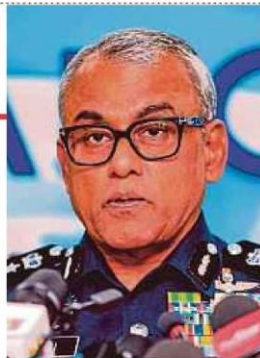


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RM6.8m in losses from bogus scam response centre officers

KUALA LUMPUR: Police have opened 49 investigation papers related to cases of fraud by a syndicate impersonating as National Scam Response Centre (NSRC) officers, involving losses of RM6.79 million.

Federal Commercial Crime Investigation Department director Datuk Seri Ramli Mohamed Yoosuf said the figure was recorded between Jan 1 and April 30 this year.

The NSRC is a call and operations centre coordinating rapid response to online financial fraud, especially the tracking of money.

On the syndicate's modus operandi, Ramli said victims would receive a call from an individual claiming to be an NSRC officer.

The "officer" would inform the victim that the NSRC would deactivate the victim's phone number due to complaints that it was being used for fraudulent activities.

"For 'investigation' purposes, the call is then connected to another individual posing as police officer. The victim is instructed to follow all the instructions given until the victim makes a money transfer to the designated bank account."

He reminded the public that the NSRC could only receive calls from the public.

"It is a one-way communication. NSRC will not make calls to any individual. Therefore, any call purporting to be from the NSRC is a fraud."

He urged victims to contact the NSRC at 997 to report any such incidents.

"Ideally, the call should be made within less than 24 hours so that the chances of blocking the money that has been transferred are higher," he said.