



Telangana Cyber Security Bureau

Cyber Slavery in Southeast Asia: Stay Informed, Stay Safe

Cyber slavery in Southeast Asia, particularly in countries like Cambodia and Myanmar, has become a significant human rights concern. This form of modern slavery involves forced labor in cyber operations, often linked to criminal activities such as online scams, fraudulent schemes, and illicit online gambling. Understanding how these scams happen and taking preventive measures can protect individuals from falling victim to this exploitation.

How the Scam Happens

Cyber slavery typically starts with victims being lured through deceptive job advertisements that promise high-paying tech jobs abroad. Once they arrive, their passports are confiscated, and they are forced to work under threat of violence or other forms of coercion. These individuals are compelled to work long hours in poor conditions, typically in fraudulent call centers or similar operations. Their tasks may include defrauding people worldwide through various online scams, such as romance scams, investment frauds, and phishing schemes.

Precautions to Take

- **Research Job Offers:** Always verify the legitimacy of job offers, especially those that promise high salaries with minimal effort. Use reputable job search platforms and check company reviews.
- **Know the Signs:** Learn about the red flags of human trafficking and cyber slavery, such as job offers that require upfront payments, lack of verifiable information about the company, or promises of easy money.
- **Verify Employers:** Contact potential employers directly using contact information from official company websites. Avoid job offers from unverified sources.
- **Check Licensing and Registration:** Ensure that the company is registered and licensed with the appropriate local or national business authorities.
- **Request Written Contracts:** Insist on receiving and thoroughly reviewing a written contract before accepting a job offer.
- **Keep Copies of Documents:** Make copies of important documents such as your passport, visa, and travel itinerary. Keep one set with you and leave another set with a trusted person.
- **Register with Your Embassy:** If traveling abroad for work, register with your home country's embassy or consulate in the destination country.

Stay vigilant, stay safe.

Best Regards,



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