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ALOR STAR: A 62-year-old retired teacher was cheated of RM70,000 by the Macau Scam syndicate after she got a phone call that she owed the Inland Revenue Board (IRB) arrears.

Kota Setar OCPD Asst Comm Mohd Rozi Jidin said the victim, who lives in Jitra, received a phone call from a male caller on Jan 27, who said that she owed over RM32,057 in tax arrears.

“The victim was told that her name had been registered with a company in Ipoh, Perak. The victim then received another call from a man who claimed to be a policeman informing her that the company was involved in drug trafficking.

“She was then directed to transfer all of her money to another account to ensure that her savings was not used for illegal activities and if she refused, an arrest warrant would be issued and she could face the death sentence,” he said in a statement here today.

Mohd Rozi said the frightened victim then transferred RM70,000 in three transactions to three bank accounts provided by the suspect on Jan 27 and 28.

“The victim realised something was amiss after she failed to contact the suspect following the transactions,” he said, adding that she reported the incident on Jan 29. — Bernama