

Moviegoers click on free popcorn link, phones hacked



Social experiment showed 90% people clicked on link without seeing who sent it

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About 90 per cent of moviegoers clicked on an SMS link that resulted in their phones being 'hacked'. This came in a 'fake' scam activation at a UAE cinema involving a bot interacting with 220 moviegoers before the film started.

customers to stay vigilant and aware of the rising fraud and scams in the region. It was carried out in collaboration with the Dubai Police and the UAE Central Bank.

The UAE authorities have urged residents to report suspicious links or emails related to their bank accounts to their respective bank's call centre and Dubai Police.

"Ninety per cent of you clicked on the link without seeing who sent it to you," the bot states ahead of the big reveal. It's from a website called myvuxpay.com and not vocxin.com. Please don't click on suspicious links.

The activation highlights a concerning trend of 'fake' websites mimicking legitimate businesses to extract personal and credit care details of customers. "With scammers and fraudsters increasingly utilising various platforms and sources to target victims, aiming to steal personal details, IDs, one-time passwords (OTPs) and banking information, Emirates NBD's latest awareness activation raises awareness about how people should stay cautious of scams. By staying vigilant and alert, individuals can protect themselves from the risk of losing money or their personal identity," the banking group said in a statement.

Abu Dhabi opens 3 new schools in Zayed City

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Three new state-of-the-art schools have been opened in Zayed City. The project is the first of its kind to be completed under the Abu Dhabi Investment Office-led public-private partnership model. The schools will add 5,360 students for the 2024-2025 academic year. The new schools are built on an area of 81,000 sqm.

private sector partnerships, including the development of world-class facilities for the Khalifa University of Science and Technology student housing. The Zayed City Schools Project aims to enhance the quality of the education sector in the emirate, and encourage the private sector to participate in financing and constructing public infrastructure facilities in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Baby back from UK after court order

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The court had ordered that the child be taken back to the UAE, with the mother serving as the primary caregiver. However, following the court verdict, the mother decided to remain in the UK, the lawyer added. The father and child have returned to the UAE.

relation to long-term care. The issue that was dealt with here was whether the child should have been returned to the UAE from the UK, which he was. According to Samara, this case underscores that expat parents can safeguard their rights in situations where one parent unlawfully takes a child back to their home country.

Cut costs up to 80% with mass weddings, ceremonies

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The Dubai Women's Association is playing a crucial role in promoting mass weddings to alleviate financial pressure on local young couples. Alia Haid, director of the consulting and training department, explained their initiative Zaffat Haravyr.

venue rentals, attire for every groom and bride, invitations, catering, and folk traditional dances. For the first time, upcoming wedding ceremonies will be held in the afternoon. This change aligns with directives from the UAE's leadership to reduce dowry costs and overall marriage expenses by limiting ceremonies to under four hours.

realised it was the logical choice. "We saved Dh50,000 each," he added, emphasising how well-organised the event turned out to be. Similarly, Sudanese friends Alia Mahmood and Razan Mustafa are planning a joint wedding with their partners. "Not only will it save us nearly Dh20,000 each, but it will also be a shared joy," they shared.

Experts warn of cyber threats on gaming platform Roblox

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They tell you to enter the number of coins you want, and suddenly, there's a 'Last Step' message. That's when they lure you into sharing sensitive information." This is a critical step in their scam strategy, he noted, with attackers using these details to hack accounts or access personal information.

which allows players to buy items, skins, and other upgrades. But Roblox needs to improve how its security systems function, particularly for the Windows version, where the 'Trust This Device' feature can be inconsistent. This discourages users from enabling necessary security features.

Corpusz said that the best protection is parental involvement. "Parents need to familiarise themselves with Roblox's parental control options. It's crucial to know who their children are interacting with online, review their chat histories, and discuss any unfamiliar games or interactions," she said.

Roblox has implemented several safety measures, including parental controls, human moderators, and AI content filtering systems to combat these threats. However, Corpusz warned that these are not always foolproof. "While Roblox's content filters do block a large amount of inappropriate content, they can't catch everything," she said.

Another risk, according to Corpusz, involves malware and viruses disguised as in-game mods. "Children may download what they believe to be a legitimate game mod, only to infect their devices with malware designed to steal sensitive data or spy on their activities," she said. A 2023 cybersecurity report revealed that Roblox ranks as one of the top three gaming platforms most frequently targeted by malware.

If a child has encountered inappropriate content or behaviour on Roblox, Corpusz suggested using Roblox's reporting tools immediately. "While Roblox can be an entertaining and educational space for children, it's crucial to understand the associated risks. The key is striking a balance - allow your child to enjoy their gaming experience while actively taking steps to protect them," Corpusz said.

Specific Procurement Notice (SPN)
Invitation for Prequalification (IFPQ)
Works and Operation Service (Design, Build and Operate)

Country: Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Employer: Water and Sanitation Agency, Lahore (WASA)
Name of Project: Lahore Water and Wastewater Management Project (LWMP) - Construction of Surface Water Treatment Plant at BRBD Canal Lahore
Project No.: P000074
Contract Title: Construction of Surface Water Treatment Plant & Transmission Mains and Distribution Network (Procurement of Works under Design, Build and Operate (DBO) Mode)
Prequalification Reference No.: 0074-PAK-02 **Issued on:** Friday 13th September, 2024

- The Islamic Republic of Pakistan expects to receive financing from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB or the Bank) toward the cost of the Lahore Water and Wastewater Management Project (LWMP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Design, Build and Operate (DBO) Mode of Procurement of Works (Design, Build and Operate for Water Treatment Plant and Networks).
- The Water and Sanitation Agency, Lahore (WASA) intends to prequalify Applicants for Procurement of Works under Design, Build and Operate (DBO) Mode: **Construction of Surface Water Treatment Plant (SWTP), Transmission Mains, Feeding Mains, and Distribution Networks**. Construction of a SWTP with capacity of 54 MGD (expandable to 108 MGD) downstream of Ravi Siphon. The SWTP will mainly provide 24/7 supply of potable water to four (04) service areas of Lahore namely Baghbanpura, Shadipura, Fatehgarh, and Mughalpura. Land for the SWTP is being acquired by WASA near Bhatt Road. Raw water from BRBD Canal will be delivered to the SWTP site boundary by the Punjab Irrigation Department. Following the SWTP design (4 months) and construction, and commissioning (36 months), operation and maintenance for the SWTP is required under the contract for 24 months including training and capacity building of WASA staff. Treated water from the SWTP will be delivered to the four service areas by constructing a series of new transmission and feeding mains that would finally connect to the existing distribution networks. The new infrastructure should be designed and constructed considering the future expansion of the SWTP to double its capacity. The scope includes major rehabilitation for the distribution system including the establishment of district metered zones (DMZs), district metered areas (DMAs), installation of bulk and customer meters, and also the development and implementation of a full non-revenue water (NRW) reduction strategy. The scope also includes rehabilitation of the existing tubewells to be able to supply the networks during periods of canal closure. It is expected that the request for proposals will be made in January, 2025.
- Prequalification will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the Bank's Interim Operational Directive on Procurement Instructions for Recipients (PIR, June 2, 2016, Deputy Managing Director (Engineering) Water and Sanitation Agency, Lahore (WASA) 2-Zahoor Elahi Road, Gulberg-II, Lahore, Pakistan. Phone: (92) 99268439 dmde.lwmp@gmail.com https://wasa.punjab.gov.pk/tenders https://ppra.punjab.gov.pk

updated from time to time), and is open to all eligible Applicants as defined in the PIR.

- Interested eligible Applicants may obtain further information from the WASA at the address below during office hours i.e., 0900 to 1600 hours from Monday to Saturday and from 0900 to 1300 hours on Friday.
- A complete set of Prequalification Document (PQD) in English may be purchased by interested Applicants on the submission of a written request to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Pak Rupees Thirty Thousand (PKR 30,000). The method of payment will be the direct deposit in the account number specified below or in the form of a Pay Order drawn in favour of "Water & Sanitation Agency (LDA)". The interested Applicant may also download the Prequalification Document for inspection purposes only from the "Water and Sanitation Agency, Lahore" and "PPRA" website, link given below. The prospective Applicant may purchase the PQD electronically by submitting a formal written request to the email address provided below, accompanied by proof of payment of the aforementioned non-refundable fee to the designated account below. Upon receipt of the written application and payment confirmation, the PQD will be promptly dispatched via email to the address specified in the application. It is important to note that the Employer cannot be held liable for any delays or non-receipt of the PQD by the interested parties. In the event that the PQD is not received within 2 working days after the submission of the written application and payment evidence, the Applicant will notify the Employer promptly. The PQD can be obtained electronically, preferably 7 days prior to the deadline for the submission of applications.

Bank Account Details:

Account Title:	Water & Sanitation Agency (LDA)
Name of Bank:	Muslim Commercial Bank (MCB) Shadman Market Main Shadman Lahore
Account Number:	PK21 MUCB 102504725 1009540

- Applications for Prequalification (one original, two hard copies plus electronic document on Flash disk) should be submitted in clearly marked envelopes and delivered to the address below by 1200hours (Pakistan Standard Time) on 13th November, 2024. Applications submitted after the above deadline will be rejected.