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New form of attack targeting UAE users via on WhatsApp.

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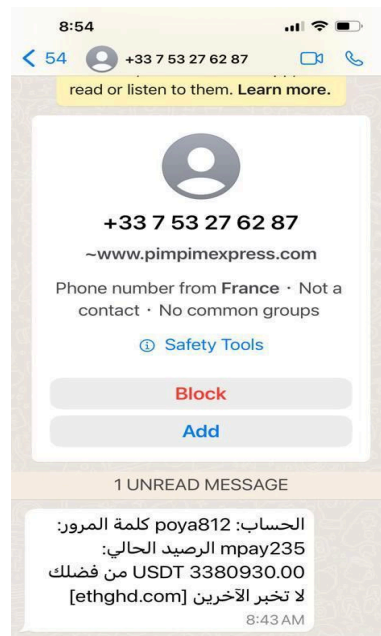
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The UAE Cyber Security Council has observed New form of attack targeting UAE users on WhatsApp.

TECHNICAL DETAILS:

Threat intelligence was notified A new form of attack targeting users on WhatsApp.

Alert Reference:



Reports suggest it may involve:

- **Phishing messages:** Attackers may impersonate trusted contacts, businesses, or organizations, sending messages that urge users to click on malicious links or download infected files.
- **Social engineering tactics:** Attackers may use urgency, fear, or other manipulative tactics to pressure users into taking actions that compromise their security.
- **Exploiting vulnerabilities:** The attack may exploit vulnerabilities in WhatsApp or user devices to gain unauthorized access to personal information or accounts.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- **Be cautious of unsolicited messages:** Do not click on links or download files from unknown senders, even if they appear to be from someone you know.
- **Verify sender identity:** If you receive a message from someone you know, but it seems unusual or suspicious, contact them through a different channel to confirm its legitimacy.
- **Beware of urgency and pressure:** Scammers often try to create a sense of urgency or pressure to manipulate you into acting quickly without thinking critically.
- **Enable two-factor authentication:** This adds an extra layer of security to your WhatsApp



account, making it more difficult for attackers to gain access even if they obtain your login credentials.

- **Keep WhatsApp and your device software up to date:** This ensures you have the latest security patches and fixes.
- **Report suspicious activity:** If you suspect you have received a malicious message or encountered a suspicious activity on WhatsApp, report it to WhatsApp immediately.

Kindly circulate this information to your subsidiaries and partners as well as share with us any relevant information and findings.

The UAE Cyber Security Council extends its appreciation for the continued collaboration.