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THE selfies you share on Facebook and Instagram could be stolen to sell sex services on social media.

Twitter porn accounts are using photos of social media users to tout their illegal services, which range from sex videos to prostitution.

"Book now. Shah Alam girl. Free hotel. Unlimited shot. RM300," were the tweets on one porn account, complete with instructions on how to send a private message to book these "services".

These tweets were posted together with selfies of women which presented them as prostitutes available for hire.

Some of them were photographed in their work attire. These photos were mostly taken in their bedroom, in bathroom mirrors, in their cars, and even at their workplace.

One photo was of an underage student in a classroom, dressed in her uniform and with the school badge in full view.

A check by *The Star* found that at least four of these women were active social media users whose personal photos, shared publicly on Facebook and Instagram, had been stolen and misused.

Two of them were teachers.

Posing as an interested customer on Twitter, *The Star* contacted one Shah Alam-based porn account to enquire whether these women were available for sex.

"Yes, they are all my girls. Send me the money and I will arrange everything," the account administrator (admin) responded.

The unidentified admin gave instructions to immediately transfer the full payment of RM300 to a bank account, and show up at a designated hotel where a room and the prostitute would be ready.

The admin would not allow the option of paying at the location. Several Twitter users have also alleged that these porn accounts are scams. Two users claimed that the admin stopped responding after they transferred their full payment. They did not get their night with the prostitutes they paid for.

Attempts to contact the users went unanswered.

Such "prostweetution" in Malaysia is not new. But these stolen photos signal a worrying trend of cybercrime that involves fraud, prostitution and defamation, said Sinar Project digital rights activist Tan Sze Ming.

"Fraud and prostitution are the main crime here. As for the stolen photos, the victims can only pursue it as a defamation case, though not all victims will be able to afford the legal fees," Tan said.

"Most people are not aware that the things they post online can be freely used by third parties for any purpose," she said.

Facebook's privacy policy states that content and information shared with a public audience is public information available to

Porn peddlers are stealing your selfies

'Prostweetution' is getting common in the new wild, wild west of social media where pictures of users are being used by Twitter porn accounts to tout sex services.



No longer personal: A screenshot of a tweet by a porn account soliciting sex using photos stolen from the accounts of regular social media users.

anyone on and off the social media platform, and can be accessed and seen through online search engines and offline media such as TV.

"In some cases, people you share and communicate with may download or re-share this content with others on and off our services," the Facebook policy states, adding that information published as a comment on a public post will also be made public.

According to Yayasan Generasi Gemilang director of services Nick Foong, this misuse of personal photos could be damaging to the victim's reputation, relationships and employment opportunities.

"It could also be psychologically damaging as it is traumatising to see your photo out there being used by a (porn) account," said Foong.

The misuse of private photos and information online to solicit sex services is an offence under Section 233 of the Communications and Multimedia Act, said the Malaysian

Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC).

"From 2015 till July 2017, a total of 78 cases have been investigated under Section 233 of the Act for the provision of obscene content online," an MCMC spokesman said.

He said MCMC will investigate whether there is an offence involving obscene or indecent content, and also submit a report to the social media platform provider for further action.

If there are elements of prostitution or extortion, the case will then be referred to the police for action under the Penal Code, he said.

The MCMC advised the public to exercise vigilance, reminding them not to "overshare" photos. *CyberSecurity Malaysia (CSM)* has also received 17 reports as of July 31, from social media users whose photos were misused to solicit sex.

"We will assist to notify the respective ser-

7 tips to stay safe on social media

- 1 Think before you post:** Remember that information, photos, videos and other attachments you share are made available to many people
- 2 Think before you click:** Do not click on every link shared to you, even if it was sent from a friend
- 3 Do not expect your privacy to be protected:** Social media was not created with privacy as the top priority
- 4 Use a strong password:** Create a hard-to-guess password for all your accounts
- 5 Instal anti-virus or anti-malware software:** Update them regularly on all your smart devices
- 6 Never reveal sensitive information:** Do not post any photo or information that can be used to identify, contact, or locate you
- 7 Stay cautious:** Be careful when discussing personal and business agenda over social media

Source: CyberSecurity Malaysia

vice provider to take down the profile or the advertisement of the offending content," CSM chief executive officer Datuk Dr Amirudin Abdul Wahab said.

"We advise victim to also lodge a police report, together with evidence to support their report. A copy of the police report can be provided to us for further analysis and escalation to Twitter for further action," he added.

Those who find their photos misused can report to MCMC or CSM's Cyber999 help centre at <https://www.mycert.org.my>.



Terengganu Belanja Kira-Kira RM3 Juta Untuk Persiapan Banjir

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KUALA TERENGGANU, 19 Nov (Bernama) -- Terengganu membelanjakan kira-kira RM3 juta sebagai persediaan menghadapi banjir pada tahun ini, kata Setiausaha Kerajaan negeri Datuk Wan Nawawi Wan Ismail.

Wan Nawawi yang juga Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Negeri Terengganu (JPBNT) berkata perbelanjaan itu termasuk menyediakan kemudahan sempurna di kesemua 553 pusat pemindahan di negeri ini.

"Semua pegawai daerah yang mempengerusikan Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Daerah masing-masing juga diarah untuk memastikan semua pusat pemindahan ini mempunyai kemudahan yang lengkap dan sempurna untuk keselesaan mangsa banjir nanti.

"Secara keseluruhannya, persiapan akhir Terengganu untuk menghadapi banjir kali ini berada di tahap yang amat baik," katanya kepada pemberita selepas mempengerusikan mesyuarat JPBNT kali ketiga di sini hari ini.

Turut hadir Pengarah Angkatan Pertahanan Awam Malaysia (APM) Terengganu, Leftenan Kolonel (PA) Che Adam A Rahman dan Ketua Polis Terengganu Datuk Aidi Ismail.

Wan Nawawi berkata beliau juga berpuas hati dengan taklimat berhubung persiapan banjir yang disampaikan tiga jabatan iaitu **Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia**, Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran (JPS) serta Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM).

"Kita harap Jabatan Meteorologi akan sentiasa mengemas kini keadaan cuaca semasa bagi memudahkan penduduk Terengganu mengambil tindakan yang sesuai.

"JPS pula memaklumkan projek-projek yang dibuat telah pun siap sepenuhnya. Saya sendiri berkesempatan meninjau kawasan yang kerap dilanda banjir dari Ajil menghala ke Kuala Terengganu semalam dan mendapati semua aliran longkang dan anak sungai telah dibersihkan, insya-Allah boleh menampung aliran air yang banyak," katanya.

Sejak 15 Okt lepas, stok bekalan bantuan banjir juga telah mula diagihkan di 142 pangkalan hadapan dan 20 mini depo di seluruh negeri.

Mengulas lanjut, Wan Nawawi berkata stok yang diedar adalah cukup untuk menampung keperluan 131,875 mangsa banjir, namun sekiranya banjir buruk berlaku

dalam tempoh yang lama, kerajaan negeri akan bekerjasama dengan mana-mana pasar raya untuk menghantar bekalan kecemasan sebagai khidmat tanggungjawab sosial korporat (CSR) mereka.

"Selain jabatan kerajaan, persediaan banjir turut melibatkan komuniti setempat iaitu anggota Jawatankuasa Kemajuan dan Keselamatan Kampung (JKKK) melalui beberapa siri latihan simulasi," katanya.

Seramai 171 pegawai dan 2,698 anggota pasukan penyelamat iaitu Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM), Angkatan Tentera Malaysia (ATM), Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia (JBPM), APM, Agensi Penguatkuasaan Maritim Malaysia (APMM) dan Jabatan Sukarelawan Malaysia (Rela) akan bertugas sepanjang musim banjir.

Sebanyak 18 jabatan dan agensi kerajaan terlibat dalam JPBNT yang menggabungkan semua kekuatan aset, logistik dan sumber manusia secara bersepadu bagi meminimumkan kerugian harta benda pada musim banjir kali ini.

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