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CERT-MU Security Alert

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Beware: Fake TEMU Online Job Offers Trending on Social Media

Description

CERT-MU wishes to inform the general public that an online scam is circulating on social media and messaging platforms, falsely offering online work opportunities with the e-commerce platform TEMU. Several incidents have already been reported on MAUCORS+ in this regard.

The modus operandi of this scam are as follows:

- 1. Victims encounter social media advertisements promising easy online jobs with Temu.
- 2. Clicking on the advertisement redirects victims to WhatsApp chat with number **+261 38 47 229 38**.
- 3. The victim is instructed to contact a so-called "mentor" via Telegram **at https://t.me/dgo2654**.
- 4. The mentor requests the victim to register on the website: https://netaoso.top/index/user/login.html where he/she is asked to insert his/her phone number and invitation code to complete the tasks.
- 5. After registration, the victim is asked to carry out 8 tasks and is rewarded with Rs. 300, which can immediately be withdrawn.



- 6. After that, the victim is instructed to recharge his/her account with Rs 300 in order to unlock further tasks.
- 7. The deposit of money is done to an MCB Account via the Juice platform.
- 8. After completing 13 additional tasks, a balance of Rs. 600 is shown in the victim's account. This completes the first round.
- 9. In the second round, when the victim reaches the 8th task, the platform blocks further progress with a message instructing them to recharge their account again to continue, effectively trapping them into a continuous payment loop.
- 10. When the victim tries to withdraw his/her money from the platform, it is shown "transactions pending" and scammers also cease communication with the victim.

Recommendations

CERT-MU advises users to be careful regarding such type of job offers, especially those trending on social media websites. It is also recommended to:

- 1. Verify Job Offers and Advertisements
 - Always cross-check job opportunities directly on the official websites or verified social media pages of the company (e.g., Temu).
 - Be cautious of offers that promise quick money with little effort.
- 2. Never Send Money Upfront
 - Legitimate employers never ask for payments to process applications, unlock funds, or secure a job.
- 3. Avoid Unofficial Communication Channels
 - Be suspicious if you are asked to continue conversations via personal WhatsApp numbers or Telegram accounts.
 - Use only official communication platforms listed by the company.
- 4. Think Before You Click
 - Do not click on suspicious links or ads shared on social media, especially those with unrealistic offers or high returns.

- 5. Verify Bank Account Requests
 - Never transfer money to personal bank accounts of unknown individuals.
 - Scammers often use bank accounts that appear to be local to build trust.
- 6. Report Suspicious Activities
 - If you suspect a scam, report it immediately to:
 - CERT-MU via the MAUCORS+ platform (https://maucors.govmu.org)
 - The Cybercrime Unit of the Mauritius Police Force (210 4653)

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