

Subject: **Advisory - Prevention Against Cyber Espionage (Advisory - No 32)**

1. **Introduction.** A malicious email named as "**Appointment with Maj General Asif Ghafoor**" is being sent to officers and staff of defense/ intelligence organizations. The email contains a link to download a malicious file. Downloading and opening the file executes malware in background that results in hacking of the computer.

2. **Summary of Malicious Emails**

a. **Subjects.** Appointment with Maj General Asif Ghafoor

b. **Name of Attachments.** Invite.doc

c. **Antivirus Detection Rate.** 9/67 (**13.4% Very Low**).

d. **Malware Type.** Trojan based Keylogger / File stealer

e. **CVE (Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures).** CVE-2017-0199

f. **Exploit Type.** RTF (Rich Text Format)

g. **C&C Servers**

Ser	URL	IP	Hosting Country	Registrant Country
	217.182.54.211/Project1. exe	217.182.54.211	France	-
	pcupdate.ddns.net/mercury/A85473F9FABE64BBF703F968BC5CEA/syspba.exe	217.182.38.178	USA	USA
	pcupdate.ddns.net/mercury/heliocentric.php	217.182.38.178	USA	USA
	invite.ispr.press			Panama
	tracking.ispr.press	-	USA	Panama

3. **Indicators of Compromise.** The malware makes following files on the infected

system:-

a. C:\Temp\csvt.exe.

b. C:\Users\\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\TemporaryInternetFiles\ Content.IE5\5DCYMFOC\syspba.exe.

c. C:\Users\\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\ TemporaryInternet Files\Content.IEMJFK3770\Program1.exe

d. CAUsers\\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\ProgramS\Startup\Network Interna.link.

4. **Capabilities of Malware.**

a. The malware' is capable of getting system IP, user location, network configuration details, computer configurations and it can upload these details

on its C&C server.

- b. The malware has the ability to act as a key logger and a file stealer. Malware can steal the usernames and passwords along with sensitive user data.
- c. The malware can copy' itself into registry and it can automatically execute itself on windows boot.

5. **Recommendations.**

- a. **Install and update well reputed antiviruses** such as Kaspersky, Avira, Avast etc.
- b. Block C&C Servers at para 2g in firewalls of own networks.
- c. In case if indicators of compromise (para 3) are found in the system, please disconnect the computer from internet and reinstall windows.
- d. Update all softwares including Windows OS, Microsoft Office and all other softwares.
- e. Don't download attachments from emails unless you are sure about the source.