

Concrete blocks scatter on road following truck collision

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Two trucks of the same company loaded with construction materials crashed into each other on Shaikh Salman Highway in the Capital Governorate yesterday.

The mishap took place at

12 noon, near Gufool, in Zinj-Salmaniya intersection. Following the collision, the concrete blocks fell and scattered onto the road, leading to traffic congestion that lasted for at least an hour. Civil Defence personnel removed the blocks, while traffic police restored traffic. No injuries were reported.

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Scenes from the accident site



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Linking terror to Middle East

Fake LinkedIn profiles target Mideast users

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In a disturbing development, fake accounts in LinkedIn, suspected to be from Iran, have gained access to online networks of many professionals in the Middle East including Bahrain, according to a report by US-based Dell SecureWorks.

The report says 25 fake accounts were found to be specifically created to commit various frauds. Out of this, many profiles were made after spending considerable time and effort to create a real-life persona, and other fake accounts with fewer details were used to lend credibility to other profiles. It is a shocking revelation that many of such LinkedIn profiles have over 500 connections.

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for creating such profiles include US-based Teledyne, ExxonMobil, Northrop Grumman, South Korea-based Doosan and a Kuwaiti petrochemical manufacturing company.

The report released last week says, "While tracking a suspected Iran-based threat group known as Threat Group-2889[1] (TG-2889), Dell SecureWorks

Counter Threat Unit (CTU) researchers uncovered a network of fake LinkedIn profiles. These convincing profiles form a self-referenced network of seemingly established LinkedIn users. CTU researchers assess with high confidence the purpose of this network is to target potential victims through social engineering. Most of the legitimate LinkedIn accounts associated with the fake accounts belong to individuals in the Middle East."

The most disturbing aspect of these activities is that a significant minority of the identified-targets work for Middle Eastern governments, defence organisations and telecommunication sector based in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia.

Such a focus by these fraudsters indicates efforts to acquire data held by these organisations or for gaining access to the services they operate, the report adds.