



Not yet Uhuru!

Celebrating the legacy of women in the midst of a continuing struggle

It was the pan-African leader Thomas Sankara who in his memorable speech of March 8, 1987, when addressing a rally commemorating International Women's Day who posed that "... women's emancipation is at the heart of the question of humanity itself, here and everywhere." Sankara further reasoned that there is no true social revolution without the liberation of women.

Thirty-two-years after Sankara gave his address and 63 years after the historic mass demonstrations at the Union Buildings in Pretoria, which saw more than 20 000 women from all walks take part, the struggle continues for many women who still bear a disproportionate burden of the triple challenges of poverty, inequality and unemployment including human rights abuses and increased gender-based violence.

During this month of August, as we pay tribute to millions of South African women for their selfless contribution in the liberation struggle and for their continued efforts in rebuilding our nation let us use this opportunity to take stock of the progress we have made since 1994 to build a non-sexist society. This is also an opportunity to celebrate women's achievements and the important role that all women of South Africa

have played and continue to play in the evolution of a democratic and non-sexist South African society.

This is the time to refocus the attention of the nation on the rights of women and to assess how far we have come on the journey towards women empowerment and gender equality. Proceeding from the premise that the struggle for liberation was the struggle for the emancipation of all our people, including women, the ANC believes that the 1994 democratic breakthrough has registered significant progress in restoring the dignity of women.

Here in Gauteng, although more still needs to be done, several milestones have been reached in an effort to bring women into the mainstream economy of our province.

- Currently, the ANC-led Provincial Government spends 23% procuring goods and services from businesses owned by women. More than 7 000 women-owned cooperatives have received financial and non-financial support from government.
- Women constitute the majority of the beneficiaries of most of the programmes of this ANC-led administration – 60% of the beneficiaries of agri-

enterprise programme; 55% of the bursary programme; 60% of Tshepo 1 Million and 65% of housing delivered.

- Over the past two years, more than 100 000 women have benefitted from public employment opportunities – the Expanded Public Works and Community Works Programmes.
- The Welfare-to-Work pilot programme has far exceeded expectations. Close to 36 000 young mothers who used to depend on child support grants have now been assisted to obtain proper jobs and self-employment through training and skills development. Thus exceeding the target of 11 000 by the end the 2018/2019 financial year. These young women now earn decent income and can take care of themselves and their children.



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By-Elections confirm support for ANCGP is on the rise

The support of the ANC in Gauteng is on the rise after the party wrestled yet another Ward from the DA in a period of three weeks. The ANC successfully reclaimed Ward 29 in Ekurhuleni from the DA while also retaining Ward 21 in Rand West.

This comes after the ANC contested four By-Elections in Ekurhuleni's Wards 15 & 29 and Rand West's Wards 08 & 21 on August 7, 2019. Three of the wards were in the hands of opposition prior to the By-Elections.

The positive outcome of these By-Elections can be attributed to a number of factors. We have a strong and united ANC in the regions and the ANC-led government's programme of delivering basic services to the poorest of the poor is being well received.

This victory clearly demonstrates that the ANC continues to enjoy majority support amongst our citizens. The renewed confidence in the ANC was again evident last month when the ANC reclaimed Ward 109 from the DA in Joburg.

Since the 2016 local government elections and the 2019 general elections the ANC has embarked on an ambitious programme to win the full confidence of the people of Gauteng through our actions and an activist approach to governance.

The ANC is confident that both Comrade Imtiaz Loonat of Ward 29 in Ekurhuleni and Comrade Abram Tholani Mazula of Ward 21 in Rand West will serve the people of their respective wards diligently as they assume office in their municipal councils.

The ANC Gauteng Province once again expresses its gratitude to the people of Ekurhuleni and Rand West in the West Rand in all the four wards that were contested for voting ANC. We are pleased at the growing support even in the wards we did not win. We also thank all the volunteers in the two regions who worked day and night to secure this positive outcome.

In the last six months we have witnessed how Operation O Kae Molao has rattled the hornet's nest as counterfeit goods worth millions have been recovered, and most wanted criminals, including those wanted for cash-in-transit heists, drugs, murder, gangsterism and gender-based violence are made to face the might of the law.

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R500 million worth of counterfeit goods disposed



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Since its launch in August 2018 the operation has seen the South African Police Service on embarking on joint operations with law enforcement agencies in Gauteng which comprised of the Provincial Traffic Police and Saturation Unit, the Immigration Officers (Home Affairs), SARS Customs, metro police and clothing brand owners.

Since April this year over R500 million worth of counterfeit goods have been disposed publicly as part of Operation O Kae Molao.

During the 2019 general elections, the ANC in Gauteng committed to work together with the people of this province to not only build Gauteng's economy to work for all but to also ensure safer communities by tackling acts of criminality wherever they may be committed.

Acts of anarchy condemned

This is why the ANC Gauteng Province condemned in the strongest possible terms, acts of anarchy and lawlessness that played themselves out in the Joburg city centre on Thursday, 01 August when illegal traders in the

CBD prevented law enforcement agencies from carrying out crime prevention operations targeting counterfeit goods in the Joburg CBD.

The brazen attack on the officers of the law was an act of extreme provocation and posed a serious threat to the safety and security of South Africans and other nationalities who are in the country legally. This was an unsuccessful attempt to undermine the ability of the state to maintain law and order.

Following the Thursday operation the police once again visited the Joburg CBD on Wednesday, 07 August where:

- over 560 undocumented foreign nationals were taken in for processing. Their status in the country will be determined by the Department of Home Affairs while the Local Criminal Record Centre from the SAPS will determine criminal records;
- Unlicensed firearms - 6 rifles, 6 pistols, 4 shotguns and hundreds of ammunition of varying calibres were found in one room on the 12th floor of Medical One Shopping Centre in Rahima Moosa Street. A suspect was arrested for possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition. The firearms will be subjected to ballistic testing to determine possible usage in the commission of crime.
- Large consignments of counterfeit goods including clothing and sneakers were found in different buildings. The monetary value is yet to be

determined;

- Intelligence further led police to Lister Building where 46 vehicles including panel vans were found on different levels of the basement parking. The vehicles were loaded to capacity with more counterfeit goods which were confiscated by the police.
- Seven police officers were arrested by their own colleagues, for corruption and defeating the ends of justice.



Gauteng Premier David Makhura and Police Minister General Bheki Cele visit operations in the CBD.





A vision of Growing Gauteng Together



A summary of the first State of the Province Address in the 6th Administration delivered by Gauteng Premier Comrade David Makhura on 01 July 2019

The people have indeed spoken without equivocation. The ANC has a democratic mandate to lead the process of “Growing Gauteng Together”. The full plan - “Growing Gauteng Together: Our Roadmap to 2030” – will be finalised the first 100 Days (end of August), after consultation with various sectors and stake holders.

Gauteng is South Africa’s largest economy; Africa’s 7th largest economy and the 26th largest City Region in the world. Gauteng occupies a pride of place in the global economy where, increasingly, cities and city regions are becoming engines for growth

and economic development.

The ANC-led sixth provincial administration will focus on the following five priorities:

- Economy, Jobs and Infrastructure
- Education, Skills Revolution and Health
- Integrated Human Settlements and Land Release
- Safety, Social Cohesion and Food Security
- Building a Capable, Ethical and Developmental State

Over the next five years, the ANC-led Gauteng government will introduce special economic zones where feasible and necessary, to add momentum towards turning Gauteng City Region into a single, multi-tier and integrated Special Economic Zone.

In order to drive our economic transformation agenda, Gauteng will focus on the following industries and sectors with huge employment potential:

- Automotive, capital equipment and rolling stock manufacturing;
- Agro-processing, Food and Beverages;
- BPO/BPS and ICT;
- Finance and Retail;
- Tourism and Hospitality;
- Creative and Cultural Industries;
- Logistics and Warehousing; and
- Green Economy

In six months Premier Makhura will announce the total number of jobs each sector and company will contribute towards our five-year job creation target, including the contribution of the township economy, cooperatives and

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SMMEs.

Economic Development

To finalise Gauteng's economic initiatives, MEC Dr Kgosientsho Ramokgopa will present to the Executive Council detailed plan about all sectors that have greatest potential for employment, exports and empowerment, including jobs in the township economy. This will be done within the first 100 days. He will also table a plan on climate change and sustainability strategy for Gauteng.

Infrastructure Development

Gauteng will use the R60 billion infrastructure budget to drive an agenda for job creation, economic empowerment and spatial transformation. Within the first 100 Days, MEC Tasneem Motara will present a plan to the Premier's Infrastructure Coordinating Committee on how Gauteng government will use infrastructure to enhance job creation and broad-based Black economic empowerment, working in partnership with construction and infrastructure businesses.

In particular, the infrastructure budget will be used to:

- Improve access to water, sanitation, electricity, housing and roads in deprived areas, including completing the urban renewal projects.
- Facilitate the creation of 100 000 jobs in the construction sector.

- Empower 50 emerging black firms as contractors and sub-contractors, including women and youth owned businesses.

- Revitalise regional economies, decaying CBDs, old towns and old townships.

- Support the township economy and SMMEs in general.

- Crowd in private sector investment.

- Bring affordable, reliable integrated public transport closer to residential and industrial nodes and improve the provincial road network.

- Roll out high-speed broadband access to deprived areas and ensure last mile connectivity.



Transport

Within the first 100 Days, MEC Jacob Mamabolo will present a public transport service delivery improvement plan to the Executive Council, with clear targets and budget for the entire term of office. This plan will be discussed with national and local government as well as public transport stakeholders within 200 Days.

Within six months there has to be significant improvements in the conditions and operations of major intermodal public transport nodes such as Mabopane Station, Marabastad, Park Station, Bree Street Taxi Rank, Germiston Station and Vereeniging Taxi Rank.

Madame Speaker, our province refuses to be left out of the fourth industrial revolution and the digital age and we are therefore investing in wall-to-wall broadband coverage, with emphasis on deprived communities.

Finance and e-Governance

Within the first 100 Days, MEC Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko will present a detailed plan to the Executive Council on how to deliver 100% of government services on digital platforms over the next five years.

Investing in internet connectivity will increase our GDP by 1.5%, improve service delivery to citizens, create new industries and provide new platforms for small businesses to integrate with the mainstream economy.

In the coming years, the infrastructure and the offerings of the Gauteng Innovation Hub will be expanded in order to revive the prospects of growing it into Africa's Silicon Valley that will drive the development of our digital economy.

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Our dream is that Gauteng should be a hub of fourth industrial revolution skills and a centre of excellence for digital economy breakthroughs such as Artificial Intelligence, crypto currency and big data.

Accordingly, the Premier will appoint an advisory panel that will advise the provincial government on the fourth industrial revolution in the first 100 Days.

Jobs for the Youth

In response to the President's call for creating 2 million jobs for the youth, the ANC-led government in Gauteng will over the next five years:

- Place 250,000 young people into long term jobs in the various growing sectors of the economy in partnership with Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator and the Youth Employment Service (YES) programme.
- Place 250,000 young people in public works employment programmes that are long term

– including maintenance and repair of public facilities and infrastructure, cleaning and greening initiatives, safety and the care economy.

- Implement the government policy abolishing requirement for experience in entry level jobs in the public service by bringing in young people to deal with attrition and growth opportunities in some areas of the public service. The actual numbers will be determined after the first 100 Days.
- Expand the welfare-to-work programme to reach 100 000 unemployed young women who are currently dependent on child support grants and empower them with skills to become employed and self-employed.
- Continue with a mass digital learning and digital skills programme to reach over 1 million young people, especially out of school youth.
- Make it mandatory for all service providers that do business with

the Gauteng government to hire and train young people. The target will be set after engaging with the sector.

Education

Education makes a big difference in the lives of citizens. Educated and skilled individuals have better jobs and better prospects of escaping the poverty trap. More attention will be directed at strengthening and improving the performance of primary education in Gauteng.

We are also gearing our education system to meet the demands of the economy of the future through the rollout of schools of specialisation working in partnership with the private sector. The number of Schools of Specialisation will be increased from 17 to 35.

We will continue to build new schools for learners with special educational needs at a rate higher than ever before to ensure that no learner or child is left behind or left out.

We will invest in Early Childhood Development, focus on improving literacy and numeracy in the foundation phase and further empower learners with portable skills in all high school grades.

MEC Panyaza Lesufi will implement the national integrated assessment framework which will ensure rigorous assessment of all primary schools. The results of this assessment will be publicly released as we do with Grade 12

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results.

In the first 100 Days, MEC Panyaza Lesufi will present a plan to the Executive Council on the status of all primary schools as well as the improvement plans turn around poorly performing primary schools.

Health

Premier Makhura will lead from the front in rebuilding public confidence in our healthcare system. Every week, he will accompany Health MEC, Dr Bandile Masuku to visit health facilities in order to ensure service delivery improvements. In the next six months, all our primary healthcare facilities, including district and regional hospitals will be visited.

Our target is to ensure that 90% of clinics, community health centres, district and regional hospital meet the ideal clinic standards in line with the Office of the Health Standards Compliance within five years. This means that they must open on time, have adequate medicines, equipment, be clean, be patient-friendly and provide patient safety.

Gauteng government will also ensure that within five years, all 32 community health centres in Gauteng provide 24-hour services. Currently only half provide 24-hour services. Within the first 100 Days, Health MEC, Dr Bandile Masuku, will present a service delivery improvement plan for the worst performing hospitals - Mamelodi, Sebokeng, Bheki Mlangeni and Jubilee.

All vacant positions of CEOs of hospitals will be filled in the first 100 days and all critical posts in our health facilities will be filled by 2020.

Community health workers will be the critical backbone of this system and will be fully absorbed and retrained.

Going forward, the internal performance assessment of all health facilities will be done by the department on a quarterly basis and including citizen satisfaction surveys. This will enhance accountability and transparency.

Human Settlement

Access to decent housing and land is amongst the most pressing issues raised by the people across Gauteng. Within the first 100 Days, MEC Lebogang Maile will present a plan about Rapid Land Release, the completion of incomplete housing projects, handing over of the outstanding title deeds, urban renewal projects (Alexandra, Evaton, Kliptown, Bekkersdal and Winterveldt) and the prevention of land invasions across Gauteng.

In the next two months, Premier Makhura will visit each of these five townships to give feedback to communities on our plans to take forward the renewal projects to their logical conclusion.

The release unutilised government buildings, abandoned factories, municipal shops or land for urban agriculture to entrepreneurs who want to utilise this to grow the economy and create jobs will be

fast-tracked.

Within the first 100 Days, MEC Maile will present a plan to the Executive Council on the upgrading and renovation of hostels.

The provincial government will work with municipalities and the private sector to develop innovative partnerships to provide affordable lending for the owners of properties to upgrade their backyard rooms.

Community Safety



There is no doubt that crime has been a matter of great concern to many law-abiding residents of our province. The police are everywhere in Gauteng. Every day, road-blocks and raids are being conducted through Operation Okae Molao.

Within the first 100 Days, MEC Faith Mazibuko and Premier Mkhura will visit Langlaagte, Dobsonville, Ivory Park, Akasia and Kempton Park as the worst performing police stations and policing precincts in Gauteng. These police stations will be part of the Premier's priorities.

In the next five years, crime should be reduced by 50% in the 40 high priority police stations.

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School safety will be elevated to a Premier's Priority. We want to ensure that our children are safe in all schools. We will focus on the worst schools on gangsterism, violence and drugs and regular raids and searches will be conducted by the SAPS.

In the first twelve months, we will deploy 10 patrollers per ward in all 508 wards in Gauteng and revive and professionalise Community Policing Forums in all police precincts.

To support victims of gender-based violence, during this term, we will ensure that no less than 50 000 victims of gender-based violence access psycho-social support.

Social Development

Social Development Department is being strengthened to help drive the agenda to end urban poverty and hunger. This includes a clean-up of the Department to bring to book corrupt officials who have hijacked programmes which are meant to empower poor households.

In the first 100 Days, MEC Thuli Nkabinde Khawe will present a plan to the Executive Council on how to reduce poverty and eliminate hunger in Gauteng over the next decade. The full potential of urban agriculture will be unlocked to feed the poor and ensure that no one goes hungry.

Over the next five years, our food security programme will be expanded to 2 million food

insecure people, while the school uniform programme will be expanded to 1 million learners from poor households, together with the distribution of 7 million dignity packs to girl learners.



The welfare-to-work programme will be upscaled from 30 000 to 100 000 young women who will be empowered with skills that will enable them to graduate from social grants to work for themselves.

The EPWP and other public employment programmes will also be directed to support poorer households, with emphasis on equipping people in poor households with skills that will assist them to transition to better jobs and other income-generating activities.

Financial support will be provided to 1700 ECD centres in order to reach 200 000 more children over the next five years, in addition to the 480 000 that are currently having access to early learning opportunities.

Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture

The sixth administration is going to pay particular attention to positioning Gauteng as the Hub

of Africa's Creative and Cultural industries. Gauteng is already an undisputed cultural melting pot and the home of competitive sport. In the next 100 Days, MEC Mbali Hlope will present a plan

to the Executive Council on how to implement the resolutions of the Creative Industry Indaba so that Gauteng plays its rightful role as the leader of the transformation, modernisation and re-industrialisation of this sector.

In the next six months, MEC Mabli and Premier Makhura will convene a Gauteng Sport Indaba to develop a blueprint for the next decade, as it was done with the Creative Industries. Sports is big business and it has a huge impact on many sectors of our economy, including tourism and hospitality, manufacturing and the digital economy.

Over the next five years, we will increase our support for community games and school sport as part of nation-building and social cohesion.

Ntirhisano outreach programme connects government with communities



As part of the Ntirhisano Community Outreach Programme, Members of the Executive Council (MECs) visited the five regions of Gauteng in the first week of July. This was in line with Premier David Makhura's commitment at the State of the Province Address to spend more time on the ground; resolving service delivery challenges in hospitals, schools, police stations and communities around Gauteng.

This was the first Ntirhisano programme in the 6th Administration. The MECs used the meetings to engage with communities on the contents of the State of the Province Address and outlined key priorities in this term of office.

MECs Dr Kgosientso Ramokgopa and Mbali Hlophe were in Greater Tshwane Region at Atteridgeville Community Centre engaging with people of Atteridgeville. "We will come to our communities, so we

can resolve and attend to their issues in the comfort of their own space," said MEC Dr Kgosientso Ramokgopa.

MECs Lebogang Maile and Faith Mazibuko were in Joburg Region at Dlamini Multi-Purpose Hall in Soweto. "We have noted all your concerns including the Chaiwelo Clinic and will pass the message to MEC for Health, who will ensure that the matter is attended to," stated MEC Lebogang Maile.

MEC Panyaza Lesufi went to Ekurhuleni Region with MEC Tasneem Motara. They met with Reiger Park Community members at Reiger Park Community Centre. MEC Tasneem Motara told the community that, government will continue to invest in infrastructure that supports clusters of township businesses to expand, access markets and prosper.

MECs Jacob Mamabolo and Thuli Nkabinde-Khawe were in Sedibeng assessing service delivery and engaging with residents to help them resolve their challenges. The

meeting took place at Tshepiso Sports Centre in Tshepiso.

MECs Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko and Bandile Masuku went to West Rand to engage with Khutsong community members at Khutsong Community Hall. Both MECs engaged residents on the recently delivered State of the Province Address and laid out the programme of action and key priorities of the sixth administration.



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E-TOLL Update



The ANC Gauteng Province recently reiterated its position on the e-Toll system - that it has no future in this province. The province has full confidence in the process that has been put in place by the National Office Bearers of the ANC, working together with the Office Bearers of the Province to bring the matter to finality.

President Cyril Ramaphosa has mandated Minister of Transport Comrade Fikile Mbalula working with Finance Minister Comrade Tito Mboweni and Gauteng Premier Comrade David Makhura to submit to Cabinet a solution to the impasse around electronic tolling on Gauteng freeways.

While the user-pay principle remains a policy of government, the electronic tolling system as part of the Gauteng Freeway Improvement Plan (GFIP) presents challenges in its current form.

Over 12 Tonnes Illegal Connections Disconnected

More than 12 tonnes of illegal electrical cables were recently disconnected and confiscated during Operation O kae Molao at Vusumuzi in Tembisa to root out illegal electricity connections. Illegal electricity connections and tampering have caused many power supply interruptions across the City due to the overloaded grid at affected areas.



This results in damage to electricity supply infrastructure, such as transformers, and leads to frustrations from citizens who have to go for lengthy periods without power supply. Replacing a damaged transformer or power distribution lines is a costly and lengthy process.

The City of Ekurhuleni loses in the region of R800 million per year in electricity theft, in addition to losses related to damage to critical electricity distribution infrastructure. The City has intensified the electricity disconnection operations in recent months. Members of the public area urged to report suspicions incidents to law enforcement officials so that perpetrators can be brought to book.

ELM initiated sting operation exposing corruption



Working with fellow law enforcement agencies, Emfuleni Local Municipality's investigating team in the Public Safety Department has uncovered alleged corruption in the Revenue Department of the municipality. Investigators in the ongoing probe had been looking into allegations of municipal staffers demanding money from unsuspecting residents who were in the process of receiving refunds on their accounts. The officials would call residents to come collect their refunds and illegally demand kick-backs.

In one incident, municipal investigators working with intelligence officers carried out a successful sting operation, which led to internal charges being laid against a municipal official and a

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security guard. This is after the investigators intercepted handover of R10 000 from a pensioner to municipal officials allegedly involved in the kick-backs syndicate.

The pensioner had received a refund on her account of over R48 000 and municipal officials reportedly demanded a R20 000 bribe/fee for helping her.

This ongoing investigation falls in line with a commitment by the ANC-led government when Executive Mayor, Councillor Gift Moerane during his inauguration speech earlier this year, promised to deal with corruption and maladministration.

The Mayor has given the investigating team his full support. "We will continue working hard to fight corruption wherever and whenever it rears its ugly head, we owe it to our people to do so," said the Mayor. He is pleading with residents who may have fallen victims to this syndicate to come forward to help with investigations.

Eskom must solve the electricity crisis in Joburg urgently



The ANC Caucus in Joburg recently handed over a memorandum of demands to Eskom as part of the relentless fight to ensure that the power utility fulfils its mandate of providing the City's residents with electricity.

Residents in areas such as Ivory Park, Soweto, Orange Farm and Diepsloot are constantly plunged into darkness for an unjustifiable period with no explanation or assistance from Eskom.

The ANC Caucus has tried to engage with the power utility for well over five years in an attempt to find a practical and lasting solution to this power supply challenge.

"We support wholly the call for residents to pay for services, but we implore Eskom to not resort to collective punishment in their pursuit to get residents to honour their civic duty. This blanket approach means

that those who pay for services and those who cannot afford to pay (indigents) are unfairly punished", says ANC Caucus in Joburg.

ANC Caucus Joburg believes there are a number of methods Eskom can use that would lead to a lasting solution to the electricity challenges in communities. These include allowing communities to enter into payment arrangements with the utility as well as the implementation of credit control measures once this existing problem of outages is resolved.

Not only is this electricity crisis an irritant to residents it also places our Ward Councillors and their families in harm's way. In their frustration, which is understandable albeit often misdirected, residents expect and demand their Ward Councillors to provide answers – which they cannot do, as they are also residents who are reliant on Eskom's intervention.



ANC Gauteng Province remembering the Spirit of Madiba on Nelson Mandela Day

On the 18th of July 2019, African National Congress Gauteng Province joined South Africans across all walks of life and the global community as they celebrated the Annual

Mandela Day. In the spirit of Thuma Mina, ANC structures in the province embarked on community service and voluntary work such as renovating homes, planting and gardening, cleaning and painting, amongst others. This was part of

an effort to emulate principles that guided the life of the founding father of our democracy, President Nelson Mandela, who dedicated most of his life to the service of humanity and called on others to do the same.



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