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Company: Philippines' House of Representative

Case Date: October 16, 2023

Narrative of the case: The Philippines' House of Representatives Website cyberattack has been confirmed and is currently under investigation.

Full Story of the Case:

The DICT released a statement on Monday, noting that the cybersecurity incident took place on Sunday. The investigation is being led by the DICT's Philippine National Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-PH). The website has been temporarily taken offline.

According to the officials, on the day of the incident, the HOR's website, congress.gov.ph, displayed an image with the text "you've been hacked" with a troll face. The image was uploaded by an individual or group identifying themselves as "3musketeerz."

One of the primary concerns during this investigation of the House of Representatives cyberattack is to determine if any sensitive or confidential information was accessed by the unidentified threat actor. The DICT is working closely with CERT-PH to identify and rectify security vulnerabilities within the HOR's website.

After the completion of CERT-PH's investigation, the Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center (CICC) and law enforcement agencies will take over, working on threat actor attribution and building a case against those responsible for the breach. The authorities are committed to bringing the perpetrators to justice.

Compromise (CONFIDENTIALITY, INTEGRITY, AND AVAILABILITY):

CONFIDENTIALITY - Given that the Website failed to secure the data of the Protecting the public and employees from unwanted access will violate the Confidentiality of CIA TRIAD.

AVAILABILITY – Given that the website has been inaccessible to the people and employee, this violates the Availability of CIA TRIAD.

REFERENCE: Jain, S. (2023, October 16). Philippines House of Representatives Cyberattack confirmed! *The Cyber Express*. <https://thecyberexpress.com/house-of-representatives-cyberattack-confirmed/?fbclid=IwAR18jOLz6Wx5HEZXgCrJDqPbgzoYsgVNqWPa0fiJBU5yo0kmYAiHACS-2-Q>