

CLAIMS OF GREAT RETURNS

Cops find deepfake videos of PM promoting investment scheme

KUALA LUMPUR: Police have detected five deepfake videos linked to an investment scam that featured figures like Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and United States President Donald Trump.

Federal police Commercial Crime Investigation Department director Datuk Seri Ramli Mohamed Yoosuf said the deepfake videos created using artificial intelligence have been widely circulated since last year.

The videos feature politicians and corporate leaders like Tesla chief executive officer Elon Musk and Seputeh member of parliament Teresa Kok.

“The videos show these individuals inviting the public to join investment schemes that are allegedly endorsed by the Malaysian government, promising returns of up to 100 times the initial investment.

“Although promoted on various platforms, it is believed they were

produced by the same syndicate to mislead people.”

The Securities Commission Malaysia said deepfake AI videos promoting investment schemes often feature public figures or companies to give their content credibility.

It said these posts usually include a “Learn More” button or link that directs victims to a registration page to collect their personal information.

“Those who access the link will be asked to download an application, which can expose them to cybercrime.”

The commission, in collaboration with the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission, will remove deepfake videos promoting investments.

“Internet users are advised to verify sources before believing such content,” the commission said. **Bernama**