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Recent years have seen scammers boldly impersonating Inland Revenue Board Of Malaysia (LHDN), approaching Malaysians with threats of legal action for overdue tax.

According to the Commercial Crime Investigation Department, between Jan 1 and May 27 last year, 556 cases involving losses of more than RM15.26 million related to Macau scam disguised as LHDN officers had been investigated.

Scammers are becoming increasingly sophisticated with their tactics.

Many schemes come disguised as business opportunities to swindle your hard-earned money.

The modus operandi used by the scammer is to contact the victim via phone call by introducing himself as an officer from LHDN.

The scammer also states that the victim's company or business has tax arrears that must be paid off.

Victims who are confused by this call usually make a denial and then the call will be connected to individuals disguised as police, officers from Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) or from other enforcement agencies and force the victim to

make an official report.

People should know that LHDN does not discuss tax-related matters through phone calls, but requests for information from taxpayers and instructions for payment of outstanding tax will be done through a letter or official email using the @hasil.gov.my domain.

Besides that, taxpayers must ensure that income tax and property gains tax payments are made to the director-general of LHDN, while stamp duty payments are paid to stamp duty collectors.

In this regard, the public is advised to be more careful and verify with the LHDN in advance for any suspicious calls, emails or letters by contacting the Hasil Care Line or the official line whose list can be checked on the official portal, www.hasil.gov.my or visit the nearest LHDN branch.

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