

CYBER SECURITY ADVISORY ON RECEIPT OF FAKE EMAIL (HAJJ 2025)

1. Some of PN users have received spam emails from a fake email address dgpr.navy@gmail.com portraying himself as DGPR Navy. The contents of email are as follows:

“ The Government in association with KSA Government has decided to provide 75% subsidy to 40% vacancies-based registration which will be completed by 30 Sep 2024. Once allotted the Quota can be utilized in the year 2025 and 2026, preference will be given to members of the Medical Staff, Defence Forces, Government Officials. Kindly find the attached the registration forms for Hajj 2025 via Ministry of Religious Affairs and interfaith Harmony. The registration form can be downloaded from here: Registration-MORA-Form.pdf”

2. It may be highlighted that such emails trick users to click on various links to gain access of PC/ Cell Phones and to download contacts and other data.

3. Foregoing in view, PN users are requested for the following:

- a. To delete the emails received from above account without opening.
- b. In case email attachment has already been opened, respective CERT be approached to inspect the said internet PC. If required, the PC may be formatted and windows be re-installed.

4. Moreover, the undermentioned pre-cautionary measures may be adhered as a routine:

- a. Never keep critical data on internet PC/ Cell Phone.
- b. For emails received from PN Authorities, always verify its domain i.e @paknavy.gov.pk.
- c. Never click on unknown links and attachments.
- d. Keep Operating System, Antivirus and other software updated.
- e. Use complex passwords.
- f. Be careful prior opening email/ attachment received from other domains like gmail, hotmail etc. Verify from source through secondary means (call, SMS, verbal), where possible before downloading.