



**PROJECT:**  
**EMPLOYMENT SCAMS**  
**TARGETING SOUTH**  
**AFRICAN YOUTH**

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*Specialised Security Services has been contacted by several concerned parents regarding employment scams targeting young people.*

*Employment scams are a form of fraud where individuals or organisations misrepresent job opportunities to exploit job seekers.*

*These scams can take various forms, but they often involve promises of high-paying jobs, work-from-home opportunities, or positions that require little effort. The scammers aim to either steal personal information, extract money from victims, or worse.*

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## **MODUS OPERANDI:**

- Young adults are lured to work overseas for the thrill of travelling, free boarding and exorbitant salaries.
  - SSS has had several complaints from parents who are worried about the safety of their children.
  - The target group seems to be young male adults between the ages of 19 – 24.
  - One such adult has been experiencing health issues and cannot comply with his work conditions.
  - SSS is assisting in arranging his return to South Africa.
  - Unfortunately, what happens with these young people in these situations is still unclear.
  - Our organisation's concerns include:
    - Physical and emotional harm and exploitation.
    - Drug trafficking.
    - Human trafficking.
  - In one instance, they were told that a company representative would meet them at the airport, accompany them to Bangkok for 10 days and then return with them to South Africa.
  - After this endeavour, the 'employees' would be appointed for a year contract in Thailand.
  - An apparently legitimate interview is also held via video call.
    - Please see a photo of the person with whom our client's adult child had the interview.
  - Several other concerns:
    - Some of the young people are told that they do not require a passport, which is not true.
    - The company buys their airline tickets for them.
    - The responsible SSS cyber investigator has determined that although 1 of the airline tickets was valid, the return tickets were fake.
    - Details of the physical address of the new workplace and the conditions are vague.
  - According to the so-called contract, they need to work a minimum 12-hour shift.
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## INTERVIEWER:



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## FAKE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT:

<https://mikebh.link/aO1Wiu>

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Here are some common signs of employment scams:

- **Too Good to Be True:**
  - Job offers that seem too good to be true, with high salaries for minimal work or qualifications, should raise suspicion.
- **Upfront Payments:**
  - Legitimate employers do not typically ask for payment from job applicants.

- Be cautious if you are asked to pay for training, background checks, or other expenses upfront.
  - **Unsolicited Job Offers:**
    - Be wary of unsolicited job offers, especially if you did not apply for the position and have no prior knowledge of the company.
  - **Quick Hiring Process:**
    - Scammers often rush the hiring process to prevent victims from having time to investigate or think critically.
    - Be suspicious if you are offered a job without a proper interview or evaluation process.
  - **No Clear Job Description:**
    - Legitimate job offers provide clear details about the responsibilities, requirements, and expectations of the position.
    - If the job description is vague or unclear, it could be a red flag.
  - **Remote Work Scams:**
    - While legitimate remote work opportunities exist, be cautious of jobs that promise high salaries for simple tasks, as well as those that ask for personal or financial information for remote positions.
  - **Fake Companies:**
    - Scammers may create fake companies or use the names of legitimate companies to appear trustworthy.
    - Research the company independently and verify its legitimacy before proceeding.
  - **Unprofessional Communication:**
    - Poor grammar, spelling mistakes, or unprofessional communication can be indicators of a scam.
    - Legitimate companies typically maintain a professional image in their correspondence.
  - **Pressure Tactics:**
    - Scammers may use pressure tactics, claiming that you need to act quickly to secure the job.
    - Legitimate employers provide reasonable timelines for decision-making.
  - **Check Company Reviews:**
    - Look for reviews and feedback about the company online.
    - Scams often leave a trail of negative experiences by other victims.
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*If you encounter a potential employment scam, it's crucial to report it to relevant authorities and warn others.*

*Additionally, trust your instincts - if something feels off or too good to be true, take the time to investigate further before providing any personal information or making any payments.*

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*Specialised Security Services invites the public to the Mike Bolhuis Daily Projects WhatsApp Group.*

*We have decided to close the previous WhatsApp channel to avoid any duplication and to centralise our efforts.*

*This group is important in delivering insights into the latest crime trends, awareness, warnings and the exposure of criminals.*

## HOW TO JOIN THE MIKE BOLHUIS DAILY PROJECTS WHATSAPP GROUP:

- Simply follow the link to our dedicated WhatsApp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ew1H1dbUR988qoG8gei2sE>
- "JOIN" to ensure you never miss our daily updates.
- You will receive automatic notifications as soon as a new project is placed.
- Please share this with family, friends and colleagues.

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TO THE PROJECTS WILL BE TREATED IN THE  
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This retaliation happens on social media and creates doubt about our integrity and ability. Doubt created on social media platforms is both unwarranted and untrue.

We strongly recommend that you make up your minds concerning me and our organisation only after considering all the factual information - to the exclusion of hearsay and assumptions.

Furthermore, you are welcome to address your concerns directly with me should you still be unsatisfied with your conclusions. While the internet

provides a lot of valuable information, it is also a platform that distributes a lot of false information. The distribution of false information, fake news, slander and hate speech constitutes a crime that can be prosecuted by law. Your own research discretion and discernment are imperative when choosing what and what not to believe.

**STANDARD RULES APPLY:** Upon appointment, we require a formal mandate with detailed instructions. Please take note that should you not make use of our services – you may not under any circumstance use my name or the name of my organisation as a means to achieve whatever end.

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