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#### **ABOUT THE EVENT**

Event title	FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2 Oman 2025
When	17-23 February 2025
Where	Hockey Oman Venue, Muscat, Oman

#### TEAMS

Pool A	Egypt, Chile, China, Poland
Pool B	Austria, Oman, Scotland, United States

#### **EVENT WEBSITE**

https://www.fih.hockey/events/fih-mens-nations-cup-2-oman-2025

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

The FIH will provide comprehensive coverage of the event via our social media channels, including <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Twitter/X</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.

#### HASHTAG

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Hockey Family,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the inaugural edition of the FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2 Oman 2025.

The FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 is an exciting new tournament, created by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) as a stepping stone for teams just below the FIH Hockey Nations Cup. This competition offers a unique opportunity for these teams to showcase their talent and earn qualification to the Nations Cup, and eventually, the chance to compete in the FIH Hockey Pro League, aligning with our vision of 'Hockey at its best.'

This new tier adds an additional layer to the international hockey structure, promoting growth and competitiveness within the sport. We anticipate that the action in Oman will not only highlight the skill and determination of the participating teams but also set a new benchmark for future editions.

On behalf of FIH, I would like to express our sincerest gratitude to the Sultanate of Oman and in particular His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq, as well the Local Organising Committee led by the Oman Hockey Federation Chairman, Dr. Marwan Juma Al Juma, for welcoming us once more in their beautiful country. A heartfelt thanks also goes to all National Associations, athletes, officials, commercial and broadcast partners, preferred suppliers, volunteers, media, and fans. Your dedication is instrumental to the success of this tournament.

Whether you're following the matches via broadcast, on social media, or in the news, I hope you enjoy every moment of this thrilling competition.

Yours in Hockey,

**Tayyab Ikram** FIH President





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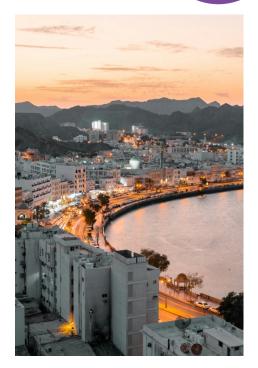




# ABOUT MUSCAT AND THE HOCKEY OMAN VENUE

#### **About Muscat**

From Lonely Planet: Scenically wedged between mountains and ocean, with old forts and excellent museums, an opera house and flower-filled parks, the gentle city of Muscat is a delight to visit. Its name means 'safe anchorage', and the sea plays an important role in city life to this day, sustaining the fishing industry and providing opportunities for visitors to swim from sandy beaches or dive with turtles in nearby lagoons.



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Muscat on Lonely Planet: <u>click here</u> Muscat on Wikipedia: <u>click here</u> Muscat on Trip Advisor: <u>click here</u>

#### About the Hockey Oman Venue

The FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2 Oman 2025 will take place at the Hockey Oman Venue, located in Al Amarat, 19km southeast of Muscat. The venue has already hosted multiple international events over the past few years, including the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier 2024 and the inaugural edition of the FIH Hockey5s World Cup 2024!





# ABOUT THE FIH HOCKEY NATIONS CUP 2

The FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 is a new annual tournament that involves some of the best hockey playing nations of the world and acts as a pathway to the FIH Hockey Nations Cup and through it, the FIH Hockey Pro League. It introduces a third tier under the FIH Hockey Pro League and the FIH Hockey Nations Cup, with the best performing teams in the Nations Cup 2 gaining promotion to the subsequent edition of the Nations Cup. It also introduces fresh jeopardy to the FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 in the subsequent edition.

The FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 features the best eight teams (by world rankings) that are not a part of the FIH Hockey Pro League and the FIH Hockey Nations Cup, in both men's and women's competitions. The eight teams are split into two pools of four teams each, with the top two teams in each pool proceeding to the semi-finals, while the bottom two teams from each pool will play for 5-8 place classification.

The FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2 Oman 2025 will run from 17-23 February in Muscat, Oman and the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2 will be played later in the year from 16-22 June 2025 in Walcz, Poland.

The FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2 Oman 2025 match schedule, including match timings is <u>available here</u>.

For more information on the FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2, please visit the website <u>here</u>.

More information about the FIH Hockey Nations Cup can be found here.

More information about the FIH Hockey Pro League can be found here.





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# **COMPETITION FORMULA** 17 FEB - 23 MAR 2025

# POOLS DISTRIBUTION





	2001 A	DATE
AND FIM	POOL A	17 FEB
НОСКЕУ	Egypt	
NATIONS	Chile	
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2 OMAN 2004	Poland	
		19 FEB
	POOL B	20 FEB
POOLS &		
	Austria	
MATCH	Scotland	21 FEB
SCHEDULE		22 FEB
17-23 FEBRUARY 2025	United States	
	Oman	
		23 FEB
		Notes: Subject to the approval of
		1 The sequence of matches 2 The pools and match sequence

DATE	N°	POOL	TIME CET	MATCH				
17 FEB	1	А	12:45	EGYPT VS CHINA				
	2	А	14:45	CHILE VS POLAND				
	3	В	16:45	AUSTRIA VS UNITED STATES				
	4	В	19:00	SCOTLAND VS OMAN				
18 FEB	5	А	12:45	CHINA VS POLAND				
	6	А	14:45	CHILE VS EGYPT				
	7	В	16:45	SCOTLAND VS AUSTRIA				
	8	В	19:00	UNITED STATES VS OMAN				
19 FEB				REST DAY				
20 FEB	9	А	12:45	EGYPT VS POLAND				
	10	А	14:45	CHINA VS CHILE				
	11	в	16:45	UNITED STATES VS SCOTLAND				
	12	в	19:00	AUSTRIA VS OMAN				
21 FEB				REST DAY				
22 FEB	13	5/8 <sup>1</sup>	11:00	3RD POOL A VS 4TH POOL B				
	14	5/8 <sup>1</sup>	13:15	3RD POOL B VS 4TH POOL A				
	15	SF <sup>1</sup>	15:30	1ST POOL A VS 2ND POOL B				
	16	SF <sup>1</sup>	17:45	1ST POOL B VS 2ND POOL A				
23 FEB	17	7/8	11:00	LOSER MATCH 13 VS LOSER MATCH 14				
	18	5/6	13:15	WINNER MATCH 13 VS WINNER MATCH 14				
	19	3/4	15:30	LOSER MATCH 15 VS LOSER MATCH 16				
	20	Final	17:45	WINNER MATCH 15 VS WINNER MATCH 16				
Notes: Subject to the appro	ates: Subject to the approval of the FIH any match(es) may be rescheduled.							

The sequence of matches will be confirmed on completion of the pool matches The pools and match sequence as per the FIH Competition Policies and Tournament Regulations are based on the FIH World Rankings on 1 July 2024.





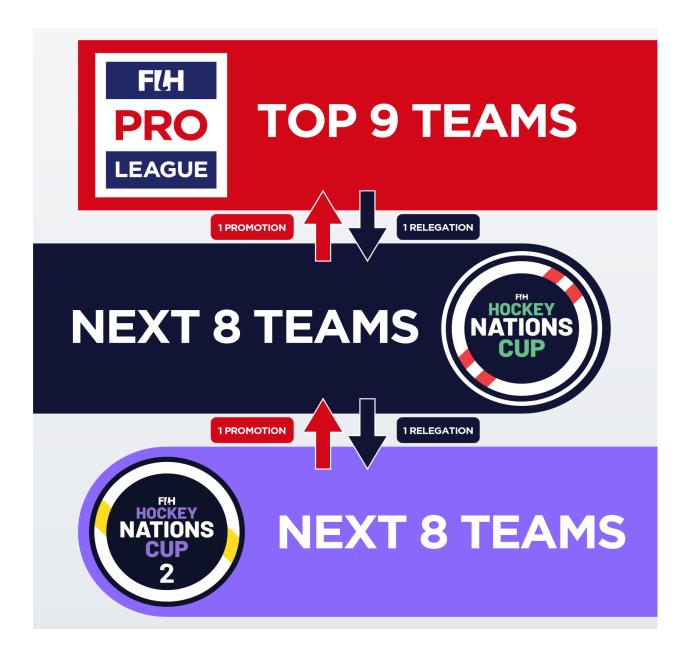






## **PROMOTION/RELEGATION**

The aim of the FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 is to offer a top-level competition to the bestranked teams ranked below the teams participating in the FIH Hockey Pro League and the FIH Hockey Nations Cup. The event gives the winning team the chance to be promoted to the FIH Hockey Nations Cup in the subsequent season.









## TEAMS

Below you will find some general information as well as the squad lists for the teams that will compete in each pool at the FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2 Oman 2025. All squad information is correct at the time of publication. To see complete and up-to-date squad lists for each team competing in Muscat, please <u>click here</u>.

## POOL A

Egypt, Chile, China, Poland











## Chile

Nickname: La Roja

Notable Honours: 1x Silver Pan American Games (2023), 4x Bronze Pan American Games (1983, 2007, 2011, 2015), 1x Silver Pan American Cup (2022) 1x Bronze Pan American Cup (2004), 4x Silver South American Games (2006, 2014, 2018, 2022), 1x Gold South American Championship (2016), 4x Silver South American Championship (2003, 2008, 2010, 2013)

#### Current World Ranking: 23

The Chile men's national hockey team, known as "La Roja," is governed by the Federación Chilena de Hockey Sobre Césped. As of January 2025, they are ranked 23rd in the FIH world rankings. Under the leadership of head coach Jorge Dabanch, Chile qualified for the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup for the first time in 2023. While they finished 15<sup>th</sup> in their debut World Cup, the team had plenty of highs and gave higher ranked teams a run for their money in most of their matches. The team has shown consistent performance in the Pan American Games, achieving a historic 2nd place in 2023. Their consistently improving performances makes them a real threat to their opponents at the FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 Oman 2025, and their passionate fans will be hoping they can become the inaugural winners and make the step up to the FIH Hockey Nations Cup in 2026.

#### One to Watch: Martín Rodríguez

Martín Rodríguez stands out as a pivotal player for the Chile men's hockey team, known for his versatility and sharp instincts on the field. As a seasoned midfielder, Rodríguez excels in both defensive duties and orchestrating attacks, making him a crucial link between the backline and the forward line. His vision and passing accuracy enable him









to control the tempo of the game, while his ability to contribute to the scoreboard adds another layer to his skill set. With 183 caps and 151 goals to his name, Rodríguez is poised to play a significant role in Chile's aspirations in Oman.

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## EGYPT

**Notable Honours:** 2x Gold Africa Cup of Nations (1983, 1989), 7x Silver Africa Cup of Nations (1993, 2005, 2009 2013, 2017, 2022), 1x Bronze Africa Cup of Nations (1996), 3x Gold African Games (1991, 2003, 2023), 2x Silver African Games (1995, 1999)

#### **Current World Ranking: 17**

The Egypt men's national field hockey team has a storied presence in African and international competitions. As of January 2025, they hold the 17th position in the FIH world rankings, with their highest ranking being 13th in 2004. The team has a commendable history in the Africa Cup of Nations, securing titles in 1983 and 1989. In the 2023 African Games held in Accra, Ghana, they clinched the gold medal by defeating the host nation 2–2 (3–1 in shootouts) in the final. Under the guidance of head coach Tahir Zaman, the team continues to be a formidable force in African hockey, striving for excellence on the continental stage.

Egypt come into the FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 Oman 2025 as the highest ranked team, and with that status come high expectations. But their recent form shows, Egypt can deliver on those high expectations and earn the chance to play in the FIH Hockey Nations Cup in 2026.

#### One to Watch: Ahmed Elnaggar

Ahmed Elnaggar is a key figure in the Egypt men's hockey team, bringing both skill and leadership to the squad. As a dynamic forward, Elnaggar is known for his speed, precision, and ability to find the back of the net. His knack for creating scoring opportunities and his sharp finishing make him a constant threat to opposing defenses. With a tally of 42 goals in 139 international appearances, Elnaggar has proven himself









as one of Egypt's most reliable scorers. As Egypt aims to make a strong impact in Oman, much will depend on Elnaggar's ability to deliver in crucial moments.

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# CHINA

**Notable Honours**: 1x Silver Asian Games (2006), 2x Bronze Asia Cup (1982, 2009), 1x Silver Asian Champions Trophy (2024)

#### **Current World Ranking: 22**

The China men's national hockey team, governed by the Chinese Field Hockey Association, has been a consistent presence in Asian hockey. As of January 2025, they are ranked 22nd in the FIH world rankings. Their notable achievements include a silver medal at the 2006 Asian Games in Doha and bronze medals at the Asia Cup in 1982 and 2009. In 2024, they reached the finals of the Men's Asian Champions Trophy held in Hulunbuir, China, finishing as runners-up after a narrow 1–0 loss to India. Under the guidance of head coach Weng Haiqin, the team continues to strive for excellence on the international stage.

Given the rapid rise of their women compatriots, who won the silver medal at the Olympic Games Paris 2024, opponents will have to be wary of the men's side making similar strides, the hints of which have already been spotted through their performances in the Asian Champions Trophy in 2024, where they got the better of higher ranked teams like Pakistan and Malaysia on the way to the silver medal.

#### One to Watch: Du Talake

Du Talake is a standout performer for the China men's hockey team, renowned for his agility and tactical intelligence. As a forward, Du possesses exceptional dribbling skills and a keen eye for goal, making him a constant menace to opposing defenses. His ability to navigate tight spaces and deliver precise finishes has earned him a reputation as one of China's most effective scorers. With an astonishing 65 goals in 70 international appearances, Du's contributions are vital to China's offensive strategies.









As the team looks to climb the ranks in international hockey, Du Talake's form and prowess will be instrumental in their success.

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# POLAND

**Notable Honours**: 2x Gold EuroHockey Championship II (2007, 2015), 1x Sivler EuroHockey Championship II (2011), 1x Gold EuroHockey Championship III (2023)

#### Current World Ranking: 24

The Poland men's national field hockey team, governed by the Polish Field Hockey Association (Polski Związek Hokeja na Trawie), has a rich history in international competitions. As of January 2025, they are ranked 27th in the FIH world rankings. The team has participated in six World Cups, achieving their best results with 8th-place finishes in 1982 and 1986. In the European Championships, Poland has made 13 appearances, with their highest placement being 5th in 1974, 1978, and 1987. Under the leadership of head coach Dariusz Rachwalski, the team continues to strive for excellence on the international stage.

The team participated in the FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2023/24, which was hosted in Gniezno, Poland. As the host nation, Poland showcased a strong performance, leveraging the home advantage to compete against other top-tier teams just below the Pro League level. And while they finished in the last position, the experience gained against higher ranked opponents will come in handy in the new competition.

#### One to Watch: Jacek Kurowski

Jacek Kurowski is a cornerstone of the Poland men's hockey team and brings great resilience and technical prowess to the side. As a commanding defender, Kurowski excels in breaking up opposition plays and initiating counterattacks with his accurate long passes. His defensive acumen and physical presence make him a formidable barrier for attackers, while his leadership on the field inspires his teammates. With over 80 international caps and a knack for crucial tackles, Kurowski's role is pivotal to









Poland's defensive solidity. As Poland competes in key international tournaments, Kurowski's performance will be critical to their ambitions of making a mark on the global stage.

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Oman

Scotland

**United States** 









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## AUSTRIA

Nickname: Red Capricorns

**Notable Honours**: 1x Gold EuroHockey Championship II (2021), 2x Silver EuroHockey Championship II (2007, 2015), 2x Bronze EuroHockey Championship II (2013, 2019)

#### Current World Ranking: 19

The Austria men's national field hockey team has been making significant strides on the international stage. As of January 2025, they are ranked 19th in the FIH world rankings. In the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers held in Valencia in January 2024, Austria competed in Pool B alongside Spain, Korea, and Egypt. Despite a tricky group stage, Austria gave a great account of themselves, relying on a solid defence and quick counter attacks. Ultimately, Austria finished 6th in the tournament, narrowly missing out on Olympic qualification, but showcasing their great forward progress over the past few years. Under the guidance of head coach Robin Rösch, the team continues to build on these experiences, aiming to enhance their performance in future international competitions.

Austria is undergoing a generational shift, integrating many young players into the squad - a transition that has been highly successful so far. With the FIH Indoor Hockey World Cup 2025 and the FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 in Oman being played close to each other, an essential preparation event for the Outdoor European Championship. As a result, Austria decided to field two separate teams: a younger national team for the Nations Cup 2 in Oman, while an experienced squad with older players will be competing in the Indoor World Cup.





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#### One to Watch: Fülöp Losonci

Fülöp Losonci is a key player in this young Austrian men's hockey team. At nearly 23 years old, he already boasts 42 international caps. A crucial figure in Austria's attacking strategy, he also plays a pivotal role in "Standards". Fülöp represents Harvestehuder THC, where he was recently crowned German Indoor Champion and finished as the league's top scorer.

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## OMAN

Notable Honours: 4x Silver AHF Cup (1997, 2008, 2012, 2022), 1x Silver Central Asia Cup (2019), 1x Gold Central Asia Cup (2014)

#### Current World Ranking: 28

The Oman men's national hockey team, under the governance of the Oman Hockey Association, is steadily rising in the international hockey scene, currently ranked 28th in the FIH world rankings as of January 2025. As the hosts of the inaugural FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2 Oman 2025 the team will be eager to showcase their progress on the world stage. The tournament provides Oman an excellent opportunity to give its growing talent pool an opportunity to compete against top opposition and strengthen its position in the global hockey community. Oman already made waves during the last major competition played in the country, as bronze medalists of the inaugural FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024!

Under the leadership of head coach Tahir Zaman, the team is focused on leveraging their home advantage to make a substantial impact in the competition, aiming for promotion to the FIH Hockey Nations Cup and enhancing their international standing.

#### One to Watch: Rashad Al Fazari

Rashad Al Fazari is a standout young player for the Oman men's hockey team, known for his speed and attacking flair. As a forward, Al Fazarii's agility and sharp finishing make him a constant threat in the opponent's circle. His ability to maneuver through defenses and score crucial goals has been instrumental in Oman's recent successes. With 54 international caps and 36 goals, Al-Saadi has quickly become one of Oman's most reliable scorers at the age of just 24. As Oman prepares to take their bow ahead of the









home crowd at the Nations Cup 2, Al Fazari's form and offensive prowess will be key to their ambitions of climbing higher in the international hockey rankings.

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## SCOTLAND

**Notable Honours**: 1x Bronze Olympic Games (1908), 1x Gold EuroHockey Championship II (2017), 1x Silver EuroHockey Championship II (2021), 3x Bronze EuroHockey Championship II (2007, 2011, 2015)

#### Current World Ranking: 21

The Scotland men's national field hockey team, governed by Scottish Hockey, is preparing to make a strong impression at the inaugural FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2 Oman 2025. Currently ranked 21st in the FIH world rankings as of January 2025, the team is known for its resilience and competitive spirit on the field. Under the guidance of head coach Derek Forsyth, Scotland aims to use this tournament as a platform to demonstrate their progress and ambition. Competing in this newly introduced tier provides the Scots with a pathway to qualify for the FIH Hockey Nations Cup, and eventually the Pro League, highlighting their commitment to climbing the ranks of international hockey and achieving greater success on the global stage.

#### One to Watch: Lee Morton

Lee Morton is a vital player for the Scotland men's hockey team, bringing great versatility and dynamism to their forward line. As a forward, Morton combines speed, agility, and precise finishing, making him a significant threat in the attacking third. His experience on the international stage is extensive, including representing Great Britain in the Paris 2024 Olympics, where he showcased his skill at the highest level. With his ability to create and convert chances, Morton is poised to play a crucial role in Scotland's efforts to climb the international competitions ladder, bringing valuable experience and a competitive edge to the squad.

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## **UNITED STATES**

Nickname: United Wolves

Notable Honours: 1x Bronze Olympic Games (1932), 5x Bronze Pan American Games (1967, 1987, 1991, 1995, 2019) 1x Silver Pan American Cup (2009), 1x Bronze Pan American Cup (2017)

#### Current World Ranking: 25

The FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2 offers a significant opportunity for the U.S. team to showcase their skills on an international stage outside of the Americas. The U.S. team is expected to bring a blend of experienced players and emerging talents, aiming to make a strong impression in this inaugural tournament. Their participation underscores the growing commitment to field hockey in the United States and the desire to elevate the team's standing in the global arena ahead of the new Olympic cycle that will culminate in the LA28 games, where the United States will shoulder a lot of expectations from their home crowds. As the tournament approaches, the team is focusing on intensive training and strategic preparation to ensure a competitive performance against their international counterparts.

#### One to Watch: Aki Kaeppeler

Aki Kaeppeler is a key player for the United States men's hockey team, known for his finishing skills and tactical awareness. As a forward, Kaeppeler excels in getting on the end of counterattacks and is known for his composure under pressure. His leadership on the field and ability to hold the play up and bring his teammates into the game make him indispensable to the team's attacking structure. With experience in high-level international competitions and 83 goals in 91 matches, Kaeppeler's performances are critical to the United States' ambitions in elevating their status in global hockey. As the









team gears up for a new challenge in Oman, Kaeppeler's role will be central to their pursuit of success on the international stage.

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A complete list of competition officials for the FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2 Oman 2025 can be found at the following link:

https://www.fih.hockey/events/fih-mens-nations-cup-2-oman-2025/officials

Information regarding the appointed officials for each match will be made available on the FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2 website around 24 hours before the start of the contest. To see this information, simply visit the link below, select the match that you are interested in and then click the 'match info' tab.

https://www.fih.hockey/events/fih-mens-nations-cup-2-oman-2025/schedule-fixturesresults





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# **RANKINGS AND LOGO**

#### **FIH WORLD RANKINGS**

To see the official FIH World Rankings, <u>click here</u>.

#### FIH HOCKEY NATIONS CUP 2 LOGO

You can request the FIH Nations Cup 2 Logo at media@fih.hockey.

#### **FIH HOCKEY NATIONS CUP 2 PHOTOS**

Photos from the FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup Oman 2025 will be available to media members for download <u>here</u>.

#### DATA HUB

For access to in-depth player and team statistics from all major international competitions, visit the FIH Hockey Data Hub by <u>clicking here</u>.





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