

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2015  
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A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on **14<sup>th</sup> April, 2015** in Committee Room No.3, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Discussion on the issue of hacking of Senate website
- ii. Any other item with the permission of the Chair

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

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| 1)  | Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate                   | Chairman            |
| 2)  | Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri,                        | Dy. Chairman Senate |
| 3)  | Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq,                          | Member              |
| 4)  | Senator Saeed Ghani  | Member              |
| 5)  | Senator Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi                  | Member              |
| 6)  | Senator Nauman Wazir   | Member              |
| 7)  | Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood                               | Member              |
| 8)  | Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar                            | Member              |
| 9)  | Mr. Aftab Ahmed Sheikh<br>Minister for Parliamentary Affairs | Ex-officio Member   |
| 10) | Mr. Amjed Pervez   | Secretary Senate    |

4. Meeting commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood.

5. **The Chairman Senate** apprised the Committee regarding holding of meeting at a short notice due to an emergency situation arisen out of hacking of Senate website last night i.e. on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.

6. **Mr. Amjed Pervez**, Secretary Senate briefed the Committee that according to media reports the website was hacked by hackers using the name "Tunisian Fallaga" around 11:40 p.m. Immediately after the flashing of news, the concerned officers were called to the office to look into the matter. He further apprised the Committee that the Senate website is being hosted by NTC which is a mandatory requirement by the Government of Pakistan. Dr. Syed Pervaiz Abbas, Additional Secretary Senate, further added that Senate website works under the security cloud provided by the BTC through firewall and IP masking. He further briefed that the matter was reported to NTC; hackers' contents were removed and the original website was restored.

7. **Chairman Senate** inquired about the nature of content which was uploaded on the website. Secretary Senate apprised that as per media a report, a video was uploaded; however, details are not available with the Senate Secretariat. The Chairman Senate directed the Secretariat to submit a report in this regard till 4:00 p.m. on the same day (i.e. on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2015).

8. **Senator Nauman Wazir** proposed that a full IT security audit of the Senate website be carried out to plug loopholes in the existing system.

9. **Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq**, Leader of the House, stated that strict action should be taken to ensure that suchlike incidents should not take place in future. He stressed upon the need to secure the website from future interventions.

10. The Committee was of the consensual view that matter shall be referred to the FIA Cyber Crime Wing for investigation and Inter Services Intelligence Agency (ISI) shall be tasked to identify and take the culprits to task.

11. In view of Committee's recommendations, the Chairman Senate directed the Senate Secretariat as under:-

- i) Letters shall be written to Secretary, Ministry of Information Technology; Director General Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) and Director General Inter Services Intelligence Agency (ISI) for investigation and submitting a report in this regard.
- ii) Security audit of the Senate website shall be carried out on priority basis.
- iii) A Report regarding the nature of content uploaded on the Senate website shall be submitted till 4:00 p.m. (same day i.e. 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2015).

12. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)  
Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)  
Chairman Senate of Pakistan