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Navajo Nation Department of Information Technology takes precautionary security measures

WINDOW ROCK – The Navajo Nation Department of Information Technology is currently taking precautionary safety measures, which includes disabling access to a limited number of Navajo Nation websites due to a report filed with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security indicating that a group in the country of Brazil targeted as many as 50 governmental entities in the United States.

“The Department of Information Technology became aware of the report and immediately took precautionary actions that included disabling access to the Nation’s online content. Our IT staff and others continue to monitor the situation and we are hopeful to have online access up and running again soon,” said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

The Department of Information Technology stated that the group from Brazil was able to compromise several of the Nation’s websites by redirecting visitors to their website. However, the Nation’s databases and information have not been compromised. The DIT officials continue to be very cautious as they coordinate and assess the extent of the situation.

“We feel it is our duty to inform the Navajo people of this situation sooner than later to prevent any misinformation,” said Vice President Myron Lizer. “The Office of the President and Vice President is very thankful to the IT staff and others who took proactive action to secure our technology systems.”

The Nez-Lizer Administration will continue to monitor this issue to ensure the safety of the Nation’s information systems and the Department of Information Technology will relaunch the Nation’s websites today and tomorrow.

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