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SANDAKAN: Police issued a stern warning to the public to remain vigilant and avoid carelessly sharing of banking information or instruments with anyone, including close acquaintances or family members, without legitimate purposes.



Sandakan District Police Chief ACP George Abd Rakman (pic) said giving sensitive information such as bank account numbers, ATM cards, banking passwords, TAC numbers and online banking login details exposes individuals

to financial losses and potential involvement in commercial crimes including online fraud, money laundering and cybercrime.

"Every individual bears full responsibility for the security of their bank accounts and payment instruments. Failure to protect this information is not only financially damaging but could lead to legal action if accounts are misused for illegal purposes," he said Saturday.

George advised the public against becoming money mules by surrendering bank accounts to third parties without legitimate reasons.

He urged immediate police reports if any misuse of account information or ATM cards is detected.

He also called on the community to

report suspicious activities related to banking information abuse to the nearest police station or Commercial Crime Unit.

He pointed out the importance of regularly changing passwords and avoiding easily predictable ones.

"Never share sensitive information through suspicious phone calls, messages, or links," he said.

George said public awareness and proactive measures are important in combating increasingly rampant cybercrime and banking information abuse.

The police remains committed to conducting thorough investigations and taking firm action against perpetrators to safeguard financial security and public order.