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LABUAN: Cybercrimes involving losses of RM67.6mil from 2,207 cases were reported during the first three months of this year, said Communications and Multimedia Ministry (KKMM) deputy secretary-general Shakib Ahmad Shakir.

He said the three most common types of cybercrimes were cheating via telephone calls which recorded 773 cases with RM26.8mil in losses, cheating in online purchases with 811 cases (RM4.2mil) and the “African Scam” with 371 cases (RM14.9mil).

“eFinancial fraud recorded 212 cases involving losses of RM21.5mil.

“The losses were reported in online scams, credit card frauds, identity thefts and data breaches,” he said when opening an awareness briefing to combat cybercrimes and human trafficking.

The briefing is part of the ministry’s commitment to creating public awareness on cybercrimes through education, and promotion and publicity campaigns.

Shakib added that according to the Bukit Aman Commercial Crime Investigation Department, 13,058 cheating cases were reported in 2017 compared to 10,394 last year.

“I was told that telecommunication fraud is the most common form of (cyber) crime in Labuan with 16 complaints in 2017 and 19 complaints last year, a 35% increase,” he said. — Bernama