

Be aware of 'scam' calls and messages

Experts warn public to exercise caution and not give out any personal information

● Online banking fraud cases in Bahrain are on the rise

● BenefitPay raises awareness to help people protect their bank accounts

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The BenefitPay Company has issued a warning after observing an increase in the incidence of fake calls and SMS links asking a "OTP".

OTP or One-Time Password systems provide a mechanism for logging on to a network or service using a unique password that can only be used once.

The company has released an official statement on the subject and advises the public to confirm the veracity of sources before disseminating information or rumors.

According to sources, the BenefitPay app follows accredited technological procedures that do not allow the company's employee to contact customers asking for the PIN of their ATM cards or any OTP.

"Users of the BenefitPay app can find tips on Instagram @alibeshara and the Benefit Com-

pany's account @benefit.bh".

The Daily Tribune office has, until now, received many calls from victims, who are at sea after losing bucks from their account.

In other cases hackers have also managed to steal from the accounts of many companies and organisations.

Many victims say banks and money wallet applications are not owing up the responsibility to safeguard their online accounts while attempting to engage in a blame game.

It was earlier reported by The Daily Tribune that the BenefitPay Company has been issuing frequent awareness campaigns on its own and in collaboration with the banking and financial sector, Bahrain TV, Radio Bah-

rain, as well as the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption, Economic and Electronic Security.

In the light of rising cases involving the hijacking of user's accounts after sending fraudulent links, the BenefitPay Company also participated in national awareness campaigns and collaborated with the Central Bank of Bahrain.

Last weekend, the Benefit Company denied what was circulated on social media regarding the penetration of the "Benefit B" application.

In the company's official Instagram account, it is stated that "Benefit Company would like to point out that what is being circulated on social media regarding the penetration of the



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"Benefit B" application is completely wrong, as the application follows strict standards of security, safety, and verification of the user's identity."

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LMRA intensifies joint inspection campaign



An expat's status is being checked

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) confirmed the continuation of its coordination with various government agencies to address illegal practices in the labour market, noting the implementation of joint inspection campaigns with the Ministry of Interior in the Northern Governorate.

The inspection campaign included visiting a number of shops, work sites, and labour gathering places, to determine the extent of compliance with regulations and laws, especially the LMRA Law and the Residency Law in the Kingdom of Bahrain, where a number of

legal violations were recorded. The campaign was in the presence of the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) and the Northern Governorate Police Directorate.

The Authority renewed its call on all members of society to support the efforts of government agencies to address illegal practices in the labour market and informal employment to protect society as a whole, calling on everyone to report any complaints related to labor market violations and irregular employment by filling out the electronic form designated for reporting on its official website, www.lmra.gov.bh or calling the Authority's call center 17506055.

Workshop on infection control and epidemiological survey

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A workshop on infection control and epidemiological survey will be held from July 31 until August 3 at the Wyndham Hotel Bahrain.

Under the auspices of National Health Regulatory Authority CEO Dr. Maryam Athbi Al Jalahma, the event is organized by NHRA in cooperation with the Ministry of National Guard.

Dr. Maryam welcomed all the participants from the medical sector to the workshop, which comes within the framework of close cooperation between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia through the Ministry of National Guard in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf Center for Infection Control.

She stressed the importance of the infection control and epidemiological survey workshop in providing a safe environment for hospitals and the medical sector to prevent infection and epidemiological



Dr. Maryam

investigation, indicating that NHRA is always keen to provide full protection for the medical sectors.

Lectures will be carried out by Dr. Ayman Ramadan, Epidemiological Investigation Adviser at the Ministry of the Saudi National Guard, and Areej Qudsi, Infection Control Coordinator at the Ministry of the Saudi National Guard.

Participants in the workshop will receive an accredited certificate to be infection control liaison officers in the institutions in which they work.

Ministry and NGOs cooperation essential

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Social Development Minister Osama bin Ahmed Khalaf Al Asfor stressed the importance of cooperation between the ministry and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in improving the quality of institutional work and delivering the best services to the citizens.

This came as Al Asfor received Dr. Abdulkarim Al Fardan, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Jidhafs Consumer Co-Operative Society, in the presence of board members. They discussed cooperation in the cooperative and consumer fields.

Al Fardan reviewed Jidhafs Consumer Co-Operative Society's investment projects, development achievements and



Al Asfor with Al Fardan

future plans. He also highlighted its efforts to promote cooperative and social work.

Al Asfor lauded the Jidhafs

Consumer Co-Operative Society's initiatives in the fields of voluntary and social work, affirming the role of such soci-

eties in supporting development projects through community partnership that benefits all social segments.



Talks on global cybercrime and cybersecurity

The Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Working Group on Technology, Innovation and Digital Transformation of the Arab Parliament in Tunisia met in the presence of the representative of Bahrain in the committee, Representative Muhammad Yousef Al Maarafi, a member of the Bahraini Parliament. The committee discussed a number of important issues related to cybersecurity, which is one of the most important challenges facing humanity. They also discussed the cost of cybercrime of various kinds to the global economy.