

Islamabad, the 22 July, 2024

Subject: Targeted Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) against government Officers (Advisory No. 14)

A targeted APT attack has been launched against government officers through different WhatsApp numbers and phishing emails. The attacker is using various mobile numbers and emails with fake domains to send different messages, while attempting to launch a cyber-attack through malware. The attacker sends Remote Access Tools (RAT) files in RAR format for accessing the devices. The WhatsApp numbers being used are 923176723167, 03357837013, 03557877912, 03552217450, 0355787912, 03553825375, 03557946757, 03115700308, 03552666591.

2. All departments may kindly instruct their officers & staff not to download any files received from the aforementioned WhatsApp numbers or any unknown numbers/emails to protect their data.
3. Kindly disseminate the above information to all concerned in your organizations, all attached/affiliated departments and ensure necessary protective measures.