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Security Advisory on Malware

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Dear UP Users,

Please be advised that there were reports of a malware botnet called Qakbot that was recently taken down to prevent its spread. Said malware affected computers through spam emails containing suspicious attachments or links. If users clicked these links or attachments, their computer was infected. You can read more about the news here: <https://bit.ly/news-on-qakbot-malware-takedown>

Users are strongly encouraged to go to <https://haveibeenpwned.com/> and check if their UP Mail and Microsoft 365 Outlook (@outlook.up.edu.ph) account have been affected.

Please also be reminded to be extra extra vigilant when accessing websites or corresponding through email, social media, and other online platforms. If you receive emails that are potentially spam or phishing, do not click any link or attachment, and delete said emails immediately.

If your computer has been affected by said malware, please use an anti-virus or anti-malware tool to remove it. See here for more information: <https://bit.ly/qakbot-anti-malware>

If you need further assistance, please contact the local IT office of your campus/constituent university (CU) through this site: <https://itdc.up.edu.ph/contact-us#cu-it-support>

For your information and guidance.