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**MIRI:** A private sector retiree incurred losses amounting to RM24,000 after falling victim to a phone scam syndicate impersonating bank officers.

Miri police chief ACP Alexson Naga Chabu said the victim, in his 70's, received an email from a suspect who informed him that a fund amounting USD1.5 million from the 'United Nation Compensation Fund' will be given to him.

"However, in order to receive the fund, the victim was requested to make some payments to facilitate the cash transfer into his account," he said.

Over a period of seven days, from February 1, the victim deposited a total of RM24,000 into a bank account number provided by the suspect.

Alexson said the victim became suspicious and lodged a police report on February 9.