

Fake Singapore names in suspected influence ops in India

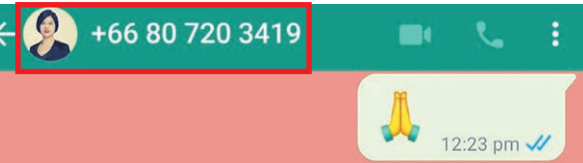
In recent months, prominent Indian journalists and academics have been approached by what some security analysts in India suspect is an influence operation originating in China. Here are some examples of the offers that were made.

Method of persuasion

Red flag

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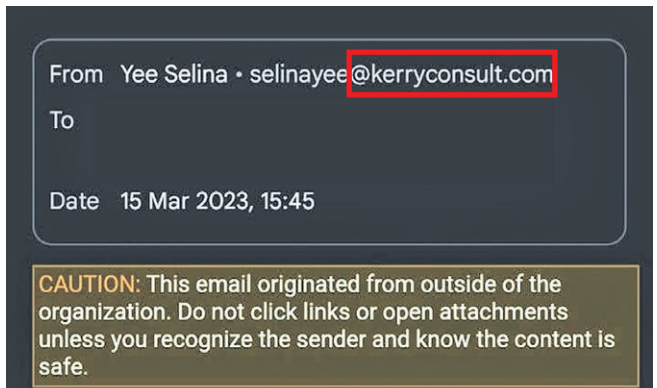
WhatsApp number from Thailand.



Our organization is South Asia Studies Institution, Singapore branch. Right now our department is hiring Indian journalists who are experienced in Indo-China geopolitics to offer us long-term news report online. So far, as I know you are a journalist in J&K, which is related to Indo-China geopolitics. We believe you are very qualified for our job. At the very beginning, you can offer us 4 topics related to Indo-China geopolitics news, then we will choose one topic as your trial. This trial can be in various forms but from an exclusive channel. the payment will be 200-300 US dollars through PayPal. After this trial, the following payment per essay will be 200-700 US dollars, depending on the value. Here is our website: www.isas.nus.edu.sg

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Flattering the target.

Use of a fake e-mail domain.
The journal does not exist.



Nice to write to you! I am Selina, a senior program manager from Kerry Consulting. Headquartered in Singapore since 2003, It is a leading consulting firm, providing services and solutions to governments, companies, and financial institutions, with in-depth reports varying from the areas of Industrials & Electronics, Aerospace & Defense, International Relations, Non-traditional Security, Overseas Investment, etc. I read some of your reports in Print and Reuters on India diplomatic activities. You are really an insightful and professional journalist. So I sincerely invite you to be my guest freelance consultant and contribute to the programs which match your expertise. Now I am in charge of a journal of "Policy Perception" It is given by the Singapore government and will provide the leading decision-makers with quality analysis on issues of regional and global significance. It has columns of economy, politics, security and technology. I would like you to invite you to contribute to the column, with independent analysis

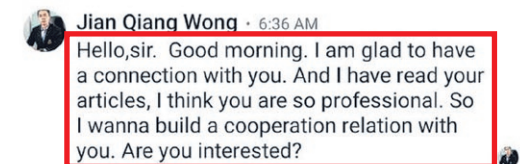
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some more points:
1. The journal will be only for internal reference. So please be noted that your article will not be published or to be found elsewhere. And I can not share with you the brochures we have already finished. Hope you do not mind.

2. It is a weekly issue. So after the designation of my topic, please finish it as soon as possible. It will be a short essay (1500 words), so I hope it can be finished within a week.

3. I will designate the topic according to your expertise. So please send me a cv if you are willing to cooperate.

4. For the remuneration, at the beginning of our cooperation, the basic salary for each article is 250-300 dollars and if it is indeed excellent indeed, there will be an extra bonus. As we cooperate further, surely there will be a raise.

Hope I have made myself clear. So we can take it forward from the first topic. Looking forward to your reply!
Julia

