

HIGH COURT CIRCULAR NO 02 OF 2023
REGISTRAR'S CHAMBERS
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TO: THE HONOURABLE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS
CHIEF LEGAL AID COUNSEL
THE LAW SOCIETY
ALL LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

RE: CYBER ATTACK: LOSS OF INFORMATION/DATA

The government of Lesotho, through the Ministry of Communication, Science and Technology, provides government ministries and agencies with a Data Network Platform. The platform provides automated administrative services to enable e-service of certain essential functions of institutions.

The network has suffered a cyber-attack and the services provided through it have been severely affected. The Judiciary is also on the platform and it has not been spared.

Most of our computers and laptops were contaminated including those belonging to judges and their secretaries. This resulted in loss of information and draft judgments in respect of judges. We have been reliably informed that this kind of virus is not removable and that there is no way the lost information can be recovered.

It is against this background that you are kindly informed that some judges have lost their draft judgments and they will have to re-write those, which is going to cause delays in their delivery.

The inconvenience likely to be occasioned by this is highly regretted.

You will be advised on the status of our Digital Recording System in due course.



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The Registrar of the High Court