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## SUSPICIOUS CALLS

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Amanah Saham Nasional Bhd (ASNB) has cautioned investors against divulging personal details and investment information to unknown parties.

ASNB chief executive officer and executive director, Mohammad Hussin, urged investors not to entertain calls enquiring about their investment details, even if the caller claimed to be a bank officer or ASNB officer.

"If an investor receives a suspicious call, he or she is advised not to panic and not to make any withdrawals from their ASB or other ASNB unit trusts.

"For information or clarification, the investor should contact the ASNB Agent and Customer

Relationship Management Department at 03-2057 3000, or call the police," said Mohammad.

He said ASNB is always committed to protecting its investors' money by utilising the best security measures.

"However, investors are advised to be aware of syndicates such as the 'Macau Scam' as ASNB is not able to reimburse the investors' money cheated by the syndicates."

PNB president and group chief executive officer Datuk Abdul Rahman Ahmad recently presented a certificate and 1,000 units of Amanah Saham Wawasan 2020 as a token of appreciation to an ASNB agent, who prevented an ASB investor from

falling victim to a Macau Scam syndicate.

In the incident, the investor had received a call from someone claiming to be a bank officer, who alleged that he was involved in money laundering.

The "officer" instructed him to transfer RM120,000 to avoid legal proceedings.

The investor panicked and went directly to the nearby ASNB agent to withdraw all his ASB investment funds as instructed by the caller.

The investor was fortunate as his distress was noticed by the ASNB agent, who encouraged him to report the incident to the police.

Mohammad said ASNB had organised investment-based education programmes, such as Seminar Pelaburan 360 Hari, to curb such cases and increase public awareness.



*Mohammad Hussin*