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No.E&A(Agri)6-334/2024
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Dated Lahore, the 24th April, 2024

To

1. The Director General, Punjab Agriculture Marketing Regulatory Authority, Lahore.
2. The Director General Agriculture (Ext. & A.R.), Punjab, Lahore.
3. The Director General Agriculture (Field) Punjab, Lahore.
4. The Chief Scientist Agriculture (Research), AARI, Faisalabad.
5. The Director General Agriculture (WM), Punjab, Lahore.
6. The Director General, PW & QC of Pesticides, Punjab, Lahore.
7. The Director General, Soil Survey of Punjab, Multan Road, Lahore.
8. The Director of Agricultural Information, Punjab, Lahore.
9. The Director of Agriculture, Crop Reporting Service, Punjab, Lahore.
10. The Chief, P&E Cell, Agriculture Department, Lahore.
11. The Chief, CPEC / WTO Cell, Agriculture Department, Lahore.
12. The Director of Agriculture (E&M), Punjab, Lahore.
13. The Chief Coordinator, RAEDC, Vehari.
14. The Director of Floriculture (T&R), Punjab, Lahore.
15. The Director, Punjab Institute of Agriculture Marketing (PIAM), Lahore.
16. The Managing Director, Punjab Seed Corporation, Lahore.
17. The Registrar, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad.
18. The Chief Executive, Punjab Agricultural Research Board, Lahore.
19. The Registrar, Arid University of Agriculture, Rawalpindi.
20. The Registrar, Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Agriculture, Multan.
21. The Chief Technical Advisor, Agriculture Delivery Unit (ADU), Lahore.
22. The Chief Sugarcane Research and Development Board, Faisalabad
23. The Director Agriculture Marketing Development Fund, Lahore.

Subject:

- i. **CYBER SECURITY ADVISORY – HOSTILE APTS TARGETING PAKISTANI OFFICIALS WITH ANDROID APPS FOR DATA EXFILTRATION VIA GOOGLE PLAY STORE (ADVISORY NO.06).**
- ii. **CYBER SECURITY ADVISORY – MICROSOFT PATCHES FOR 61X VULNERABILITIES IN MARCH, 2024 UPDATES (ADVISORY NO.07).**

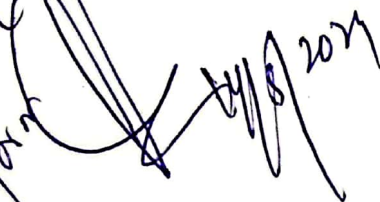
Kindly refer to the subjects noted above and find enclosed herewith letters No.SO(FG-I)3-72/2021(Vol-III) and No.SO(FG-I)3-72/2021(Vol-III), dated 16.04.2024 along with their enclosures received from the Section Officer (FG-I), S&AGD, for information and further distribution for compliance.


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1. The Senior Member Board of Revenue, Punjab.
2. The Chairman, Planning & Development Board, Punjab.
3. The Additional Chief Secretary,
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S&GA Department.
4. The Secretary,
Government of the Punjab,
Home Department.
5. All Administrative Secretaries, Government of the Punjab.
6. The Inspector General of Police, Punjab.
7. All Divisional Commissioners, Punjab
8. The Chairman, Punjab Information Technology Board, Lahore.
9. All Deputy Commissioners, Punjab.

Diary No. 1211
Date 18-4-24
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Civil Secretariate Lhr.

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Diary # 110
Date 19/4/24

Subject: - **CYBER SECURITY ADVISORY – MICROSOFT PATCHES FOR 61x VULNERABILITIES IN MARCH, 2024 UPDATES (ADVISORY NO.07)**

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Kindly refer to the subject cited above and find enclosed herewith a copy of letter F.No.1-5/2003/24(NTISB-II) dated 01.04.2024 received from Assistant Secretary-II (NTISB), Government of Pakistan, Cabinet Secretariat, Cabinet Division (NTISB), Islamabad for necessary action as per law/rules/policy and further distribution to field formation for compliance.

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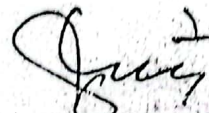
Islamabad, the 1st April, 2024

Subject - Cyber Security Advisory - Microsoft Patches for 61x Vulnerabilities in March, 2024 Updates (Advisory No. 07)

Introduction. Recently, Microsoft has issued patches for 61x CVEs (Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures) including two critical flaws (CVE-2024-21334; Microsoft Open Management Infrastructure Remote Code Execution Vulnerability: CVE-2024-21400; Microsoft Azure Kubernetes Privilege Escalation Vulnerability) being actively exploited.

2. Above in view, administrators and users of all Microsoft products are advised to update their devices/applications to the latest patched version.

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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Diary No. 12/10
Date 18-4-24
Agriculture Deptt.
Civil Secretariate Lhr.

F.A. to A.S. Adm.
Diary # 110
Date 19/4/24

Subject: - **CYBER SECURITY ADVISORY – HOSTILE APTs TARGETING PAKISTANI OFFICIALS WITH ANDROID APPS FOR DATA EXFILTRATION VIA GOOGLE PLAY STORE (ADVISORY NO.06)**

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F No. 1-5/2003/24(NTISB-II)

Islamabad, the 1st April, 2024

Subject: - Cyber Security Advisory - Hostile APTs Targeting Pakistani Officials with Android Apps for Data Exfiltration Via Google Play Store (Advisory No. 06)

Context: Reportedly, a number of suspicious android applications on Google Play store have been identified. These applications (Annex-A) are designated to extract personal/financial data including media, contact list, calendar, call/message logs etc. from the victim's mobile phones upon downloading (without user consent). Moreover, some of the apps also offer to provide Personal Identifiable Information (PII) of Pakistani citizens on demand in lieu of monetary exchange. Therefore, a cautious approach is essential in usage of such apps.


2. Preventive Measures

- a. No applications from unknown source/3rd party hosting (except from Google Play Store) be installed on Android phones.
- b. While downloading and installing new applications, user must check reviews privacy policy and avoid providing phone number/email addresses.
- c. Keep thorough check on permissions granted to all the installed applications including system applications and change the phone, if any suspicion arises.
- d. Before installation of any applications, users must read its privacy policy; what data is collected from users and with whom it is being shared.
- e. Google play protect (Android built-in Antimalware) must not be switched off in any case.
- f. Do not open emails and attachments from unknown or suspicious sources.
- g. Update mobile operating system whenever updates are available.
- h. Do not keep official data in smartphone in any case.

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- i. Keep smartphone's location turned off all the time and do not carry smartphone to any sensitive location/setup.
 - j. Ensure strong passwords on general security policies.
 - k. Install good antivirus and anti-malware software and update signature definitions in timely manner.
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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Annex-A

SUSPICIOUS ANDROID MOBILE APPLICATIONS

<u>Ser</u>	<u>Appl Name</u>	<u>Developer Info</u>
1.	ISSB App for Armed Forces	ITAppCoding (itappcoding28@gmail.com)
2.	Initial Test Preparation	-do-
3.	Intelligence Mcqs Test	-do-
4.	Pak eServices 2024	-do-
5.	Electricity Bill Checker	-do-
6.	Sui Gas Bill Viewer	-do-
7.	Online Shopping Pakistan	-do-
8.	All Sim Packages	-do-
9.	Bike Services	-do-