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DAY 222, THE 209TH EDITION. QATAR SAYS US-IRAN MESSAGES ARE STILL BEING EXCHANGED, AND VICE PRESIDENT VANCE SAYS ANY DEAL REQUIRES IRAN TO CUT ENRICHMENT. A PROJECTILE STRIKES THE TANKER MT ON PEACE IN THE STRAIT, INJURING 12 CREW (AT SEA, CAUSE UNCONFIRMED, NOT A STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY). SAUDI ARABIA CONFIRMS HOUTHI HITS ON JAZAN AND NAJRAN AIRPORTS; AT DAWN THE HOUTHIS TARGET RIYADH AND ADEN AIRPORTS. IRAN NOMINATES A SANCTIONS-LISTED MISSILE OFFICIAL AS DEFENCE MINISTER. NO CONFIRMED STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY. MAXIMUM HELD, HIGH READINESS

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⚠️ **MAXIMUM ALERT:** THE CHANNEL IS STILL OPEN, BUT THE WAR AT SEA AND IN THE AIR OVER ARABIA IS INTENSIFYING. THE ALERT REMAINS AT MAXIMUM. UKMTO and India's foreign ministry report that the Panama-flagged tanker MT On Peace was struck by a projectile in the Strait of Hormuz on Tuesday, injuring 12 of its 19 crew, 11 of them Indian; the injured were evacuated to Khasab with Omani help. This was a vessel at sea, with the cause unconfirmed, and not a strike on UAE territory. Saudi Arabia's civil aviation authority confirmed that Jazan and Najran airports were hit on Monday evening, with three minor injuries. At dawn on Wednesday the Houthis targeted King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh, where flight tracking showed operations halted for over an hour, and Aden airport, where a missile struck near the runway. Qatar says US-Iran messages are still being exchanged through Doha, while Vice President Vance says any deal requires Iran to reduce its enrichment capacity. There is NO CONFIRMED STRIKE on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure. Westminster Security MAINTAINS MAXIMUM ALERT, keeps both phases suspended, holds readiness at a high level, and advises clients to complete departures, protect energy and water resilience, and suspend all Strait transits.

⚖️ **MIXED SIGNALS:** A LIVE CHANNEL AND RECOVERING OIL FLOWS AGAINST A HARDENING MILITARY PICTURE. On the easing side, Qatar says "the talks are continuing and the exchange of messages between different parties is continuing via Qatar", a day after President Pezeshkian called talks meaningless; Shell's chief executive puts Middle East oil flows at about 80 per cent of pre-war levels; Saudi Arabia's energy minister reports 5.8 million barrels a day on the East-West pipeline; and Brent fell to just under $100 on Tuesday. On the harder side: Vance sets enrichment cuts as a precondition ("we're not going to trade words for actions"); a tanker strike injured 12 crew; the Houthis are striking Saudi airports and Aden; Iran has nominated a missile-industry veteran under UN and US sanctions as defence minister; and a US research institute reports renewed activity at a bombed Iranian nuclear site. The channel is alive; the terms and the fighting are not moving toward each other.

⚠️ **ASSESSMENT:** A CONTRADICTORY PICTURE THAT DOES NOT CHANGE THE POSTURE. THE ALERT STAYS AT MAXIMUM. Qatar's statement shows that the mediation survives despite Tehran's public dismissal of talks, and Vance has given the clearest statement yet of the US bottom line: verifiable cuts to enrichment, not assurances. That narrows the space for a deal rather than widening it. At sea, the injury of 12 crew on MT On Peace marks a step up in harm to seafarers in the Strait. In the air, the Houthi campaign has moved from claims to confirmed hits on Saudi airports and an hour-long halt at Riyadh, which bears directly on regional aviation, including routes to and from the UAE. Iran's choice of a sanctions-listed missile official for defence, and reports of renewed work at a nuclear site, point to preparation rather than accommodation. There is NO CONFIRMED STRIKE on UAE territory. The posture remains MAXIMUM with high readiness.

1. SITUATION SUMMARY: DAY 222, A CHANNEL STILL OPEN, 12 CREW INJURED IN THE STRAIT, AND AIRPORTS UNDER FIRE

The diplomatic channel held while the fighting intensified. Qatar's foreign ministry said on Tuesday that US-Iran talks are continuing through Doha, and Qatar's Emir met Iran's interior minister, but Vice President Vance told Reuters that any deal requires Iran to cut its enrichment capacity: "If you don't want a nuclear weapon, then why do you need 60% enriched fuel?" In the Strait of Hormuz, the Panama-flagged tanker MT On Peace was struck by a projectile on Tuesday, injuring 12 crew, 11 of them Indian; India condemned the attack. This was shipping at sea, cause unconfirmed, and not a strike on UAE territory. In Saudi Arabia, the civil aviation authority confirmed Houthi hits on Jazan and Najran airports on Monday evening with three minor injuries, and at dawn on Wednesday the Houthis targeted Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport and Aden airport; Riyadh operations were halted for more than an hour. Fighting continues around Dhubab despite government claims to hold it. In Tehran, President Pezeshkian has nominated Mehrdad Akhlaghi Ketabchi, a missile-industry official under UN and US sanctions, as defence minister, and the Institute for Science and International Security reports renewed activity at a nuclear site bombed in March. There is no confirmed strike on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure. Westminster Security MAINTAINS MAXIMUM ALERT with readiness at a high level, keeps both phases suspended, and advises clients to complete departures, protect energy and water resilience, and suspend all Strait transits.

Where Things Stand

Element	Status (as of 0900 GMT Wednesday 7 October)
Alert level	**MAXIMUM (held), high readiness.** Both phases suspended. Channel open, terms apart; seafarers injured in the Strait; Saudi and Yemeni airports struck. Complete departures; high readiness; suspend all Strait transits.
US decision-making	**BOTTOM LINE STATED.** Vance (Reuters): Iran must cut enrichment; "we're not going to trade words for actions." White House says the Los Angeles remark referred to a hypothetical nuclear-armed Iran. No US strike decision announced.
US force posture	**BLOCKADE ENFORCED.** CENTCOM figures of 5 October stand (13 vessels destroyed, 130 redirected). CENTCOM denies an Iranian report of a US helicopter crash in the Red Sea. US official describes the RAF Fairford threat as aimed at US troops and aircraft.
Diplomacy	**CHANNEL OPEN.** Qatar: "The talks are continuing and the exchange of messages ... is continuing via Qatar." Emir met Iran's interior minister. Pezeshkian's dismissal of talks stands. No formal Iranian reply reported.
Iran's posture	**PREPARING.** Sanctions-listed missile official Akhlaghi Ketabchi nominated as defence minister. Rezaei: "Hormuz will not be opened by threats." ISIS reports renewed activity at a bombed nuclear site. Conditional threats against Gulf airports and US ships stand.
Strait incidents	**12 CREW INJURED (6 OCT).** MT On Peace (Panama flag) struck by a projectile; 12 of 19 crew injured, evacuated to Khasab. Al Jazeera names the 4 October tanker as Lipsi. At sea, cause unconfirmed, not a

	strike on UAE territory.
UAE	**NO NEW DIRECT THREAT.** No new Iranian statement on the UAE found. US $1bn guidance-kit approval and prisoner transfer stand. Some flydubai regional cancellations (Beirut, Erbil). Saudi airport strikes bear on regional routings.
Saudi and Yemen front	**AIRPORTS STRUCK.** GACA confirms hits on Jazan and Najran airports (three minor injuries). Dawn attacks on Riyadh and Aden airports; Riyadh halted over an hour. Dhubab still contested. More than 270 killed in a day (AFP). Truce not agreed.
UAE territory	**NO CONFIRMED STRIKE.** No confirmed strike on UAE soil, ports or infrastructure. DXB, DWC and AUH operating with regional disruption; UAE-Israel flights suspended; Iranian airlines suspended.

WS Assessment: The talks survive as a channel, but the US bottom line is now explicit and the fighting is causing harm to crews and to airports across the peninsula. Nothing has touched UAE territory. The alert stays at MAXIMUM with high readiness.

2. THE DIPLOMACY: QATAR KEEPS THE CHANNEL OPEN, VANCE SETS THE BOTTOM LINE

- **Qatar says talks continue:** Qatari foreign ministry official Ibrahim Al-Hashmi said on Tuesday: “The talks are continuing and the exchange of messages between different parties is continuing via Qatar,” adding that the price the world is paying requires efforts “to end this immediately” (Arab News). Qatar’s Emir met Iran’s interior minister, Eskandar Momeni, the same day. This contrasts with President Pezeshkian’s statement on Monday that talks are “meaningless”; both statements stand.
- **Vance on enrichment:** In an interview with Reuters after a campaign event in Alaska on Monday, published on Tuesday, Vice President Vance said Iran must reduce its enrichment capacity to end the war: “If you don’t want a nuclear weapon, then why do you need 60% enriched fuel?” and “We’re not going to trade words for actions.” This is the clearest public statement of the US bottom line in this phase, and it sits uneasily with Iran’s insistence that the Strait, not the nuclear file, comes first.
- **The Los Angeles remark:** The White House says President Trump’s remark at Monday’s rally, that Iran could “take out” Los Angeles and San Diego, referred to the threat a nuclear-armed Iran would have posed; spokesman Steven Cheung said “America is safer” (CBS, Times of Israel). Axios reports that the remarks drew backlash. We treat this as rhetoric, not policy.
- **Tehran’s line:** Mohsen Rezaei, a member of Iran’s security establishment, dismissed US Treasury Secretary Bessent’s forecasts as “delusional” and said “Hormuz will not be opened by threats” (CBS). Qalibaf’s seven conditions stand, and no formal Iranian reply to the US counterproposal had been reported by the cutoff.

WS Assessment: The mediation channel is the one thread still running, and Qatar is keeping it alive. But the US has now stated an enrichment precondition that Tehran has repeatedly rejected. Hold posture until a sequence is agreed and implemented.

3. THE STRAIT: 12 CREW INJURED, AND A STEADY RATE OF STRIKES

- **MT On Peace struck:** India's foreign ministry said the Panama-flagged MT On Peace "was struck by a projectile while transiting the Strait of Hormuz" on Tuesday; 12 of its 19 crew were injured, 11 of them Indian, and were evacuated to Khasab with Omani assistance. India condemned the attack and called for "an immediate cessation of such attacks". No party has claimed it. This was shipping at sea, with the cause unconfirmed, and not a strike on UAE territory. It is the most serious harm to a crew reported in the Strait in this phase.
- **The tally:** Al Jazeera counts at least seven tanker incidents in the past week and reports at least one attack a day in the Strait or the Gulf of Aden since 2 October; it names the tanker struck on the morning of 4 October as the Aframax Lipsi, damaged in the engine room north-east of Oman. UKMTO advises vessels to transit with caution. Late reporting means the full count remains to be verified.
- **CENTCOM and Iranian claims:** CENTCOM has denied an Iranian report that a US Navy helicopter crashed in the Red Sea, saying all personnel are accounted for (Fox News). CENTCOM's blockade figures of 5 October (13 vessels destroyed, 130 redirected) stand and have drawn no Iranian response we have seen. Both sides' claims are reported as claims.
- **RAF Fairford:** A US official told CBS that the Iran-linked threat to RAF Fairford was intended to "kill as many American troops and destroy as many U.S. planes as possible"; UK and US officials have said the bombers were moved on intelligence of a possible IRGC-ordered drone attack (BBC, New York Times, via Just Security). Fox News reports a further arrest of a 22-year-old man in the UK. Iran denies involvement.

WS Assessment: The Strait remains an active strike zone, and crews are now being injured. Clients should treat the Strait and its approaches as closed to their vessels and hold readiness.

4. THE UAE: NO NEW DIRECT THREAT, REGIONAL AVIATION UNDER STRAIN, AND NO STRIKE

- **No confirmed strike on UAE territory:** There is no confirmed damaging strike on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure, and none since the Barakah strike of 17 May 2026. We found no NCEMA alert in the period. The MT On Peace strike was in the Strait, at sea, and its crew were treated in Khasab, Oman.
- **No new Iranian statement on the UAE:** We found no new Iranian statement directed at the UAE in the period. Velayati's warning of 3 October, the prisoner transfer of 5 October and the US approval of about $1 billion in guidance kits for the UAE on 5 October are the most recent markers. Iran's conditional threat against Gulf airports stands.
- **Regional aviation:** Saudi Arabia has confirmed hits on Jazan and Najran airports, and flight tracking showed Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport halted for more than an hour on Wednesday morning after a Houthi missile launch; a Yemenia flight to Aden diverted to Jeddah. The British and US embassies in Riyadh have warned of the risk of missile and drone attacks on cities, airports, military sites and energy infrastructure (CBS). Routings between the UAE and Europe or Africa over Saudi Arabia may be affected.
- **UAE airports:** DXB, DWC and AUH are operating. Gulf News reports cancellations of some flydubai services to Beirut and Erbil, and foreign carrier suspensions to Dubai remain in place, as do flydubai's Israel suspension and the UAE's suspension of Iranian airlines. Confirm schedules and routings directly with each carrier.
- **The flydubai inquiry:** A US delegation is expected to review Israel's visa waiver compliance after reports that about 1,240 aircrew from countries without diplomatic relations with Israel entered the country in the past year (Times of Israel). Abu Dhabi continues to lead the FZ1073 investigation, and no Iranian link has been established.

WS Assessment: The UAE has not been struck and was not the focus of Iranian messaging in this period. The immediate effect on the UAE is through regional aviation, as Houthi strikes on Saudi airports disrupt the airspace around it. Hold high readiness.

5. OIL, YEMEN AND THE WIDER REGION

- **Oil:** Brent fell about 2.5 per cent on Tuesday to just under $100 (Gulf News: $99.49) as Middle East exports recovered, and rose to about $101.51 in early trading on Wednesday (Fox News). Shell's chief executive put Middle East flows at about 80 per cent of pre-war levels, and Saudi Arabia's energy minister reported 5.8 million barrels a day through the East-West pipeline, which addresses the previous day's disputed reports of a halt. Aramco's chief executive says nearly 3 billion barrels of supply have been lost since February.
- **Houthi strikes on Saudi Arabia:** Saudi Arabia's General Authority of Civil Aviation confirmed that King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Airport in Jazan and Najran International Airport were hit on Monday evening, with three people slightly injured and material damage. The Houthis' claims of strikes on Riyadh airport and the Rabigh refinery on Monday have not been confirmed by Saudi authorities. At dawn on Wednesday the Houthis claimed further strikes on Riyadh's airport and Aden airport; the coalition reported intercepting ballistic missiles aimed at Khamis Mushait.
- **The ground war:** Senior Yemeni military officials say Houthi fighters are still engaged around Dhubab despite earlier government claims, while AP and Reuters report government forces taking Dhubab, Bab and Hadeid; control remains contested. AFP, citing both sides, reports more than 270 combatants killed in a single day. Yemen's legal affairs minister says Houthi shelling in Taiz killed six civilians and wounded 18.
- **Iran's defence nominee and the nuclear file:** President Pezeshkian has nominated Mehrdad Akhlaghi Ketabchi, listed by the UN Security Council in 2007 and sanctioned by the US in 2020 for his role in Iran's missile industries, as defence minister; parliament must hold a confidence vote. Iran's defence ministry claims weapons output is 250 per cent above pre-war levels (unverified). The Institute for Science and International Security reports "significant renewed activity" at an underground nuclear site near Tehran bombed in March.
- **The wider region:** The Mecca pact deployments by Türkiye and Pakistan to Saudi Arabia have been agreed; numbers and timing remain unannounced. Iraqi Airways' Iran flights are due to resume on Thursday. The proposed Saudi-Houthi truce has not been agreed.

WS Assessment: The Saudi-Houthi war is now hitting airports on both sides of the border, and oil flows are holding up despite it. A sustained campaign against Saudi aviation would affect the whole Gulf air network. UAE-linked operators should continue to suspend all Strait transits and review Red Sea and Saudi airspace exposure.

6. DUBAI AND THE UAE

Operational Picture

- **A live channel, injured crews, struck airports, and no confirmed strike on UAE territory.** Qatar says US-Iran messages are still flowing, the US has stated an enrichment precondition, 12 crew were injured in a tanker strike in the Strait, and Houthi strikes have hit Saudi airports and halted Riyadh. There is no confirmed damaging strike on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure. The airports threat and the risk of a US escalation keep the danger elevated.
- **COMPLETE DEPARTURES NOW: THE WINDOW MAY BE NARROWING.** DXB, DWC and AUH are operating, with disruption on regional routes and several foreign carriers suspended to late October or longer. Complete any deferred non-essential departure on scheduled commercial flights without delay, confirm bookings directly with the carrier, and check routings in light of the Houthi strikes on Saudi airports.
- **HOLD READINESS AT A HIGH LEVEL: THE AIRPORTS THREAT.** Essential personnel should maintain shelter-in-place and evacuation readiness at a high level. A US decision to resume strikes would test Iran's threats against Gulf airports and US ships. Review shelter locations and NCEMA guidance, keep go-bags current, plan for disruption at UAE airports, and be prepared to shelter promptly on any alert. The UAE hosts US forces at Al Dhafra.
- **PROTECT ENERGY AND WATER RESILIENCE.** Brent is around $100 and supply buffers are described as thin. Keep water, fuel and generator contingencies ready; the Fujairah route continues to provide a degree of insulation.
- **Shipping: SUSPEND ALL STRAIT TRANSITS.** A tanker strike in the Strait injured 12 crew on Tuesday, attacks are running at about one a day, and UAE-linked tankers remain on Iran's non-compliance list. Suspend all transits through the Strait, hold vessels clear of the Strait, the Musandam approaches and the waters off Oman and the UAE, review Red Sea and Bab el-Mandeb routing, and treat UAE-linked tonnage as at elevated risk until a confirmed reopening with verified safe passage is in place.
- **Compliance and aviation security.** Continue to screen counterparties against the 1 October Treasury designations, which include three UAE-based entities, and consult qualified counsel; this is not legal advice. Note the British and US embassy warnings in Riyadh, and review travel arrangements for staff transiting Saudi airports.

Return Guidance: MAXIMUM Held, High Readiness, Airports Under Fire in the Region

Westminster Security maintains MAXIMUM alert, with both Phase 1 (essential) and Phase 2 (non-essential) returns suspended and readiness at a high level. The mediation channel is open but the US has set an enrichment precondition, 12 crew were injured in a tanker strike in the Strait, and Houthi strikes have hit Saudi airports. Clients should complete departures now, hold high readiness, suspend all Strait transits, protect energy and water resilience, note the airports threat, and plan for protracted disruption.

- **All returns, SUSPENDED:** Halt all inbound travel to the UAE until a durable, verified de-escalation and a confirmed reopening are in place; an exchange of messages is not a settlement.
- **Non-essential personnel, COMPLETE DEPARTURES NOW:** Use the open airports to finish any deferred departures without delay, on scheduled commercial flights, allowing for carrier suspensions and disruption over Saudi airspace; do not wait for the outcome of US deliberations.
- **Essential personnel, high readiness:** Maintain shelter-in-place and evacuation readiness at a high level, review shelter locations, keep documentation and go-bags current, and monitor any US decision on renewed strikes, Iran's warned retaliation, Iranian action against UAE-linked shipping, the Saudi-Houthi war and its effect on regional airports, and any strike toward UAE territory or airports.

- **Business and compliance clients:** Review exposure given the widened US sanctions, including the three UAE-based designations, and the US restrictions on Iranian airlines, and consult qualified counsel. This is not legal advice.
- **De-escalation path (MAXIMUM to HIGH):** An agreed sequence, the lifting of the US blockade, the Strait reopened with verified safe passage, a confirmed ceasefire, and a durable de-escalation across all fronts would allow the alert to come down. None of these is in place; Westminster Security is ready to lower the alert to HIGH promptly once they are.
- **Further escalation, the central risk:** A US decision to resume strikes on Iran, Iran's warned retaliation against US ships and Gulf airports, Iranian action against UAE-linked vessels, further casualties among crews in the Strait, a wider Houthi campaign against Gulf airports or energy sites, a formal collapse of the mediation, or a strike on UAE territory or airports would deepen the emergency; Westminster Security will issue immediate updates.
- **Standing posture:** MAXIMUM, high readiness. A mediation channel open but the terms apart, crews injured in the Strait, Saudi and Yemeni airports struck, and Iran preparing militarily. Protect people first, complete departures now, hold high readiness, suspend all Strait transits, protect energy and water resilience, and note the airports threat.

7. WESTMINSTER SECURITY'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- **MAXIMUM ALERT HELD, HIGH READINESS. A channel open, the fighting widening.** Qatar says US-Iran messages are still being exchanged; Vance says Iran must cut enrichment. MT On Peace was struck in the Strait on 6 October, injuring 12 crew (at sea, cause unconfirmed). Saudi airports have been hit. There is no confirmed strike on UAE territory.
- **WATCH THE TERMS, NOT THE TONE.** Qatar's statement shows the channel is alive; Vance's enrichment precondition shows how far apart the sides remain. An agreed sequence would be a fact; statements on either side are signals.
- **PLAN FOR REGIONAL AIRSPACE DISRUPTION.** Houthi strikes have hit Jazan and Najran airports and halted Riyadh for over an hour. Review routings over Saudi Arabia, build slack into travel plans, and note the embassy warnings in Riyadh.
- **PROTECT CREWS.** The injury of 12 seafarers on MT On Peace raises the human cost in the Strait. Operators with crews in the region should review welfare, medical evacuation and communication arrangements.
- **KEEP UAE-LINKED VESSELS OUT OF THE STRAIT.** Strikes are running at about one a day and reporting is often delayed. Keep UAE-linked vessels clear of the Strait and the Musandam approaches and review routing through the Gulf of Oman.
- **Monitor for:** (1) any announced US decision on renewed strikes on Iran; (2) a formal Iranian reply or a formal end to the mediation; (3) Iran's warned retaliation against US ships and Gulf airports; (4) Iranian action against UAE-linked shipping or near the UAE's approaches; (5) further Houthi strikes on Saudi and regional airports and energy sites; (6) Iran's defence minister confirmation and nuclear-site activity; (7) any strike on UAE territory.
- **A live channel, a widening war. Emergency updates to follow.** Westminster Security will issue immediate updates on any US decision to resume strikes, any agreement or collapse of the talks, any reopening of the Strait, any threat to or strike on UAE territory, airports or UAE-linked shipping, any confirmed strike on Gulf energy infrastructure or airports, or any major development, and will lower the alert to HIGH only once a durable de-escalation and a confirmed reopening are in place.
- **This is the two hundred and ninth edition.** Day 222 of the war.

8. KEY POINTS

- **THE CHANNEL IS STILL OPEN.** Qatar: “The talks are continuing and the exchange of messages ... is continuing via Qatar.” Vance: Iran must cut enrichment; “we’re not going to trade words for actions.” No formal Iranian reply to the counterproposal reported.
- **12 CREW INJURED IN THE STRAIT.** MT On Peace (Panama flag) struck by a projectile on 6 October; 12 of 19 crew injured, 11 Indian, evacuated to Khasab. At sea, cause unconfirmed, not a strike on UAE territory. India condemns the attack.
- **SAUDI AND YEMENI AIRPORTS STRUCK.** Saudi Arabia confirms hits on Jazan and Najran airports (three minor injuries). Dawn Houthi attacks on Riyadh and Aden airports; Riyadh halted for over an hour. Dhubab still contested.
- **IRAN PREPARES.** A sanctions-listed missile official is nominated as defence minister; a US research institute reports renewed activity at a bombed nuclear site. Rezaei: “Hormuz will not be opened by threats.”
- **OIL FLOWS HOLD.** Brent just under $100 on Tuesday, about $101.5 early Wednesday. Shell: Middle East flows about 80 per cent of pre-war. Saudi Arabia reports 5.8 million barrels a day on the East-West pipeline.
- **MAXIMUM HELD, HIGH READINESS. NO CONFIRMED STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY. TWO HUNDRED AND NINTH EDITION. DAY 222.** A channel open but the terms apart, crews injured in the Strait, airports struck across the peninsula, and Iran preparing; no UAE territory has been struck. Both phases remain suspended; complete departures now, hold high readiness, suspend all Strait transits, protect energy and water resilience, note the airports threat, and plan for protracted disruption. Westminster Security will lower the alert to HIGH only once a durable de-escalation and a confirmed reopening are in place.

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