

Alert call to jobseekers as fraud recruitment agencies mushroom

Social media networks used by these agencies to circulate fake recruitment advertisements

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Many fake recruiting agencies have been targeting jobseekers in the Kingdom through social media networks, it emerged.

Sources said expatriates were the major victims with many ending up in a miserable state after paying money to these fake recruiters, mostly through online transfers.

"There are many job sites and other popular sites, where advertisements can be placed for free and these fake recruiters are misusing this online facility to trap jobseekers.

"Following the submission of applications, these recruiters invite jobseekers for an interview. An interview is staged to convince the jobseekers, who are later informed that they have been successful.

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offer letters are provided to jobseekers and these recruiters ask

them to pay huge amounts beginning with BD250 in placement fee and most of them would fall in the trap.

"After paying the money, jobseekers are asked to wait for a month, cheating them in the process."

Speaking to Tribune, a jobseeker said he was contacted by one of these fake recruiters, who offered a job with high salary.

"I saw the job advertisement online and applied. Within the

next few hours, I would get a call from an agency saying that I have been short-listed for the interview.

"I was asked to come near a prominent landmark in Gudaibiya. As I reached, they asked me to come to a building nearby. I was shocked to see that the agency did not have any office in that building. And the people who interviewed me hardly had any knowledge in my field.

"Instantly I realised that it was a fake agency, and left the place

'thanking them'. I would get at least over a dozen calls in the next few days saying that I have qualified the interview and they want to meet me to discuss next steps."

The man said he warned them about complaining to the local police and there were no more calls from the fake recruiters.

"Many of my friends have been subjected to such frauds. I urge the authorities to conduct a thorough probe into these scams and punish the culprits."

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Osama Al Alawi, who was a member of the GCC's FinTech working group, Bahrain's e-KYC project steering committee, Bahrain's regulatory sandbox applications committee and the digital transformation steering committee, has joined Keypoint.

"With Bahrain continuing to establish itself as a regional leader in the FinTech space - and growing international awareness of its capabilities - we wanted to ensure Keypoint was well-placed to lead, not just support, the FinTech space," said Srikant Ranganathan, a senior director who leads Keypoint's IT consulting function.

Osama has a master's degree in public management (MPM) from the Aix-Marseille Université (France) and a BSc in Banking and Finance from Ahlia University (Bahrain).

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Nearly 22,000 visit farmers' market

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A children's festival was held yesterday as part of the ongoing farmers market seeing a participation of nearly 22,000 during the day.

"The occasion was a huge success as children and their families enjoyed various activities and taking photos," organisers said.

"Festivals such as this will continue to be held throughout the season as the market aim to become a leisure destination for families.

"The festival for children coincided with their holidays and it served as a fun day out for them."

The farmers market got off to a packed start on December 8 as thousands of people visited the market which opened its seventh edition.

The extremely popular market has been packed every week and is bigger and better than previous years, according to organisers.

The five months long market provides a platform for local farmers to sell their fresh produce to the public.

The market is set up at the Agriculture Centre in Budaiya Botanical Garden.

The market, which is organised by the the National Initiative for Agricultural Development in the co-operation with the Ministry of Municipalities



Hundreds of children flocked to the market to attend the festival.

Affairs and Agriculture and Urban Planning, was established to promote Bahrain's homegrown Agricultural produce and to support local farmers.

Over the years, it has become extremely popular with thousands visiting to purchase at the

market every week from December to April every year.

More than 40 farmers are participating in the market this year.

Apart from the agricultural produce, it also features a section for traditional crafts, restaurants, and an entertainment activities

for children.

The market is being held every Saturday from 8:00 am to 2:00pm until April 27th.

The market is apart from the farmers market at Hoorat A'ali. The Hoorat A'ali market is organised by the the National In-

itiative for Agricultural Development with the co-operation of Bahrain Development Bank (BDB) and the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture and Urban Planning and has also been a huge success since it was launched.



Many fun-filled activities were organised for the children at the market.

