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Subject: - **Advisory - Fresh List of Malicious Appls (Advisory No. 14)**

1. Sequel to already identified 70x malicious apps, **8x new malicious apps (PaighamChat, Skymate, Boss, ChitChat Box, Triover, Hideme, LionVPN & Zepp)** are being used by Hostile Intelligence Agencies (HIAs) for espionage/ information gathering. Newly identified applications are chat-cum-hacking apps developed by Indian Military Intelligence to trap armed forces and civil persons to extract classified information through technical/ coercive (blackmailing) measures.

2. Individuals who have accidently installed any of malicious apps mentioned in **Appendix-I** must immediately perform following actions: -

a. Note down contact details (WhatsApp number/ Facebook ID etc) of suspected individual who shared the link for downloading the application for reporting the same to CSO of own organization/ department.

b. Immediately switch off infected mobile phone (remove battery if possible), remove SIM and disconnect from internet.

c. Share subject information/ incident with all persons/ saved contacts for their security.

3. **Recommendations**. Above in view, following best practices are recommended: -

a. Always check application permissions before installation of application and install applications from Google Play Store only.

b. Under command should regularly be sensitized about malicious actors' tactics, techniques and procedures, moreover, all personnel (officers/ staff) be sensitized to refrain from engaging in activities that may lead to exploitation.

c. Install and update reputed antivirus solution on Android devices like AVAST or Kaspersky. After installation, scan the suspected device with antivirus solutions to detect and clean infections.

d. Before downloading/ installing apps on Android devices, review the app details, number of downloads, user reviews/ comments and "ADDITIONAL INFORMATION" section.

Appendix-I

LIST OF IDENTIFIED MALICIOUS APPLICATIONS

Ser	Name of Appls
1.	Fruit Chat
2.	Just You
3.	CuCu / CUCKOO+
4.	Rapid Chat
5.	Islamic Chat
6.	Vmate
7.	Lite Chat
8.	Chat On
9.	Chat It
10.	Philions Chat
11.	Phub
12.	Zoiper
13.	Seta/ SA News
14.	Safe Chat
15.	Tweety
16.	Rocket Chat
17.	Pornhub
18.	FMWhatsAPP
19.	Chat PT
20.	LinkUP
21.	Lite Lt
22.	Graphic Version
23.	VIBES
24.	Cherio/ Cherrio
25.	Buzz Version 3
26.	Filos
27.	Quran.Apk
28.	Secure[t/ Spitfire
29.	Buzz
30.	Guftagu
31.	Xpress
32.	U & Me
33.	TeleChatty
34.	Babble/ Babble Ver 3
35.	Chirrups
36.	Converse
37.	Free VPN V3
38.	Face Call
39.	Chat It
40.	Twin Me
41.	Hex Chat
42.	FaceChat
43.	Omegle
44.	Zaning V4
45.	Pvt Chat
46.	Privantechat1
47.	Secure Chat
48.	Safe Dialer
49.	Crypto Chat