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CIRCULAR

Subject: **CYBER SECURITY ADVISORY- JUNIPER RELEASE SEP 2023
CRITICAL PATCH UPDATE (ADVISORY NO.60)**

2. **CYBER SECURITY ADVISORY- MICROSOFT PATCHES 59 X
VULNERABILITIES INCLUDING 2 X ZERO DAYS (ADVISORY NO.61)**

Please find enclosed herewith copy of Ministry of Aviation's Memorandum No. 1(2)/2023-IT-NA dated 10-10-2023 along with Copy of Cabinet Division's Memorandum No. 1-5/2003(NTISB-II) dated 04-10-2023 (download complete document from PMD website under the heading "circular") on the above noted subject for compliance of directions therein.

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F. No. 1(2)/2023-IT-NA

Islamabad, the 10th Oct, 2023

MEMORANDUM

Subject: - FAKE EMAILS FORWARDED TO MINISTRIES/DIVISIONS FROM EMAIL ID OF JSCCOORD.

Please find enclosed a copy of Cabinet Division's Memorandum No. 1-5/2003/59 (NTISB-II), dated 6th Oct, 2023 on the subject cited above for compliance of directions therein.

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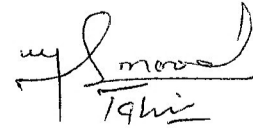
Islamabad, the 10th Oct, 2023

MEMORANDUM

Subject: - **CYBER SECURITY ADVISORY – JUNIPER RELEASE SEP 2023
CRITICAL PATCH UPDATE (ADVISORY NO. 60)
CYBER SECURITY ADVISORY –MICROSOFT PATCHES 59 X
VULNERABILITIES INCLUDING 2 X ZERO DAYS (ADVISORY NO 61)**

Please find enclosed a copy of Cabinet Division's Memorandum No. 1-5/2003 (NTISB-II), dated 4th Oct, 2023 on the subject cited above for compliance of directions therein.

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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
CABINET SECRETARIAT
CABINET DIVISION
(NTISS)

No. 1-5/2003 (NTISS-II)

Islamabad, the 4th October, 2023

Subject: - Cyber Security Advisory - Juniper Releases Sep 2023 Critical Patch Update (Advisory No. 60)

Juniper Networks has released Critical Patch Updates for Sep, 2023. The update addresses five vulnerabilities i.e. CVE-2023.36844 - 202336847 and CVE-2023.36854 in J-Web component. These CVEs affect Junos OS (SRX firewall and EX switch). Consequently, an attacker can remotely exploit them to take control of an affected system/device.

2. Above in view, all Juniper product users and administrators are requested to apply necessary updates as per device specifications from Juniper's official support (www.supportportal.juniper.net).

3. Kindly disseminate the above information to all concerned in your organizations, all attached/affiliated departments and ensure necessary protective measures.

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No. 1-5/2003 (NTISB-II)

Islamabad, the 14 October, 2023

Subject: - Cyber Security Advisory – Microsoft Patches 59 x Vulnerabilities Including 2 x Zero Days (Advisory No. 61)

Microsoft has issued patches for 59 x CVEs including two zero-day bugs (details as listed below):

- a. Microsoft Streaming Service Proxy Privilege Escalation (CVE-2023-36802).
- b. Microsoft Word Information Disclosure Vulnerability (CVE-2023-36761)

2. Above in view, administrators and users of all Microsoft products are advised to update (devices/applications) to the latest patched version (as of 12 September, 2023 or above) from Microsoft's official support (www.support.microsoft.com).

3. Kindly disseminate the above information to all concerned in your organizations, all attached/affiliated departments and ensure necessary protective measures.

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installed with an appropriate user-friendly version of GUI based linux.

f. All the Ministries which opened email of 3rd August 2023 from JS COORD <presssecretary@pmo.gov.pk> must also block the IP address: 151.236.30.245 for out bound communication in their firewall.

2. Detail report/recommendations will be shared with the concerned after completion of activity.
3. Forwarded for compliance by all concerned at priority.

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F.No.1-5/2003/59(NTISB-II)

Islamabad, the 6th October, 2023

Subject: Fake Emails forwarded to Ministries/Divisions from E-mail ID of JS(COORD)

Recently a cyber incident of sending fake WhatsApp messages and then emails containing malicious attachments "Notice 3rd meeting EC SIFC.rar" and "Apex_agenda.rar" from fake appointments of the PMO and SIFC Cell, PM Secretariat to various ministries has been reported. Investigations pertaining to said incident is underway at NTISB/N-CERT. In the light of initial findings, following important information is shared with all the ministries for immediate attention:

a. Following phone numbers have been used by individuals claiming to be valid appointments of SIFC Cell the PM Secretariat for propagation of messages initially and then insisting the receiver to download file in their computers through WhatsApp web or emails:

(1) 03554231457 Mr. Javed (Deputy Director, SIFC, PM Secretariat)

(2) 03417413656 Mr. Shahzad Ahmad (Assistant Director, PMO, SIFC cell)

(3) 03470300269

b. Any WhatsApp messages or emails from above mentioned credentials or email ID, shahzadahmad@outlook.com may be ignored and blocked.

c. Any mail containing reference to the SIFC Apex Committee or any other committee meetings and containing a password protected .rar file as attachment may be opened vigilantly or after approval/vetting from the sender or relevant department.

d. Any .rar file even without password containing a .chm file and an .exe file or application file shall not be opened without the approval of NITB staff

e. Antivirus must be installed on all systems being used for opening of emails. As an alternate, Apple MAC may be used or PC may be

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