How to avoid TD-W8961NDv3 been exploited for internet attacks

In 2014, it is reported that many wireless routers can potentially be used by hackers, to attack some servers in the internet. Here is the detail of this issue:
http://www.theguardian.com/technology/2014/apr/01/uk-wifi-routers-internet-attacks

We've found that our TD-W8961ND v3 has this issue and fixed it by upgrading to the latest firmware. Below is the detailed instruction how to get it fixed:

1. Download version 140305 from http://uk.tp-link.com/resources/software/TD-W8961ND_V3_140305_UK.zip and extract the file to somewhere on your PC
2. Download version 140331 from http://uk.tp-link.com/resources/software/TD-W8961ND_V3_140331_UK.zip and extract the file to somewhere on your PC
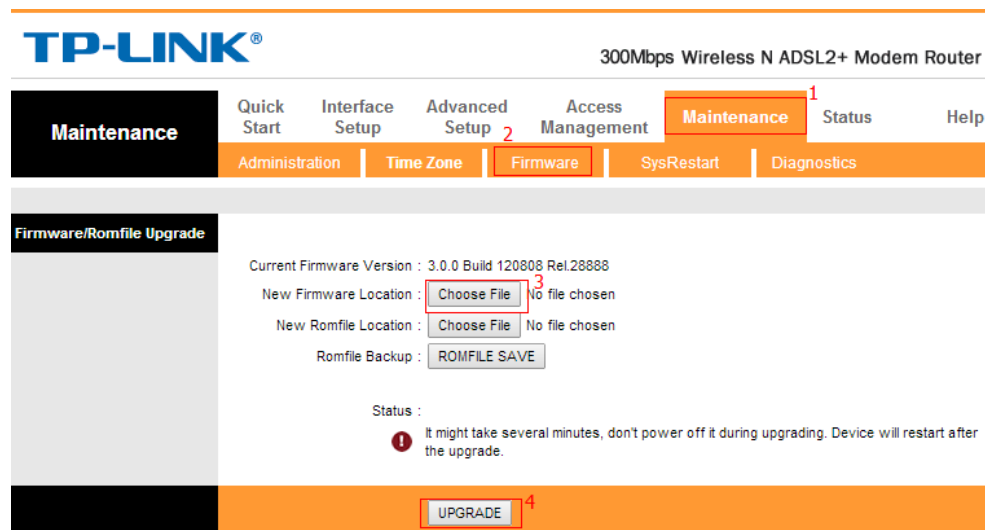3. Follow these instructions to upgrade to 140305.

   Step 1

   Log into TD-W8961ND v3's web manage page by typing http://192.168.1.1 in the address bar of the web browser (such as Internet Explorer, Firefox). The **username** and **password** are both **admin** unless you have changed it before.

   Step 2

   Click **Maintenance ->Firmware** click the **Browse** button to choose the firmware you already extracted in the folder.

   Step 3

   Click the **UPGRADE** button. The device will reboot automatically after the upgrading has been finished. Please wait about 3 minutes.

   Step 4

   Click **Status-> Device Info**, verify that the router's firmware has been upgraded.

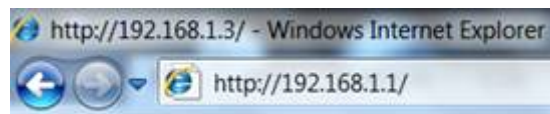4. Follow the steps above again to upgrade it to 140331

After upgrading the firmware to 140331, you unit will not be involved in the attacking.

Besides, to make your device more secure, you can keep remote access function of your router disabled if it is not essential to you. To do this, you can:

Step 1

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Step 2

Click **Access Managenment ->ACL,** and make sure the Interface is **LAN**.

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