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All Secretaries of Ministries
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Resolving Critical Security Vulnerabilities in Websites and Web Applications Developed using PHP

01. The Ministry of Digital Economy wishes to instruct all government organizations to pay immediate attention to security vulnerabilities identified in relation to the PHP software commonly used for developing websites and web applications.

02. Due to the security vulnerabilities referenced by the identification codes CVE-2026-109618 and CVE-2026-109619, there is a severe risk of unauthorized system access, data theft, and disruption of functionality.

03. Under such circumstances, this Ministry draws the attention of government organizations to promptly take the following measures to minimize the risk:

    i. Identify all systems and web applications using PHP and verify their running versions.
    ii. Immediately update systems and web applications in accordance with proper procedures using the software patches released for these security flaws. For this purpose, update instructions provided on the official PHP website (https://www.php.net) must be followed.
    iii. Analyze system logs to monitor any unusual activity.
    iv. Restrict internet access or disconnect high-risk systems that cannot be updated with immediate effect.

04. Please also note that a vulnerability detector has been developed by GovTech Sri Lanka and deployed at www.govtech.lk/cvesecure. Please instruct relevant officials to use this tool to detect if a given site has PHP vulnerabilities and give the user an opportunity to contact Sri Lanka CERT for required technical support.

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05. For any further inquiries, please contact GovTech Sri Lanka at 0112497900 / samithnp@govtech.lk or Sri Lanka CERT at 011269 1692 / info@ncsoc.gov.lk.



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