

Warning: Be Alert for Fake News and Crypto Scams



Deepfake image used for a fake news article that promotes a cryptoscam

The Aruba Security Service (VDA) has detected an increase in fake news and deepfake material on social media in Aruba. This misleading information encourages residents to invest in fraudulent crypto platforms, which can lead to severe financial losses.

Recognizing Fake News and Deepfakes:

- 1. Verify the source: Always check where the information comes from. Remember: one source is not a source. Look for confirmation from multiple, reliable sources before believing or sharing information.
- Analyze image and sound quality: Deepfakes may show subtle irregularities, such as unnatural movements or mismatched audio synchronization. Pay attention to these details to detect manipulation.
- 3. Compare with official channels: Check if the news is also reported by recognized news organizations or official authorities. If not, the information may be unreliable.
- 4. Use technical tools: Utilize reverse image searches and other verification tools to check the authenticity of images and videos.
- 5. Be cautious of unsolicited investment offers: Scammers often approach potential victims with attractive investment opportunities. Be skeptical and conduct thorough research before making financial decisions.



Fake news on prime minister Evelyn Wever-Croes to promote a cryptoscam

Recommendations:

- Protect your personal information: Do not share sensitive data with unknown or untrustworthy parties.
- Report suspicious activities: If you encounter fake news, deepfakes, or potential scams, report them to the relevant authorities, platform administrators or to the tipline of VDA 11911 and/or KPA 11141.
- Stay informed: Follow awareness campaigns and educational programs on digital security and recognizing online threats.
- The VDA remains committed to protecting national security and urges citizens to stay vigilant and critically assess online information. For more information, please visit our website: www.vda.aw