and Shin Bet killed Anas Mahmoud Ahmad Hamdan in a strike in Khan Younis, a Hamas company commander who served as right-hand to Muhammad Deif and Rafa'a Salameh, held Israeli hostages through the war, documented the staged "release" ceremonies for Hamas's cameras, and years earlier held Avera Mengistu. He was still in the field and still training operatives for attacks on troops when the cell reached him. The strike lands with Southern Command holding close to 70 percent of the Strip, past the line the hostage deal drew, and tanks pushing north along the Rafah coast.

ASSESSMENT

The truce that was supposed to end the war keeps functioning as the cover under which Israel enforces the one clause it never contained. Disarmament here looks like one target folder at a time west of the Yellow Line, because Washington stopped making it a condition of reconstruction and the alternative is letting the October 7 roster rebuild for the next round. The man who filmed Hamas parading captives for the cameras and kept an Israeli captive years before the massacre was not a relic of the war but an active builder of the next one. [The only reconstruction condition anyone still collects on.]

Inside Israel

The Arrest Freeze Draws Nine Justices as Bnei Brak Mobs the Taxman

Amit named a nine-justice panel to hear the petitions against the law freezing the arrest and prosecution of yeshiva students who refuse to serve. It convenes July 28 and seats all five justices who wrote the conscription rulings the freeze was built to evade. Days earlier the same court cut the Section 46 tax credit on donations to yeshivas where draft-obligated men study, the state conceding the petition and moving to strip existing approvals at once. The enforcement the coalition legislated against reached the street first. A mob in the hundreds attacked Tax Authority inspectors in Bnei Brak on Thursday, and the authority's director then froze every war-damage compensation claim in the city until its mayor condemns the assault. Sanz hasidim massed outside a prison and the Jerusalem Faction blocked Highway 4. Deri answered the army chief and the bench at once, accusing Zamir of election

interference “to help the left-wing bloc” and saying he no longer recognizes the court’s authority.

ASSESSMENT

The arrest freeze will not survive the panel stacked with the justices who decided the cases it was written to evade, and the coalition knows it — which is why the reply is Deri branding a chief of staff who named twelve thousand empty slots an agent of the left. The exemption the Knesset just enshrined is being unbuilt by the offices the coalition does not run: a court cutting the donor credit, a tax director freezing a city’s claims, a housing ministry voiding the lottery applications. A community that meets the taxman with a mob has understood the accommodation is ending.

The Knesset Dissolves Into the October 27 Campaign After Rewiring Its Referees

The Knesset dissolved itself early Friday in a 62-0 vote tacked onto the party-financing bill, Netanyahu among those backing it, sending Israel to an October 27 election as the first government to serve a full term since 1973. It spent the days before it fell rewriting the bodies that check it. The attorney-general law passed 65-51 and frees the government from her binding opinions starting in January. Karhi’s media overhaul passed 53-48, ending the structural separation between channel owners and their news operations and carrying benefits for the pro-government Channel 14, with Karhi thanking Netanyahu on the floor for completing “a right-wing reform of the media” — the one field the prime minister’s conflict-of-interest deal bars him from touching. The Rabbinates’ kashrut monopoly was restored 46-41, a gender-segregated-education expansion drew a High Court petition within hours, and mandatory service was extended to 32 months. By Sunday the court had frozen the parts of Karhi’s broadcasting reform due to take effect at once, giving the government until July 26 to respond.

ASSESSMENT

The courts were freezing or fielding petitions against three of them within days. [Karhi taking a media law from the one minister his own conflict-of-interest deal bars from media policy, and thanking him for it on the floor, is the conflict the reform was meant to retire.] The reservists who watched the exemption pass while their own service stretched again are the voters now moving the number, and the coalition enters the campaign tied for first and short of a majority.

Israel and the World

AIPAC Delists Fifteen of Its Own Democrats After the Aid-Cut Vote

AIPAC has stopped accepting contributions for the fifteen House Democrats it had endorsed for reelection who then voted to strip the \$3.3 billion in annual military financing to Israel. The fifteen still appear on the lobby’s page as “pro-Israel” members, but the donate button is gone, and they are the only names so marked without the usual note that the member declined AIPAC

money or is retiring. Among them is Katherine Clark, the minority whip and the second-ranking Democrat in the House. The amendment they backed, Thomas Massie's, failed 314 to 104 on Wednesday, with 103 Democrats voting to cut the aid and 98 to keep it, and Massie the lone Republican behind it. AIPAC called itself "deeply appreciative of their representatives who stand on principle" and "disappointed by those who don't."

ASSESSMENT

AIPAC built the lane that kept Israel out of the partisan fight, and it is now blacklisting the members it endorsed — which is what conceding that fight looks like once it has reached inside your own room. An endorsement that has to be revoked the week after the vote was never buying the vote to begin with. [The page still files all fifteen under "pro-Israel." It just will not let you fund one.]

Colombia and Slovenia Reverse Palestinian Recognition and Head for Jerusalem

Two governments that recognized a Palestinian state in 2024 are now reversing that recognition and moving their embassies to Jerusalem. In Slovenia, the new right-wing coalition Janez Janša formed in May, replacing Robert Golob, has cancelled the June 2024 recognition and will shift its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, becoming the first of the EU's 27 members to do so, with Israel opening a mission in Ljubljana in return. Slovenia under Golob had been the first EU state to ban imports from Israeli communities in Judea and Samaria and to cut weapons trade with Israel, and its public broadcaster ran films on Palestine in place of this year's Eurovision. In Colombia, president-elect Abelardo de la Espriella, who takes office on August 7 after beating Gustavo Petro's chosen successor by the narrowest margin in the country's history, will open a Jerusalem embassy (the ninth in the city), and his incoming foreign minister told Gideon Sa'ar in Washington that Bogotá would restore relations "like never before." Colombia is also withdrawing from the ICJ genocide case it joined under Petro, the former M-19 guerrilla who severed ties in 2024 and halted its coal exports and weapons deals with Israel.

ASSESSMENT

A recognition that arrives with one government and leaves with the next was never a judgment about the Middle East. It was an instrument of the recognizer's own politics, picked up by Petro and Golob to manage voters at home and dropped the moment those voters changed their minds. The embassies now moving to Jerusalem and Bogotá's exit from the ICJ case are the same swing running in reverse [de la Espriella campaigned on opening the embassy. Petro spent his term on the posture.]. The map Israel holds is the one built from ties that open and stay open, not the one European and Latin American parliaments keep redrawing for a state October 7 already foreclosed.

Israel Ties the Sumud Flotilla to Hamas

At a Washington counter-terrorism summit Marco Rubio convened for ministers from more than 60 countries, Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar presented IDF-seized documents he said prove Hamas financed, ran, and secretly owned

the Global Sumud Flotilla through a Spanish shell company tied to the Muslim Brotherhood, naming Zaher Birawi — identified in a 2021 Haniyeh-signed file recovered from a Gaza tunnel as the head of Hamas's European wing — and Brazilian activist Thiago Ávila, whom he placed at Hassan Nasrallah's funeral. He called it an "operational alliance" between Western radical-left movements and terror groups, said "there was no humanitarian aid on these vessels," and argued that "through the lens of the BBC and the pages of The New York Times, the world fell for the trap."

ASSESSMENT

The flotilla is built to be intercepted, because the interception is the product — the provocation Sa'ar can now trace to a shell company and a signature, sailed under a humanitarian flag with no aid in the hold. Sixty foreign ministers now have the ledger; the open question is whether it travels as far as the footage of the boats being boarded already did. The tell is in who gets named: the same institutions that reach so readily for Israel could bring themselves to rebuke only Gaza's "de facto authorities" when Hamas gunmen stormed a WFP warehouse and beat the drivers — the word "Hamas" available for the cover story and withheld from the raid.

Attacks on Jews Worldwide Decouple From the Gaza Pretext

Six Israeli travelers were set upon at a remote campsite in northern Mongolia by a drunk man who shouted "Heil Hitler" and charged them with an axe after hearing Hebrew. One suffered a broken jaw and was flown home. The group declined to file a police report and was evacuated from the country. In Montenegro, a group beat several Israelis in Budva, breaking one man's jaw and leaving another unconscious. In Athens, a restaurant pulled the hookah from Anna Doshin's table and refused her service once she said she was Israeli. In Texas, Peter James Bloomfield was indicted for threatening to blow up the White House and "kill some billionaire Jews," while handwritten antisemitic threat letters landed at the homes of American Jewish leaders. In Italy, a mural of Anne Frank and Primo Levi was defaced with antisemitic graffiti yet again. Canada is on track for a record year of violent antisemitic attacks, already more than double last year's tally, and a new survey finds nearly a third of young Americans view Jews as a threat to society.

ASSESSMENT

None of this needed a war to explain it. A drunk in a Mongolian campground does not track the Gaza casualty count. He heard Hebrew and reached for an axe. [The Athens waiter never asked Doshin her view on the coalition — he asked where she was from.] The trigger is the Jew as such, and the polling names the floor underneath it: with a third of young Americans calling Jews a threat, the man with the axe reads as the leading edge of the number. The enforcement end runs true to type. The Mongolia group filed no report and flew home, Athens has no charge to bring, and the diaspora Jew learns again that the assault is real and the only consequence is his own evacuation.

Philanthropy and Two Governments Move to Fund Diaspora Jewish Life

The Marcus Foundation, built by Home Depot co-founder Bernie Marcus, gave \$27 million to Hillel International to shore up Jewish life on campus.

Gary Torgow, working through JFNA, secured both US federal and Israeli government money for Jewish day schools. Three Jewish figures — Cathy Ashley, Saul Lehrfreund, and Brian Leveson — were named to the latest UK peerage list. And World Jewish Relief's STEP program, which has resettled 13,000 Ukrainian refugees, added £31.5 million to the British economy.

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Briefly Noted

Frontline & Security

- *JNS*: The Meir Amit Center released captured Sinwar documents detailing a 10,000-strong plan to seize 25 junctions and more than 220 Israeli towns, expel the women and children, and abduct the men aged 17 to 50. October 7 was that plan's opening phase.
- *JNS*: Iran published an official "enemies list" under its 2025 espionage law, naming 61 "hostile media persons" — among them journalist Emily Schrader, activist Yoseph Haddad, and exiled prince Reza Pahlavi. The designation has historically preceded Iranian kidnapping and assassination plots abroad.
- *Israel Hayom*: Naftali Bennett says his government devised a never-executed plan to smuggle Starlink receivers into Iran, so protesters could stay online through the regime's internet blackouts.
- *Times of Israel*: Military prosecutors indicted Shadi Jumaa for the 2007 murder of Israeli civilian Ido Zoldan ז"ל in Samaria, after Israeli forces seized him in Qalqilya once the Palestinian Authority freed him. His two life-sentenced accomplices had already walked free in October's hostage deal.

Diplomacy & Geopolitics

- *Jewish News UK*: Andy Burnham becomes UK prime minister Monday, unopposed and carrying the Jewish Labour Movement's nomination on a pledge that fighting antisemitism and criticizing Israel over Gaza sit together without tension. He has also floated new sanctions on Israel — and unlike Starmer he may actually be able to bring the party with him, whichever way he points it.
- *The JC*: A London court ordered the anti-Israel ICJP to pay a British-Israeli reservist £82,130 after throwing out its attempt to prosecute him for serving in the IDF, the chief magistrate calling the case "vexatious" and "an abuse of the process of this court." The costs order is the rare bite in a lawfare campaign that files these by the dozen and usually has nothing to lose.

- *Israel Hayom*: Kuwait is in early talks to expand its defense pact with Pakistan on the model of last year's Saudi deal — troops, jets, drones, air defense — after absorbing Iranian fire it could not answer. Each Gulf state that buys into Islamabad's umbrella is pricing the American security guarantee a little lower.
- *Jerusalem Post*: Mahmoud Abbas set Palestinian legislative elections for November 28, pushed the presidential vote to 2027, and rewrote the rules to keep Marwan Barghouti — his most popular rival, serving five life terms — from contesting the top jobs at once. He canceled the last such election in 2021, and the sequencing reads less like a return to the ballot than a man arranging his own succession.

Public Diplomacy & Media

- *Times of Israel*: Sunday's World Cup final — Milei's Argentina and Messi against Sanchez's Spain and Yamal's Palestinian flag — has been recast online as a proxy for the conflict, reviving the "Jews control FIFA" line and Protocols-grade material aimed at Messi. The antisemitism found its occasion in a football bracket, not in Gaza.
- *The JC*: Craig Guildford, the West Midlands chief constable who resigned over his force's recommendation to bar Maccabi Tel Aviv fans from Aston Villa, left with a £57,800 payout. The intelligence behind the ban buried a real plot by locals to arm against the Israelis and cited a Maccabi fixture that never took place — an AI hallucination the force denied before apologizing for it.
- *Algemeiner*: A New York Times shareholder has threatened to sue the board by July 21 unless it surrenders internal records, accusing it of failing to rein in systematically anti-Israel coverage. Its exhibit: the ten pro-Israel "likes" that made Rep. Dan Goldman's wife a story, against the posts celebrating October 7 that made Mamdani's wife a "private person."

Domestic & Law

- *Times of Israel*: Netanyahu is suing Yair Golan, Moshe Yaalon, Shikma Bressler, and MEMRI's Yigal Carmon over unverified documents alleging Qatari payments to Likud, with his own testimony in the case slated for after the October 27 vote.
- *Jerusalem Post*: Environmental Protection Minister Idit Silman reclassified the Nile crocodile as a "cultivated wild animal," clearing Ben-Gvir's plan to ring the Ketziot security wing with crocodiles over the objections of the Nature and Parks Authority and her own legal adviser.

Economy, Tech & Infrastructure

- *The Jerusalem Post*: Israeli defense-tech start-ups raised nearly \$3 billion in the first half of 2026 — triple the sector's take for all of 2025 — and now draw almost a third of Israel's private hi-tech investment. What foreign buyers keep citing is the edge no competitor can demo: systems upgraded mid-combat in Gaza, Lebanon, and over Iran.

- *Globes*: Talks to turn Volkswagen's Osnabruck plant into a Rafael line building Iron Dome trucks are still alive despite the Qatar Investment Authority, which holds 17% of VW's votes and is moving to block the deal. It is the mirror image of Israel's own case for killing the ZIM sale over Qatar's stake in Hapag-Lloyd — the Gulf sovereign-wealth lever, working both directions at once.
- *JNS*: Israel Bonds is pulling in about \$2.5 billion a year — nearly double its pre-October 7 rate — and has raised \$8 billion worldwide since the attack, with US municipalities and institutions now driving half of it. The BDS campaigns leaning on treasurers and comptrollers to divest have mostly failed, for a reason the activists can't spin: the bonds outyield US Treasuries and have never missed a payment.
- *The JC*: Doctors at Haifa's Rambam campus used an Israeli focused-ultrasound system, Insightec's MRI-guided and non-invasive, to cut a patient's opioid cravings to zero in a 20-minute session, with five more addiction patients lined up. The same technique is being aimed next at Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, and ADHD, which is where the commercial weight sits if the early results hold.

Culture, Religion & Society

- *The Jerusalem Post*: A new study finds the early humans at northern Israel's Gesher Benot Ya'akov site deliberately sought out specific basalt to knap their handaxes and cleavers, hundreds of thousands of years ago. The Land's deep human record keeps proving more deliberate than anyone assumes.
- *JTA*: Orthodox groups are lobbying against a House-backed bill to make daylight saving time permanent, which would push winter sunrises — and the earliest time for morning prayers — nearly an hour later.
- *The Times of Israel*: Haredi demonstrators gathered for a third straight Shabbat outside Cafe Basimta, a newly opened cafe in central Jerusalem, with police erecting barriers to prevent friction.

Developments to Watch

Judea & Samaria

- **Attacker at large near Hebron** — A driver tried to ram police at a checkpoint near Hebron on Friday, then fled into Judea and Samaria. The manhunt is still open, and a fugitive with a vehicle keeps the southern hills on alert through the week.

Northern Front (Lebanon / Syria)

- **Iran readies Hezbollah for wider war** — Iran reportedly told Hezbollah in Tehran that “the waiting period is ending” and to prioritize preparations for a war that reaches Israel. The message lands as the Lebanese army

walks into the first pilot zone, a fresh mobilization order running underneath the handover Israel is executing.

Regional Axis (Iran, Houthis, Militias)

- **Iran arms the Bab el-Mandeb trigger** — Iran ordered the Houthis to shut Bab el-Mandeb if Washington strikes its power grid, Reuters reports, with missiles and drones already positioned at the strait. Trump has named those power plants as next week's target, so the closure that shuts the Red Sea oil route now turns on a strike he has already promised. **LIKELY TO ESCALATE**
- **A tanker seized off Yemen** — Armed men boarded the chemical tanker Asana in the Gulf of Aden on Friday, off southern Yemen, and steered it toward Somalia. Houthi or not, the strait's approaches are taking ships already, before Tehran gives any closure order.

Diplomatic & Legal

- **Washington braces for reprisal abroad** — The State Department issued a worldwide security alert, warning Americans overseas that Iran is likely to come after them following the Jordan strike that killed two US soldiers. Washington expects the next phase to land on soft targets far from the Gulf, not on another Gulf air base.
- **Cairo opens a Houthi backchannel** — Egypt has revived security-service contacts with the Houthis to keep them from closing Bab el-Mandeb, fearing the blow to Suez Canal traffic. Cairo moving before the strait shuts is the clearest sign the region reads Iran's closure order as a live instruction, not a bluff.

Home Front & Politics

- **Cabinet weighs a nationwide drone ban** — The security cabinet is moving to bar private drone flights across Israel for six months, fearing explosive drones flown from neighboring states or Judea and Samaria at leaders and institutions. The decision is pending, and the threat officials name is a reprisal for the assassination of Ali Khamenei.
- **Temple Mount ascent vowed for Tisha B'Av** — Right-wing and Temple Mount groups wrote Netanyahu and Ben-Gvir that they will reach the gates without police permission if Jewish entry is barred for Tisha B'Av eve. The fast falls this week, and a forced ascent against a police closure is the flashpoint the day reliably brings.

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