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**KUANTAN:** Two teachers lost a total of RM158,176 to online scam syndicates.

Pahang police chief Datuk Seri Yahaya Othman said the first victim, 51, claimed that he lost his savings of RM68,726 after filling in personal details for the online purchase of a toll payment device.

He said the victim clicked on a Facebook advertisement for the device on Jan 27, and was given a link to place an order.

"Two days later, he found that 14 cash transactions had been carried out without his knowledge," he said in a statement yesterday, Bernama reported.

In another case, Yahaya said a 54-year-old teacher claimed to have lost RM89,450 after she was duped by a scam syndicate member posing as a police officer.

The victim alleged that she received a telephone call on Aug 28 last year from a delivery company asking her to claim goods that had been addressed to her.

"The call was transferred to a so-called police officer, who threatened her by saying she was involved in drug and money laundering cases," he said.

Yahaya said the victim was then instructed to transfer cash into four accounts purportedly for investigation purposes and she complied for fear that her savings would be confiscated.