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HIJ in numbers

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122 archiving decisions after initial review
13 archiving decisions after verification

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The citizen at HIJ

During May 2026:

- Welcomed **26 complainants**, which were present personally at the premises of the Office of the High Inspector of Justice;
- Has had **20 phone calls** from citizens, who requested information on the stage of their complaints or Information on completing the complaint form;
- **20 requests** for information were received.



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Since the start of its functioning and up to the publication of this bulletin, 9,214 complaints from citizens and various institutions have been confirmed at the Office of the High Inspector of Justice, of which 6,907 have been handled. In 2025 alone, there has been a considerable increase in the number of complaints submitted to the Office of the High Inspector of Justice; more specifically, 1,792 new complaints have been filed, 1,718 by natural persons and 74 complaints by legal entities. This progressive trend, compared to the previous year, demonstrates the growing public trust in the role of the High Inspector of Justice.

At different times and on a systematic basis, the Office of the High Inspector of Justice has provided citizens with answers regarding the questions they have had about their complaint, the decision-making process,

the time required for the review of the complaint, against whom a complaint should not be filed, or the reason for the archiving of the complaint.

Based on the complaint review process, we bring to attention that, as provided by law, the HIJ is not competent to review complaints against chancellors, legal assistants, the chief court secretary, judicial secretaries, summons officers, other employees of the judicial administration, Judicial Police officers, lawyers or state or private bailiffs, or other subjects participating in an investigative or judicial process. Likewise, it is not competent to examine complaints related to other institutions of the Public Administration. For 2025 alone, 1,635 handled complaints have been identified, 12 disciplinary investigations have been initiated, 23 investigations have been completed concerning 25 magistrates, as well as 16 cases referred for ethical and professional evaluations to the High Judicial Council and the High Prosecutorial Council. Regarding disciplinary proceedings, there are 8 proceedings for which the High Inspector of Justice has proposed disciplinary measures, in accordance with the legal provisions for prosecutor and judge magistrates, while also completing 7 thematic inspections. During the handling of complaints, over the course of one year, 166 decisions for the verification of complaints were registered.

HIJ WORKING VISIT TO DENMARK FOR COOPERATION IN JUSTICE



The High Inspector of Justice, Artur Metani conducted a working visit to Denmark on 21 and 22 May 2026, in the framework of strengthening institutional cooperation and exchanging experiences in the field of justice and mechanisms for the accountability of magistrates.

In Copenhagen, the HIJ delegation held meetings with representatives of Danish institutions and the Embassy of Albania. During the meeting with the Director for European Policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, Jakob K. Alvi discussions focused on the progress of justice reform, rule of law standards and Albania's European integration processes.

During the discussion the High Inspector of Justice Artur Metani, expressed appreciation for Danish support and emphasized that justice reform in Albania has consolidated the principles of the rule of law and the independence of the judicial system over the last decade. He underlined that the HIJ exercises its functions in accordance with the principle of disciplinary accountability, while at the same time preserving the necessary balance between the functional independence of magistrates and citizens' right to transparency and accountability in the administration of justice.

The meeting also addressed the HIJ's regional cooperation. Metani highlighted the institution's membership in the European RESIJ network and the organization in Tirana of the Regional Conference of Inspection Services with the countries of the Western Balkans, as an initiative that will continue further.

For his part, Jakob K. Alvi commended the work and institutional development of the HIJ, while noting that Denmark will reopen its embassy in Albania in the coming months.

The High Inspector of Justice also held a meeting at the Special Court of Indictment and Revision, where he was received by the President of this court and at the same time, Justice of the Supreme Court, Ms. Hanne Schmidt, the Vice-President, Justice of the Supreme Court Mr. Jens Kruse Mikkelsen, as well as Mr. Christian Dam Nielsen, a judge delegated to the Supreme Court and Legal Director at the Secretariat of the Special Court of Indictment and Revision.

During the meeting, discussions focused on Danish inspection and accountability mechanisms in the justice system, as well as practices for handling disciplinary matters and ensuring professional standards.

The HIJ delegation also held a meeting at the Embassy of Albania in Copenhagen with Ambassador Sokol Dedja, where discussions focused on the role of the embassy in strengthening relations with the host country and supporting cooperation with the Albanian diaspora, as well as its importance as a bridge between Albanian institutions and the Albanian community abroad.

The visit served to deepen institutional dialogue and to become acquainted with the Danish experience in the functioning of justice institutions and rule of law standards.





SPEECH OF THE DEPUTY HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE, MRS. ELENA PELUSHI, DURING THE EVENT FOR THE DAY OF JUSTICE, AT THE COURT OF FIER



Honorable Mr. President!

Honorable magistrates, law professors, and guests,

Thank you, Mr. Veizi, for this organization in celebration of the Day of Justice!

This is a symbolic day for justice and the rule of law in Albania and as such, celebrating it together with you, magistrates, law professors and collaborators with contributions to the justice system in Albania, makes it even more significant.

The memory of this day is in itself a reflection on justice, as a cornerstone of every democratic society. It is based on fundamental principles such as equality, impartiality, transparency and independence. By guaranteeing justice and protecting the rights of every individual, justice contributes to building a just and balanced society.

The commemoration of this day is a reflection on the journey of justice today and tomorrow in Albania, on the relationship that justice has with society and its institutions.

Public trust in the justice system, according to the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights, is a principle that needs to be preserved. In the case of *Gudmundur Andri Astradsson v. Iceland*^[1], the Court stated that: “283 *The Court has consistently emphasized the special role that the judiciary plays in society: as the guarantor of justice, a fundamental value in a state governed by the rule of law, it must have the trust of all in order to carry out its mission effectively*”.

The mission of magistrates, as protectors of individual rights and fundamental freedoms, goes beyond the simple adjudication of a dispute, and any bias in their decisions weakens this protection, undermining public confidence in the judicial system’s commitment to justice.

In this regard, what is considered necessary is respecting final decisions. This respect will only exist when the justice system demonstrates independence, impartiality, sufficient attention and humanity, and will need to respond in an efficient, quick and appropriate manner which is accessible to all. Unjustified and unnecessary delays in a procedure are contrary to both the principle and the spirit of justice.

The role of HIJ should not be seen simply in the disciplinary punitive dimension, but in a broader educational and preventive aspect, in order to create a highly ethical and professional culture in the judiciary. In this way, this institution is committed to becoming a true supporter of the principles of the rule of law, while maintaining the delicate balance between accountability and independence of the judiciary.

The independence of magistrates is not a privilege granted for their personal benefit, but is guaranteed to them, in the interest of those seeking justice. It is not a question of protecting them (the magistrates), but of ensuring the credibility of the justice system. Undermining it would weaken the authority of the state and compromise one of its essential functions. Independence is necessary to maintain public confidence in the impartiality of the administration of justice, as it is an essential criteria for the respect and acceptance of judicial decisions by those seeking justice.

Thank you!

[1] 11 December 2020, no. 26374/18, ECHR



THE HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE MEETS WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF PROSECUTORS



The High Inspector of Justice, Artur Metani, accompanied by the Deputy High Inspector of Justice, Elena Pelushi, welcomed a delegation from the Association of Prosecutors of Albania, headed by prosecutor Gëzim Spahiu.

Mr. Spahiu informed the High Inspector of Justice about the objectives of the association, established in December 2025, with the aim of providing a stable and organized structure that will serve as a reference point for important developments, challenges, and issues related to the status and function of prosecutors in the Republic of Albania.

The importance of prosecutors' independence was emphasized during the meeting as a fundamental pillar of the rule of law and democratic governance. It was underlined that prosecutors must carry out their duties free from unlawful influence, while fully respecting the Constitution and the laws in force, since an independent prosecutor strengthens citizens' trust in justice and equality before the law.

At the same time, the discussion highlighted that independence must go hand in hand with responsibility, professionalism, integrity, and accountability toward citizens and institutions.

The High Inspector of Justice, Artur Metani, pointed out that the balance between independence and accountability is essential. *"Prosecutors must be protected from unjust interference, while at the same time being held accountable for professional or ethical violations. Only through this balance can a justice system be built that is trustworthy, transparent, and serves the public interest."*

During the discussion, special attention was also given to the importance of maintaining and increasing public trust in the justice system. Both parties agreed that public trust is strengthened through impartial investigations, consistent enforcement of the law, institutional transparency, and effective communication with the public.

The participants committed to continuing constructive dialogue and cooperation on issues that contribute to strengthening the justice system and advancing the public interest.



MAY OF HIJ IN NUMBERS

During **May 2026**, the Office of the High Inspector of Justice administered **102 complaints** which were submitted by **citizens**. The Office ensured the standardized confirmation process of receiving complaints for newly submitted complaints in accordance with procedural requirements.

Complaints involving judges and prosecutors were assigned to Inspectors and are currently at different stages of processing, including initial review, archiving, verification, or draft decision issuance.

ARCHIVED	VERIFICATION
<p>Out of 265 cases reviewed, 135 decisions were rendered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· 122 archiving decisions after initial review· 13 archiving decisions after verification	<p>72 verification decisions</p>

COMPLAINT PROCESS AT HIJ

To facilitate this process for interested persons, HIJ has published on the official website a special complaint form, which:

- Can be completed directly and submitted online;
- Can be downloaded, completed and sent by email to info@ild.al or by mail at the address Boulevard "Dëshmorët e Kombit", Building no.13, Tirana.
- It can also be completed by being present personally at the Office of the High Inspector of Justice and if necessary, asking assistance by the team of the Complaints and Public relations Office.

Within 5 days Upon receiving the complaint, the High Inspector of Justice confirms in writing its receiving.

The criteria for the admissibility of the complaint are published on the official website of HIJ www.ild.al, in the section "How complaints are accepted".



While assisting the complainants

The team of complaints office welcomes citizens-complainants every working day from 09:00 am to 02:00 pm, while for increased communication with interested citizens, in addition to communication through the website and official address.

The Office of the High Inspector of Justice has made available the phone number +355 4 2217217. Coordinator for the right to information is part of this sector.



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISIONS

Even during the month of **May 2026**, the Office of the High Inspector of Justice made public announcements of archiving decisions for **11 complainants**, who were unreachable at the addresses communicated by them. In addition to the stands of the HIJ, according to the law, these announcements are also found on our official website and posted in the stands of the municipalities where the complainants come from.



COORDINATOR FOR THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION

In accordance with the principles and rules provided for in law no. 119/2014 "On the right to information", the coordinator for the right to information in the Office of the High Inspector of Justice, enables every applicant the right to be familiar with public information, as well as communicates according to the need with the applicant regarding the processing of the request for public information.

Requests for information are filed by citizens, legal entities, interested groups, and can be send through the "Albanian Post", e-mail at the address: info@ild.al, as well as the e-mail of the coordinator for the right to information: elis.kuci@ild.al

The information provided in the transparency program is published and continuously updated in the register of requests and responses, within the legal deadline.

*During **May 2026**, at the Office of High Inspector of Justice, **20 requests** for information were received, which were processed in all cases within 5 days (the law provides that a response must be return to the applicant within 10 days).*

HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE MEETS WITH STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA



In the framework of 10 May, the National Justice Day, the High Inspector of Justice, Artur Metani, welcomed at the institution a group of students from the Faculty of Law of the University of Tirana, with whom he shared views on Justice Reform, public expectations, as well as the scope of activity of the institution he leads.

Accompanied by magistrate adviser Arjeta Lika, assistant inspector Julis Zebi, the Head of the Unit of Assistance and Coordination of Information, Elis Kuçi, and the public relations specialist, Zilije Feçi, the High Inspector of Justice, Artur Metani, also responded to the students' interest regarding the implementation of Justice Reform. He emphasized that, ten years later, it can be observed that Justice Reform has contributed to the creation of a system in which no branch of power can be abusive. Mr. Metani also added that the legislation has guaranteed greater independence for magistrates, while at the same time strengthening the mechanisms of control and accountability over them. *"Of course, we are not yet where we need to be, but today the Constitution and the law do not create any possibility for institutions, in their decision-making process, to be subject to unlawful, political or any other kind of influence,"* said Mr. Metani.

According to the High Inspector of Justice, *"This independence guaranteed by law for every judge and prosecutor is a great power to influence the development of society and the consolidation of the rule of law, where the administration of justice is not considered a privilege or a matter of chance, but an obligation and a right of every individual."* Continuing further, Mr. Metani added that *"The independence granted by the Constitution to the judge is, in fact, not an independence granted to him, but a benefit for the citizen and for the right that belongs to the citizen."*

In response to the interest expressed regarding the functioning of the HIJ, Mr. Metani explained to the young people the concept of separation of powers, their independence, and the role of the HIJ among the three branches of power:

the executive, the legislative and the judiciary, while adding that the Constitution has provided for the HIJ as a mechanism to control and supervise the work of the judiciary with regard to violations or abuses, but without infringing upon their independence in decision-making.

Mr. Metani pointed out that *"The decision-making of a magistrate is reviewed only by a court of a higher instance. Even if the High Inspector of Justice identifies procedural violations that produce consequences, he investigates and proceeds against the magistrate. Even if the magistrate is dismissed, this does not affect the judicial decision."*

During the discussion with the students, the High Inspector of Justice also focused on inspections, which monitor specific phenomena in courts and prosecution offices, such as delays in the written reasoning of judicial decisions, for example, by verifying deadlines, their observance or violation, and by preparing a final report with the relevant recommendations, which, if they are of a legal nature, are sent as proposals to the Ministry of Justice, while in other cases proposals are left to be sent to the High Judicial Council. For the High Inspector of Justice, finding the balance between the workload and negligence of magistrates is an issue that does not require emotional decision-making, but a full analysis.

At the end of his remarks, the High Inspector of Justice invited the students to become part of internships, to observe closely the work carried out at the Office of the High Inspector of Justice.

The students' interest continued regarding the types of violations committed by magistrates, the deadlines for handling complaints and the reasons for their archiving, as well as the decision-making of the High Inspector of Justice (HIJ). The issue of how an investigation is initiated by HIJ was also addressed, namely whether it begins only based on a complaint or also ex officio. These questions were answered by magistrate Arjeta Lika and assistant inspector Julis Zebi.





INSPEKTORI I LARTË I DREJTËSISË TAKON STUDENTËT E ANGAZHUAR NË NISMËN "FORUMLEX"



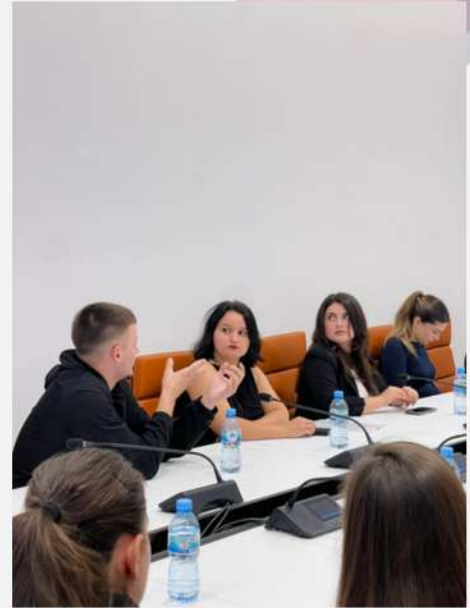
The High Inspector of Justice, Mr. Artur Metani, held an informative meeting with a group of law students engaged in the "ForumLex" initiative, within the framework of the programme for public information and legal education. While presenting the competences of the institution, and in the context of their curriculum in constitutional law, Mr. Metani explained to the young participants the concept of the separation of powers, their independence, and the role of the High Inspector of Justice among the three powers: the executive, the legislature and the judiciary. He added that the Constitution has provided for this institution as a mechanism for controlling and overseeing the work of the judiciary regarding violations or abuses, but without infringing upon its independence in decision-making.

The High Inspector of Justice, Artur Metani, responded to the participants' interest in aspects of the work of the HIJ over the years, as well as in developments outside the institution concerning its role and public expectations.

The students were also introduced to the internal organization of the institution, working practices, and the importance of transparency and communication with the public, particularly with young people and the academic community. They also received answers from judge-magistrate Arjeta Lika and assistant inspector Julis Zebi regarding the manner of submitting and handling a complaint before the HIJ, the rights of the complainant and of the magistrate, etc.



**HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE
NEWSLETTER**



THE HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE PARTICIPATED IN THE RESIJ GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN MADRID



Madrid, May 29, 2026

The High Inspector of Justice, Mr. Artur Metani, participated in the General Assembly of RESIJ (European Network of Judicial Inspection Services), together with other members, representatives, and counterparts from judicial inspection institutions and judicial systems from Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Italy, Moldova, Spain, Portugal, and Romania.

The event was hosted by the General Council of the Judiciary of Spain and took place at the premises of the Supreme Court of Spain in Madrid.

In their opening remarks at the Assembly, the President of the Supreme Court of Spain, María Isabel Perelló Doménech, and the President of RESIJ, Stéphane Noël, emphasized the importance of strengthening interinstitutional cooperation, as well as the attention that must be given to standards of integrity, transparency, and efficiency in European judicial systems.

During the proceedings, discussions focused on the priorities and future agenda of RESIJ, including joint projects with the European Commission and CEPEJ (European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice of the Council of Europe).

The discussions also addressed challenges related to the digitalization process and the use of artificial intelligence in justice, the comparative study on judicial inspections and mechanisms for integrity and corruption prevention, as well as statutory amendments and the expansion of RESIJ's cooperation with other European partners and institutions.

Part of the discussions also focused on the cooperation between RESIJ and ARNJIS (Arab Network of Justice Inspection Services), a relationship that has been developed over the years within the framework of cooperation with CEPEJ, as well as preparations for the international activities planned to take place in Lisbon during the month of September.

At the conclusion of the Assembly, the participants reaffirmed the importance of exchanging best practices among judicial inspection institutions and expressed their shared commitment to strengthening the independence, transparency, and efficiency of justice systems in Europe.



HIJ IN TWITTER

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The Deputy High Inspector of Justice Ms. Elena Pelushi, took part in the event organized within the framework of the Day of Justice at the Court of First Instance of the General Jurisdiction of Fier. Read the messages she delivered. #HIJ 📌



SPEECH OF THE DEPUTY HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE, MRS. ELE...

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Interesting exchange at the Special Court for the Elevation of the Accusation and Review, Denmark 🇩🇰 on Danish mechanisms for inspecting and holding magistrates accountable 🏛️ & reciprocal practices for handling disciplinary cases and ensuring professional standards. #ILD @sokol_dedja



Inspektori i Lartë i Drejtësisë Artur...
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📍 Weekly Processing of Complaints in #ILD

- ✅ 9145 confirmed
- ✅ 6864 processed
- ✅ 2281 in processing
- ✅ 174 in verification process
- ✅ 150 investigated magistrates
- ✅ 54 requests for disciplinary proceedings

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9,145+	6,864	2,281	150
Confirmed Complaints	Processed Complaints	Complaints in the review process	Investigated magistrates
		174	54
		Complaints in the verification process after the initial review	Requests for disciplinary proceedings

Inspektori i Lartë i Drejtësisë Artur...
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📍 Weekly Processing of Complaints in #ILD 🏛️

- ✅ 9130 confirmed
- ✅ 6800 handled
- ✅ 2330 in processing
- ✅ 167 in verification process
- ✅ 150 investigated magistrates
- ✅ 54 requests for disciplinary proceedings

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9,130+	6,800	2,330	150
Confirmed Complaints	Processed Complaints	Complaints in the review process	Investigated magistrates
		167	54

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The High Inspector of Justice received a delegation from the Association of Prosecutors of Albania. The discussion focused on prosecutors' independence, accountability, professionalism & public trust in the justice system. #HIJ #AssociationofProsecutors 📌



THE HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE MEETS WITH THE ASSOCIATION...

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With our Ambassador to Denmark 🇩🇰 Sokol Dedja, we discussed the importance of institutional cooperation with counterparts to advance Albania's European agenda and the role of the Albanian diaspora 🌍 @sokol_dedja 📌 for the organization. #ILD 🏛️



Inspektori i Lartë i Drejtësisë Artur...
@ILD_Albania

As the Director for European Policies at the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jakob K. Alvi, we discussed the progress of the justice reform, rule of law standards, and Albania's integration processes. Grateful for the 🇩🇰 support for 🇦🇱 integration into the EU 🇪🇺 @sokol_dedja




Inspektori i Lartë i Drejtësisë Artur...
@ILD_Albania

📍 Weekly Processing of Complaints in #ILD 🏛️

- ✅ 9184 confirmed
- ✅ 6891 processed
- ✅ 2293 in processing
- ✅ 194 in verification process
- ✅ 150 investigated magistrates
- ✅ 54 requests for disciplinary proceedings

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9,184+	6,891	2,293	150
Confirmed Complaints	Processed Complaints	Complaints in the review process	Investigated magistrates
		194	54
		Complaints in the verification process after the initial review	Requests for disciplinary proceedings

This information is updated every monthly

Inspektori i Lartë i Drejtësisë Artur...
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📍 Weekly Processing of Complaints #ILD

- ✅ 9111 confirmed
- ✅ 6757 processed
- ✅ 2354 in processing
- ✅ 148 in verification process
- ✅ 150 investigated magistrates
- ✅ 54 requests for disciplinary proceedings
- ✅ 1 completed inspection

? Have you had any experience with us? 📌

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9,111+	6,757	2,354	150
Confirmed Complaints	Processed Complaints	Complaints in the review process	Investigated magistrates
		148	54
		Complaints in the verification process after the initial review	Requests for disciplinary proceedings

This information is updated every monthly

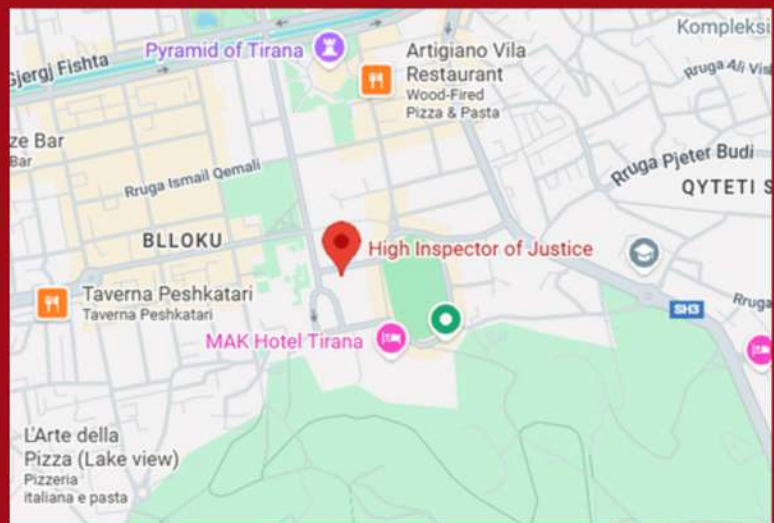
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