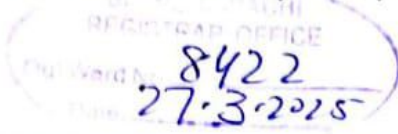




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NOTIFICATION

SUBJECT: DISSEMINATION OF FALSE/ FABRICATED DEFAMATORY NEWS
AND UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO COMPUTER SYSTEM OR DATA

To All Concerned:

Reference to the false and fabricated news being circulated on internet, especially social media or other mode of cyber communications with baseless and wrong dissemination shall be taken as offence to be treated under law under act & constitution.

Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University Lyari Karachi (BBSULK) shall contemplate legal action under the Electronic Crime Act 2016, Section 18 for spreading fake & false news against any person /place /office or institution.

Law enforcing agencies are to take punitive action/ Steps against anyone among such people that damages the iconic and respected dominion of the institute or the person as the office holder.

Cyber defamation with punishment to penalties are the route towards cuffing perpetrators for the same is under heinous crime act.

For your orientation and recall please go through the various sections and clause for self-regulation and directives.

- **The Electronic Crimes Act 2016 of Pakistan is a comprehensive law** that regulates and penalizes electronic crimes in the country. The same in elaboration of the Section 18 of the Act specifically deals with unauthorized access to the computer systems or data:
- **Section 18: Unauthorized Access to Computer System or Data**

Sub-Section 1: Offense

- A person commits an offense if they intentionally and without authorization access or attempt to access a computer system or data. It includes accessing or attempting to access any computer system, network, or electronic device without permission.

Sub-Section 2: Penalty

- The offense is punishable with imprisonment for a term of up to three years, or a fine of up to ten million rupees, or both.
- The court may also order the offender to pay compensation to the affected person or organization.

Sub-Section 3: Aggravated Offense

- If the unauthorized access is committed with the intent to commit another offense, such as theft, fraud, or extortion, the punishment may be



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increased to up to five years' imprisonment and a fine of up to twenty million rupees.

- The court may also order the offender to pay compensation to the affected person or organization.

Sub-Section 4: Attempted Offense

- A person who attempts to commit an offense under this section shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term of up to two years, or a fine of up to five million rupees, or both.

Sub-Section 5: Extraterritorial Jurisdiction

- The provisions of this section shall apply to any offense committed outside Pakistan by any person, if the offense involves a computer system or data located in Pakistan.

Constitutional Provisions

- The Electronic Crimes Act 2016 is enacted in accordance with the Constitution of Pakistan, specifically:
- Article 2A: Islamic Provisions
- The Act is intended to prevent and punish electronic crimes that are contrary to the principles of Islam and the Constitution of Pakistan.
- Article 4: Right to Equality
- The Act ensures that all citizens are equal before the law and are entitled to equal protection of the law, regardless of their social status, creed, or occupation.
- Article 9: Security of Person
- The Act aims to protect the security and privacy of individuals by preventing and punishing electronic crimes that compromise their personal data or security.
- Article 14: Dignity of Man
- The Act recognizes the dignity and worth of every human being and aims to prevent and punish electronic crimes that compromise their dignity or human rights.
- Article 19: Freedom of Speech
- The Act balances the right to freedom of speech with the need to prevent and punish electronic crimes that involve hate speech, defamation, or other forms of harmful communication.
- Article 19A: Right to Information
- The Act recognizes the right to information and aims to prevent and punish electronic crimes that compromise the integrity or availability of information.



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Remarks:

- Section 18 of the Electronic Crimes Act 2016 is a provision that aims to prevent and punish unauthorized access to computer systems or data.
- The provision is enacted in accordance with the Constitution of Pakistan and aims to balance individual rights with the need to prevent and punish electronic crimes.
- It is for the sake of individual integrity and veracity that subject marked cyber activity shall be looked after with keen interest and discipline since any breach of discipline shall cordon and cuff individual perpetrator in to the act and action under the law with punishment & Penalty.

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