

NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

Administration Wing (Personnel Bureau)

No. 7(3)-Admn (P-I)/NHA/23/1071

24th October, 2023

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Sub: **Fake Emails Forwarded to Ministries/Divisions from Email ID of JS (Coord)**

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of Ministry of Communications vide letter F. No. 6(3)/2023-Admn dated 10.10.2023 along with Cabinet Division (NTISB) letter No. F. No. 1-5/203/59 (NTISB-II) dated 06.10.2023 in the subject matter.

2. The above is circulated for information and necessary action, please.



(Altaf ur Rahman)
Assistant Director (Personnel-I)

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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

Islamabad, the 10th October, 2023

F. No. 6(3)/2023-Admn

From: **Usman Sohail,**
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To: **The Chairman,**
National Highway Authority,
Islamabad

Inspector General,
National Highways & Motorway Police,
Islamabad.

Director General,
Pakistan Post Office Department (PPOD),
Islamabad

Chief,
National Transport & Research Center,
Islamabad.

Director,
Construction Technical Training Institute,
Islamabad

Subject: - **Fake Emails Forwarded to Ministries/Divisions from E-mail ID of JS (Coord)**

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of Cabinet Division letter No. 1-5/2003/59 (NTISB-II) dated 6th October, 2023 on the subject for information and strict compliance, please.

Usman Sohail
(Usman Sohail)

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PS to Senior Joint Secretary (Admn), M/o Communications.

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Date 16/10/2023
PA to Member (Admn) PPOD
Dy. No. 2044 Date 12/10/23

SPS to Chairman NHA
Diary No 3300
Dated 19-10-23

Chairman

M (Admn) Sohail

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PA TO DIRECTOR (Personnel)
Diary No 990 Dated 13/10/23

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Mr. Arif Sb

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
CABINET SECRETARIAT
CABINET DIVISION
(NTISB)

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) 03554231407 - Mr. Javed (Deputy Director, SIFC, PM Secretariat)
- (2) 03417413656 - Mr. Shahzad Ahmad (Assistant Director, PMO, SIFC cell)
- (3) 03470300269 - "

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 NJTB 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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Date: 09/10/23

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Dy. No. 587
Date: 9-10-23

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Date: 9/10/23

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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: 151.236.30.248 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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National Electronic Complex of
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7. Managing Director,
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Section Officer (Council), MoIT&T,
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