## Subject: - Cyber Security Advisory – Prevention against Fraudulent Website (Advisory No. 38)

<u>Context</u>. A malicious Indian domain applyforme.pk has been identified. The website pretends to be legitimate and advertises MoD, Pakistan jobs/ vacancies. Analysis reveals that the domain is operating allegedly to deceive MoD job applicants and extract personally identifiable information (PII). Such information can be used to entrap citizens and conduct Cyber espionage campaigns. Users are advised to refrain from such domains and follow recommendations at Para-3.

2. <u>Technical Details</u>. Users can sign into malicious domain by uploading their CV and PII. Details as under: -

URL	IP	Country
www.applyformer.pk	165.22.221.64	India

3. <u>Recommendations.</u> Few recommendations (but not limited to) are as under: -

- a. The applicants, while applying for jobs must remain watchful of such fraudulent websites/ platforms. The official websites for applying MoD jobs is <u>https://mod.gov.pk/SiteImage/jobs</u> and <u>https://recuitment.mod.gov.pk</u>
- b. **Do not reveal Personal or Financial Information on Websites**. Do not respond to website solicitation for such information.
- c. Verify a link by checking domain name of the site. It helps to indicate whether the site is legitimate or otherwise.
- d. Always check security of website (https) before sending or entering any sensitive information online.
- e. Always pay attention to website's URL. Malicious websites may look identical to a legitimate site, but the URL may use a variation in spelling or a different domain.
- f. In case, a user is not sure whether the website is legitimate then **try to verify** by contacting concerned organization directly.

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