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Subject: Cybercriminals committing Business Partnership scam to defraud citizens

Threat Summary

As per the open source analysis an email message is being circulated which offers a large sum of money to the recipient of the email. The email offers a partnership in a business venture.

Emails, chats or messages inviting people to start a new business with an investor can be a fraud. The fraudsters generally impersonate to be an affluent person.

Modus Operandi

- A fraudster who claims to be a rich person approaches the victim offering a business proposal through social media platforms, emails, SMSs, etc.
- Fraudster says that he/she is looking for a trusted partner in India and offer the victims a business partnership.
- Fraudsters say that they will pay a large amount (in lakhs) to the victim to set up the business. But, to do all this they ask the victim to deposit some money, in the beginning, to get the process going.

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Dear Friend,

A very good day to you. We have an **immediate business proposal** that involves US \$**500,000,000.00** Million Dollars which we will like to **invest under your custody**. Once I receive a message from you notifying me of your interest, the details of the transaction/terms and condition of sharing regarding the business would then be brought to your knowledge.

Your **urgent response** will be highly appreciated and will swiftly bring us to the commencement of the transaction. We hope to conclude. This **transaction within 10-14 working days** do not forget to contact me on the receipt of this e-mail address. And please you have to **maintain absolute confidentiality** as regards this pending transaction.

You have to send me your full details as stated below.

FULL NAME:.....
FULL ADDRESS:.....
SEX:.....
COUNTRY:.....
DATE OF BIRTH:.....
OCCUPATION:.....
TELEPHONE OR MOBILE:.....

I urgently await your response.

Best Regards,

Dr.Anwar Hussain.

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Fig. 01: Sample email sent by fraudsters

- The victims are asked to deposit money in various accounts for processing documentation, customs tax and other taxes.
- After receiving the amount from victims, fraudsters break contact with the victims and steal the transferred money by the victims.

- The fraudsters also ask for bank details of victims, details related to victim's identity, credit card details, etc. which is further used for committing cyber financial frauds.

Suggestions

- Always scrutinize the sender of the email/text If you do not know him/her.
- Carefully check all e-mails, attachment files & data from an unknown source.
- Avoid sending money to any unknown person without confirming their identity and credibility.
- If you have already given the fraudsters your bank account details, alert your bank immediately.
- If you receive any threats from the fraudsters once you have stopped co-operating with them, alert the police immediately.
- Report any such incidents on the cybercrime.gov.in portal and follow [@CyberDost](https://twitter.com/CyberDost) on Twitter to know more about safety tips.

Regards

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