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## **CERT-MU Alert**

### **Spreading of Intimate Images through the Telegram App**

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The Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-MU) has noted several incidents being reported on the Mauritian Cybercrime online Reporting System (MAUCORS.GOV.MU.ORG) regarding sharing of inappropriate content including nudity on the Telegram App. Several groups on Telegram have been created and are targeting Mauritian girls and women by accessing their private images and sharing it without their consent on the respective groups.

Some reports on MAUCORS also mentions that the images of the person being targeted have been morphed and circulated on Telegram while others have reported that the intimate images found in these groups actually belonged to them.

Most of the indecent and inappropriate pictures of the victims are being shared on the following Telegram Groups:

- Patoune Locales
- tou ceki zot lai
- fam zis local,
- nudes group
- photo et video fam Maurice
- kit bon ggn bon
- Sex Moris
- zafer lokal

In order not to be trapped and fall victim to this heinous act, CERT-MU **STRONGLY** advises the population at large that private, sensitive or intimate images or content **SHOULD NOT be SAVED, UPLOADED or SHARED** on any platform as this could be misused for harassment and extortion purposes. Please also be advised that the posting of such indecent images is an offence as per the Information and Communication Technologies Act 2001 and the offender could be fined up to Rs 1 million and can face imprisonment not exceeding 10 years.

CERT-MU wishes to inform the public that Telegram has been contacted to block the groups where these images are being circulated. The Cybercrime Unit of the Mauritius Police Force is investigating into the incident.

**Report Cyber Security Incidents**

Report cyber security incidents on the Mauritian Cybercrime Online Reporting System (MAUCORS - <http://maucors.govmu.org>)

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