

ADVISORY TO ALL INDIAN NATIONALS REGARDING FRAUDULENT CALLS DEMANDING MONEY

Of late, it has been brought to the notice of this Mission that Indian nationals, especially professionals and students, have been receiving calls allegedly from number 026459140, the Embassy's EPABX number, about some fictitious immigration issues. These calls with malafide intent usually mention that there is some problem in their Immigration form/identity declaration form that they had filled during immigration to Belgium or linked with registration with the Embassy. These fraudsters threaten people that proceedings were being initiated against them by Belgian Immigration authorities and they would be deported to India unless they purchased bonds worth Euros 999 from them. The standard modus operandi of these fraudsters is that they try to frighten Indian nationals about having deliberately suppressed information while filling immigration form and demand them to wire transfer the money through Western Union or unrecognized banking channels. The spoof caller subsequently cites a fake complaint reference number and asks the person to transfer money in the accounts given by him/her.

The Embassy of India would like to caution the Indian nationals working/studying in Belgium to ignore these fake calls and not to pay heed to demand for money by these fraudsters. Embassy does not demand any money over phone. Please do not transfer any money through Western Union or any unrecognized banking channels. All such calls should be reported to the Embassy at consular@indembassy.be

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