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Advisory

Several instances have come to our notice on recent occasions wherein Indian nationals are being cheated in Thailand after being threatened on phone by caller frequently claiming to be Indian Embassy employees. The callers often quote the victim/target's passport number, visa number, Aadhar number and other personal details and falsely alleges that the victim is at fault & needs to pay penalty fees, verification fees etc. or face imprisonment and deportation.

It is informed that the Indian Embassy does not demand penalty fee by phone. Even the Thailand government agencies do not have such processes in dealing with immigrants.

Hence, people are advised not to get carried away or cheated by such fraudulent calls. They shall immediately bring it to our notice if any such calls are received. (Our 24X7 helpline +66618819218 or email us to cons.bangkok@mea.gov.in ; pers.bangkok@mea.gov.in). They may also get in touch with the Thai Immigration Bureau or Royal Thai Police if any such demand is made over phone from callers claiming to be from Thai agencies.

This advisory shall be widely circulated to all association members, employees and other channels to reach the Indian diaspora in Thailand.


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