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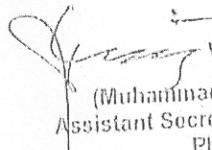
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Subject: Cyber Attacks on Pakistan Critical Information Infrastructure and Websites (Advisory No. 22)

1. Recently, an Indian News Channel was hacked, allegedly by anti-Indian Government elements or non state actors from Pakistan. Apparently, said hacking incident took place as a reaction to recent blasphemous statements by BJP's leadership. It is anticipated that as a reaction, hostile elements may conduct attacks on Pakistan's Critical Information Infrastructure (compromise, gain control or DDoS attacks) or vital websites (for defacement etc), both in public and private sectors. Possibility of other attack types, by hostile cyber actors for information gathering, system control, malware distribution, data loss and identity theft etc, cannot be ruled out. It is, therefore, urged that all concerned be sensitized to adopt preventive measures and proactive monitoring of systems (attached at Appendix-I) to cater for any such incidents.

2. Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMIRA) Only. In wake of above, PEMIRA to take concrete measures and specifically instruct Print and Electronic Media, Government and Private TV channels with its broadcast, Web & YouTube etc to ensure Cyber Security measures at their end. Separate Guidelines for PEMIRA are attached as Appendix-II.

Disseminate the same message in your organizations, all attached/affiliated departments and ensure necessary protective measures.


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