

Role of Afghanistan in shaping Pak-Russia Relations: A case study of Post 2014 Era

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ABSTRACT

Strong relations between Pakistan and Russia are very significant for Pakistan, as Russia is a major regional player in Asia. While after the Cold War period, relations between Russia and Pakistan passed through different ups and downs. This inquire investigates the variables that made a difference between Pakistan and Russia to fortify their relations within the post-2014 Afghanistan time. After the US withdrawal situation (2014), Afghanistan was a key originator square within the advancement of the Pak-Russia relationship. Afghanistan's move has given Pakistan and Russia an agreeable relationship. Solid Pak-Russia relations would be exceptionally supportive for Pakistan in combating current financial emergencies. Due to this, there's awesome potential for Russia intrigued in Pakistan for its nearness to Afghanistan, developing anti-Americanism, and atomic control status. a few limitations which can moderate down the advancement in Pak-Russia relations but still there's solid potential for the vital association within the financial and military field.

INTRODUCTION

In the Global world, there are no enduring opponents or friends. over the last decade, Pakistan and Russia's relations too stayed vicious throughout quite a while, warming by their best economic, political, and social get-togethers. The historical backdrop of the bond can be a record of lost beginnings and disarrays because of misperceived conduct and thought, the association among Pakistan and Russia has been under-assess. The foundations of misguided judgment can be discovered after Pakistan, in 1947, terminated the superpower USSR in its local associate with the U.S part. Even though between two expresses, the methods of best personal circumstance have been cultivated through the external game plan of the state. In any case, setting up friendly relations and cooperate with its neighbors is an important objective of the foreign policy of Pakistan. Be that as it may, the distant approach of the Pakitan has never been flexible to acknowledge individual concern inside the Soviet Union.

No change will be perceived inside the relationship between Pakistan and Russia without a doubt when the finish of the dangerous conflict amount as there remained a standardized Taleban estimation staying in Pakistan's unknown methodology. In any case, when the time of the war, essentially within the post 9/11 amount, the relations had the chance to be somehow standard between both countries. Pak-Russia relationship started to advance in 1966-1971, in the era of President Ayub Kan. After that, Prime Minister Z.A Bhutto met with Russia's excellent serve for chats on political, monetary, and exchange problems. The highpoint of both states has gone by one another's countries for the essential time within the last forty years each of these visits affected loosening things up. The declaration was created by the Soviet Association to develop the steel-producing industrial facility (Usman & Khan, 2017).

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While every one of the undertakings in pushing ahead the Pak-Russia relationship was cut down when the Soviet Union attacked Afghanistan. While Pakistan and Soviet Union relationship pressure was extended during the 1980s. Moreover, In 1991 the SU Collapse, and Russia had the chance to be a replacement province of SU, this between the two state's associations there was an adjournment. This is frequently totally determined by current openings in collaboration inside the Pak-Russia relationship (Durani & Khan, n.d.) Although Gawadar is a phenomenal chance for Russia because it will give an effective method to get access towards Indian and Center eastern oceans, and the US naval influence Russia will use this pact. while Pak-Russia's investment in the establishment and imperativeness field will revive the mechanical division, strong proportional relations between the two countries will be beneficial for the two nations (Khan A. , 2014).

Theoretical Framework

An applied system can be removed from the theories in Global Relations (IR) that would assist with analyzing appropriately various parts of the discipline. Neorealism is a theory of international relations. Underlying authenticity or Neorealism is a suggestion dependent on governmental issues at the global level. While Kenneth Waltz mentioned in the book "Theory of International Politics."

In which he explained the rehashing arrangement, cooperation, and conduct of states at the widespread level. In the present speculation, there is a typical framework by that the quality arrangements of the state conduct are often chosen. This conjointly portrays that habitually there may be the no different figure that expressly impacts a state's conduct as states systematically answer the triumphant construction at the general level. Nowadays, from certified conflict, the danger of war is a lot frightening. For assessment, neo-pragmatists take the framework's style and its general transport of management because of the focal core interests. Agreeing to the present a lot of equipped theory, states will handle body problems at a wide level. attributable to financial reciprocity all told comprehensive things, every state resembles a minor player. No certifiable match will override a state in overall relations. Neorealism is divided into protecting and hostile neorealists (Waltz, 1979).

When there is no administration to ensure, different emotional states, particularly overwhelming powers, area unit continuously a danger. The additional grounded state repudiating their choices on weak states and have a few selections. The speculation talks regarding principal assumptions. Initially, they say rising and subsequently the which means of the transport of management. willing to Kenneth's Three-step takes once the assessment level since the structure picks what we must always do and what reasonably approach we tend to get the structure constrains the states to just accept those methodologies that provide you with security and private circumstance therefore, every state has to get their interest.

Based on this assumption, the theory can be applied to this study because the decisions Pakistan and Russia took regarding their mutual relationship have been based upon the changes that occurred in their neighboring country Afghanistan regarding the transition of forces after 2014. So, the situation in Afghanistan has a thorough influence on the relationship between Pakistan and Russia. Although there had been many challenges in the improvement of their relationships, it was the transition in Afghanistan that helped them to get closer to each other for their self-interest.

Literature Review

Awais (2009) explained that the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Asian nations and also the Soviet Association's weakening in December 1991 achieved the ascent of fifteen independent states, checking Russia, because the replacement state. This checked the end of forty years of the Virus War. In the Gregorian calendar month 1994, a show was set apart by Andrei Kozyrev and Sardar Assef Ali the two nations' external administrations can confine bit for the spoken language frequently. Subsequently, a statement on the cancelation of visa constraints for holders of political world ids.

The imaginary potential for Russia, West Pakistan thanks to its space to Focal Asia and Asian nation, making hostile to nationalism, and nuclear management standing. This was determined by unused openings in Pak-Russia associations, that were haunted from both sides. Both countries met with each other, and consequently, important level separate agreements took place. As an outstanding service of West Pakistan, Nawaz Sharif gone by Russia and sealed varied understandings known with trade and

trade. In 2005 West Pakistan joined the SCO at the acknowledgment of President Vladimir Putin. within the get-togethers of advisors of the states, varied sorts of two-sided problems were analyzed, together with a coordinated effort in quiet use of nuclear importance, house development, and protection system.

Pakistan is especially favorable for both countries nevertheless the previous variations and also the modified political and financial conditions at the regional and widespread levels, need to be made nearer relations in later quite whereas. Rouben Azizian and reduce Vasilieff (2009) aforesaid that the foremost recognizably dreaded amount within the two countries' set of experiences was the Afghan Conflict (1979-1989) amount, that completed on the nice major power destruction. Asian countries upheld mujahidin throughout the Soviet assault and Cold conflict time of Afghanistan. In separate, Russia supported the Nothern Collusion within the last decade taking once the end of the Virus war period; this battle reflected the differentiation in far courses of action of the countries. There was little heat within the Pak-Russia relationship without a doubt once the Virus war amount as Asian countries is reliably supporting the religious movement. Regardless, once the War amount, the relations had the prospect to be somehow common between the states.

Not its standing, numerous inquiries have been done on Pak-Russia relations in wartime. More writing has been complete on Pakistan-Russia relations in the post 9/11 situation time. Besides, restricted works are accessible on Pakistan-Russia relations in the post-2014 time. But exceptionally deficient work is accessible on Pakistan-Russia relations through the viewpoint of the Afghan factor.

Historical background of Pak – Russia Relation

when Pakistan came into being in 1947, due to topographical, philosophical, and evident attributes Pakistan can't remain on a solid foundation. Pakistan develops nearer relations with Soviet Association because of its external course of action. Pakistan is orchestrated in a region having basic obviousness at an overall level. Its height is extending because of its sea courses, a zone with crucial show-up, and geographical region, making it more indispensable in overall authoritative issues. Educating the entire area's current circumstance, Pakistan's distant methodology, security procedures, political tendencies, and monetary plans are fundamental. The chronicled examination of Pakistan and Russia is seen not delighted in any equal discussion, and their reality perceives, international interests and associations together remained dependably sure.

The start of two-sided alliances between Pakistan and the Soviet Union Connotation is not incredible; so that this era is called a phase of Absence of interest, while later transformation, not normalized the cooperation. The essential period from 1947-1965 in which Pak-Soviet affiliations two vertical and diving patterns are sorted as the essential period. The self-sufficiency of Pakistan was the result of the Socialist Coalition on showed focuses on social classes. when USSR invited Liaquat Ali Khan in 1947, the Excellent Serve of Pakistan (1947-1951), he denied this greeting and paid an authority visit to the USA. Simultaneously, in 1949 two Overall Monetary Summits were signed at Tehran, the majority of the spectators of the USSR interpret that in western undertakings of making an enemy of communist or against Soviet piece, Pakistan is effectively taking an interest. Besides, this stage is likewise described by the Afghan specialists' endeavors to utilize the way that Pakistan was a new political substance that appeared in 1947 (Iqbal, 2018).

The second period of the Pak-Soviet Alliance was the point at which the Consolidated States moved its thought towards India, and to change the effect of the Combined States, the past Soviet Association supports Pakistan, especially inside the Pak-Indo war (Owais M. , Pakistan-Russia Relations: Economic and Political Dimensions, 2007). The third stage has named the way to aggression as toward the beginning of this stage, the premier Z.A. Bhutto gone to the past Soviet Association twice in their political regime, which expanded ground in the two-sided relations of Pak-Soviet effectively. The countries agreed to work on the trade amid, geological investment and prospecting control time.

An unused section of relations between the Soviet Association and Pakistan has started after the Soviet assault of Afghanistan in 1979. This event changed the regional appearance completely. In Soviet-Pak relations, the Afghan issue had the chance to be the most argument and every one of the undertakings in advancing the relationship between remained downhearted when the Soviets attacked Afghanistan. Both states had unpleasant correspondence with Pakistan in the past. It was the reason for this assault

that applied broad, wide-running, and direct effects on the outer promotion inward security of Pakistan. According to the press release, the Soviet worldwide asylum in 1973 communicated that the Soviets would exchange 2300 farm vehicles to Pakistan. While the Soviets have also exchange road metalling apparatus with Pakistan (Sattar, 2007).

Table 1. Volume of Bilateral Trade between Pakistan and Russia

Volume of Trade	Year
\$ 93 MILLION	2003
\$ 155 MILLION	2004
\$ 412.4 MILLION	2006
\$ 632 MILLION	2008
\$ 490 MILLION	2009

Table Adopted from Ministry of Commerce, Government of Pakistan, 2010

At the end of December 2010, inside the impelling function of the Russia-Pak business gathering in Karachi, in which Andry Bandnik, Pastor of Russia, talked about Russia's need to expand the proportional employment, trade-investment, exchange of products, that make progress monetary coalition with Pakistan.

Table 2. Major Russian Federation Exports to Pakistan (2012)

Products	Volume US \$ Dollar
Paper Board and news paper	\$ 18.2 Million
Fertilizers Exports	\$ 53.4 Million
Ferrous Materials and Products	\$ 124.3 Million

Table Adopted from Ministry of Commerce, Government of Pakistan, 2013.

Table 3. Major Russian Federation Imports from Pakistan (2012)

Products	Volume US \$ Dollar
Sports Goods	\$ 48.9 Million
Pharmaceutical Products	\$ 10.5 Million
Leather Goods	\$ 17.3 Million
Cotton	\$ 29.8 Million
Chemical fibers and Filaments	\$ 52.3 Million
Textile Goods	\$ 78.9 Million
Fruits, Rice, Vegetable	\$111.10 Million

Table Adopted from Ministry of Commerce, Government of Pakistan, 2013.

Pakistan's exertion to look at Russian control and vitality division, in which the Russian know that's accessible as a vitality amount of Pakistan and developing vitality prerequisites. Pakistan ought to go past the fair anticipating joint advance in segments like hydropower era, warm, coal, gas, and oil, etc.

Afghanistan Role in Post-2014

In September 2001, almost 3,000 individuals were killed in the 9/11 fear-based oppressor assaults attacked by America to Al - Qaida and its supporting accrue is known as the Taliban. US has masterminded an end in reality despite the circumstance that their foes are as yet unique and change their overall inspiration. In the Presidency of Obama, Afghanistan has started its portfolio as one of the reasonable presidents for pulling out the US from a prolonged period obstacle. But the guerilla conflict has not finished for the Afghans. Popular spite of the reality, that American and overall forces will exit in the excursion of harmony, a condition of strife will remain in Afghanistan.

As indicated by a political examination, the conflict against dread in Afghanistan hasn't shown any sure outcome; or possibly, it has extended the influx of panic-based manipulation. The overall local area has recognized the unforgiving truth of the Taliban.

The Obama association has endeavored to make settlements, with the Afghan Taliban in attempting a harmonious plan or compromise. On the inverse, Karzai discovering ways for a protected ground by seeming reluctant to sign any such affirmation that produces their substitute. As, a regional neighbor and accomplice inside the battle against fear, Pakistan has been significantly impacted by the Afghan political, social, economical circumstances and qualities. While Afghanistan is moving in an unpredictable situation, withdrawal and its unified NATO battle qualities will influence world administrative issues.

Role of Afghanistan in Reforming Pak-Russia Relations

The Russia -Pakistan major setting collaboration in Afghanistan by wheeling and dealing with the Taliban as a key political performer and countering the climb of the Islamic State Khorasan Area ISKP – the fastest peril within the district. While at first restricted, this participation has just made way for more prominent military and likely future monetary collaboration in Afghanistan. With the participation of different forces, particularly China and the United States, the thriving Russo-Pak organization could be instrumental in interfacing asset-rich Central Asia with crowded and asset insufficient South Asia (Hussain K. , 2019).

While, Pakistan and Russia endeavoring their best to standard counter Daesh's regional partner, ISKP, and Taliban. Inside the US game plans harmony handle, the two states dynamic influence for regional consistent quality and harmony. Behind Pakistan and Russia's gained ground in relations, the harmony plan of Afghanistan is the main impetus. Furthermore, inside the past between Russia, Pakistan, and the Consolidated States. This harmony planning has been a solitary wellspring of cooperation. Afghanistan's adequacy assumes a significant part (Owais M. , 2007).

There are no persistent assistants, adversaries inside the space of around the world relations, a reasonable interface is essential and novel. Every country state in the world adheres to this norm and Pakistan is something very similar.

Given the stimulating ride nature of Pakistan and US relations, the past's overall system course has dependably stayed bright. According to the changing worldwide and neighborhood conditions, Pakistan should adjust its comprehensive procedure course (Khan M. T., 2019).

Narrow Conjunction: U.S.-Taliban Talks and Counterterrorism Benefits

Russia's part in whole regional security especially Afghan security has wound up particularly reasonable after the NATO power's withdrawal from Afghanistan. Pakistan's administration brought the Taliban and the Consolidated States on a phase for political discussions. The piece of Pakistan in harmony structures has given a soft image of Pakistan as a controlled handle and articulate a basic situation on the world stage (Radyuhin, 2012).

On other hand, Russia realizes that if the ISKP hazard is extended, then complete regional sufficiency and security can be affected. In Afghanistan, the proximity of Daesh individuals is also incredibly unsafe for Pakistan because of its relations with various psychological assaulter packs, which have target

Pakistan previously. Particularly, the normal opinion framework and overambitious transnational methodology of Daesh developed conflicts with the Taliban, countering with ISKP rise (Bergsager, Henrik, 2012).

Pak-Russia Armed Cooperation

In the wake of ousting the arms blacklist from Pakistan in 2014, Pakistan and Russia have working on their tactical interest. In the wake of miserable NATO powers and the ascent of ISKP, Pakistan is attainment ubiquity as a significant assistant inside the district. The appointments of beat Russian security, the exchange of tall military development have an essential influence for Pakistan in fighting extremist segments raised laterally the Afghan boundary.

Surely in the wake of removing the arms boycott by Russia advanced equal connection, on military investment, a later affirmation between the two states for armed staff. The commencement of updated martial kindred is extra confirmation of the function on riveted especially in Afghanistan. There's excessively possible for a more solid relationship between the two states in and coming quite a while year (Halbach, 2013). Pakistan has wrapped up a hitting articulation with Russia that would, suddenly, open doorways for the Russian military arranging Pakistani furnished drive specialists.

The uncommon game-plan comes amid a weakening alliance among Islamabad and the Combined States, which has brought around the finish of all tactical trade programs with Pakistan and got out a void that Moscow has wandered in to fill. The most explicit joint military exercise was held on 26 September inside the Pakistani area of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa. Another astounding forces of Russia and Pakistan facilitated counter-mental battling work out in October 2017. furthermore, Russian Sea vessels gone to Karachi followed by a joint plan with the Pakistan Maritime powers inside the North Center eastern Sea in December 2018 (Shubhankar, 2019).

Despite India's request to place off the drag thanks to the manipulator attacks in Uri and LT info upheld on Twitter that these drills can welcome regard on both sides. There were joint military drills named "Druzhbha-2016", a Russian word that suggests a relationship, between Russia and Pakistan in 2016. Russia and Pakistan have started a joint military exercise known as 'Connection 2020' at the Tarbela glorious activities transcription the bottom in Pakistan. this will be the fifth bundle of the activity and therefore the third to be controlled in Pakistan quite a hundred and fifty employees from the countries can look at the action, which can hope to figure on military interest between the countries. The Russian unit fuses in an additional seventy warriors from the special clarification unit of the forty-ninth SMD combined arms set influence.

The participated Troops can share experiences and participate in numerous missions to more develop ability. The program was sent with a banner lifting administration that was lapsed, numerous specialists. Following the underlying facilitate, Pakistani military personnel showed in different a hundred forms of military instrumentation to the Russian astonishing, as well as very little arms, optical discernment, and perception contraptions. Pakistan fight coming up with division heads Brobdingnagian general Nayer Nasser expressed: "This is that the third joint military exercise directed Pakistan" (Army Technology, 2020).

Economic Cooperation Between Pakistan and Russia

Afghan harmony is additionally major thanks to the lead expand development plans through the projected six sub-projects tallying numerous framework and essentiality adventures which may interface Focal Asia to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Remarkably, when managing the making issue of ISKP in the Asian nation, these endeavors can also supply facilitate to Russia in the death penalty and mixing the financial course of action. each the nations go off to likewise support specific ties in every purpose of shared captivated checking political, exchange, money connected, imperativeness, guidance, and people-to-people contact. The sixth biggest gathering of Pakistan-Russia Between Government Commissions (IGC) on Exchange, Financial, Logical, specialized Participation was command in the capital of Pakistan. Hammad Azhar, Government spiritual leader for monetary problems as co-seat from

Islamic Republic of Pakistan surface herd the Pakistani assignment on the complete Meeting of the IGC. Denis V Manturov, spiritual leader of trade and Exchange of the Russian Alliance, ambitious the Russian assignment.

Inside the cutting advantage year, there are various obvious visits from the 2 Pakistani and Russian sides highlighted gaining ground in like manner coordinated effort. This has carried roughly Russian advertising to put resources into the imperativeness space of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Last December there was a critique down of a \$1.7 billion essentiality cut-price between the two nations for the birth Associate in Nursing LNG pipeline in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Russian affiliations coordinated to empower the joint execution of various criticalness wanders in Pakistan counting the distinction in Muzaffargarh Control House to the coal completed station, to work at Jamshoro Warm Control Plant, up-level of Pakistan Steel Plants, Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline, abuse, and appraisal of toward the ocean oil and gas locales. Russia can give atomic reactors to Pakistan (Jamal, 2021).

Moreover, the improvement of equal relations is not at cost of current relations with various countries. Russia and Pakistan have a confirmable substitute to perceive predictions of their relationship with certainty and need to do consistent undertakings to sustain normally helpful cooperation for the benefits of their domestic. Similarly, to considering a genuine worry for neighborhood agreement and security (Muslim Institute, 2015).

The Present Situation of Pak-Russia Relations

The two nations accept that a political settlement in Afghanistan is vital for territorial harmony and stability. It was about 2010 that the connection among Islamabad and Moscow improved astoundingly, with undeniable level visits and arms deals. At the point when U.S. President Donald Trump finished Pakistan's cooperation in its International Military Education Program, Islamabad proceeded to consent to a Security Training Arrangement with Moscow for preparing of Pakistani military officials in Russian military foundations without precedent for its set of experience (Sarah Akram, 2019).

This year was seen as the hour of recorded plans for sustaining the Pak-Russia relations. Regardless, starting there onward, further game plans continued to happen related to unequivocal new developments. For instance, in 2015, an understanding for the acquisition of four assault helicopters Mi35M and two multi-work helicopters Mi-171E was done up between the two nations which were passed on inside the coming two for a long time. Moreover, these pushed ahead relations made conceivable the coordinate preview of the Russian RD-93 motor for Pakistan which in past a long time Pakistan might get from a certain point of view through China. In 2016 from September to October, in Pakistan in any case, joint work out on counterterrorism between the strategic powers of the two nations was coordinated. Even though India attempted its best to affect Russia not to participate in these works out Russia didn't offer any appreciation to this, and an overall kind of movement was held in September-October (Kazemi, 2012).

After the 2010 floods in West Pakistan, Russia once more promoted supply facilitate and sympathetic immediate, inciting President Vladimir Putin's open support of West Pakistan connection the Shanghai Interest Association. associate degree authority visit by Russian Distant Serves Sergey Lavrov to the capital of Pakistan at some purpose as lately since an extended time ago has taken once. aside from money and political ties, there was likewise associate degree upgrade in friendly stalemates the "milder" portions of the system, tallying the movement of the world's, regardless, bilingual Urdu-Russian word reference. These persistent enhancements by then incited the Partnership Trainings did between the Pakistani-Russian forces, associate degree association that might have displayed at being endless ten quite a while earlier prior (Hussain S. , 2020).

Russia's external serving elapsed Pakistan and checked MOU as an example "Update of Understandings" on railroad transportation, essentiality age, and science trade of Pakistan. Head of Equipped power workers of the states encountered each other within the last decade to sustain the association between

the military of two states and centered on the endeavors of traditional captivated and regional security. Russia and Pakistan have saved a package of those refinements and therefore the Coronavirus so much and wide might breathe life into this pattern of giving and take. within the unused past, fatal events have gone around as a catalyst for nearer ties. In 2005 earth quick that maltreated northern Pakistan, Russia was one among the essential to offer to facilitate to Islamabad. Eventually, a Russian exchange task visited Pakistan, and usually, correlative exchange design by \$270 million and so by \$520 million whereas Russian imperativeness goliath Gazprom checked a Notification of Comprehension with the Pakistani facilitate of fuel and Trademark Resources. once Roman Babushkin, Russia's binds with Pakistan area unit "free in nature" and therefore they have associate degree conversation and financial plan (Ahsan & Zia, 2016).

Kudashev communicated, that "Our binds with West Pakistan ar habitually no prohibition for the assessments of our binds with the Asian country,". Babushkin said Asian countries ought to not be targeted around Russia's obligation to take the sensitivities of one or two of various nations. Russia is considerably aware regarding sensitivities and withal we have a tendency to respect our relationships with West Pakistan are free and that we besides have a correlative exchange and money-related masterminding. we tend to are significantly dedicated to developing this relationship facilitate, tallying in keeping with the purpose of reading of West Pakistan being AN associate country within a system of the SCO (Hindustan Times, 2020).

CONCLUSION

Afghanistan is the main creator piece inside the improvement of the Pak-Russia affiliation it's currently a cause for both countries to incite closer, mostly within the Post withdrawal of US circumstances. Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Russia gaining ground in their equal military cooperation while not a doubt past the Afghan strategy issue. The visits of the simplest Russian security specialists in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and yearly sharpens between each country's security qualities and also the exchange of tall military advancement have had a very important impact for Pakistan in fighting extremist segments raised on the Afghan boundary. The start of any developed military relations is an additional affirmation of the redesigned fascination of the nations to keep up harmony within the region, particularly in the Asian nation. it is too potent for a lot of energetic relationship between the states in and returning quite whereas to boot, once the world organization power's withdrawal, Pak-Russia's half utterly regional security particularly Afghan security has been able to be significantly sensible. The important space of making cooperation has initiated the states to share their a lot of broad set up positions. Consistent quality and harmony in Asian nations are too implausibly imperative for the financial captivation of Russia in Asia and for exceptional infrastructural adventures that will weave the Islamic Republic of Pakistan with Region. Pak-Russia's cooperation in zeroing in on the ascent of ISKP can invigorate their equal relations and open unused doorways for redesigned financial relations additionally.

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