





# EMERGING TOP FRAUD RISKS TO CONSIDER IN 2021 AS A RESULT OF GLOBAL



Enhancing Communication & Collaboration : Learning From The Pandemic



The World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus outbreak as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020. The virus has had unexpected human and economic consequences across many countries.

President Joko Widodo confirmed the first two cases of COVID-19 in Indonesia on March 2, 2020.

As of 31 October, Indonesia has reported 410,088 cases, the highest in Southeast Asia !!!

1 PEMBATASAN SOSIAL BERSKALA BESAR (PSBB)

Lockdown, social distancing and implementation of strong regulation of work from home (WFH) & school from home (SFH) policies. This has caused a lot of businesses to limit their operations and closed down.

2 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

During the economic downturn caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the unemployment rate in Indonesia surged to **7.07 percent** in the third quarter 2020 compared to 5.28 percent in the same quarter a year earlier. The number of unemployed persons surged by 2.67 million to **9.77 million**<sup>1</sup>.

3 GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ("GDP")

Badan Pusat Statistik ("BPS")¹ announced Indonesia's GDP growth fall 3.49 percent (y-o-y) in the third quarter 2020, following a fall of 5.32 percent (y-o-y) in the second quarter compared to the same period in 2019. Whilst the GDP only grew at 2.97% in the first quarter 2020, a sharp declined compared to the same quarter in 2019 which was 5.02%. This has pushed Indonesia into its first recession in 22 years!

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The emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic has a devastating impact for many organizations globally. The combination of financial and health threats has exposed organizations to a variety of other emerging risks related to virtual operations, cybersecurity, changes on how we manage customers and suppliers that put pressure on the operations and also service delivery.

1 CYBERCRIME & DATA BREACHES

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#### **CYBERCRIME & DATA BREACHES**

IN 2017, THE GLOBAL ECONOMY LOST \$600 BILLION AS A RESULT OF CYBERCRIME.

CYBER ATTACKS GO FAR BEYOND FINANCIAL LOSS AND CAN IMPACT BUSINESSES'

FINANCES, REPUTATION, OPERATIONS, AND STAFFS' MORALE.

73.7%

Penetration of internet users in Indonesia has reached 196.7 million people, 73.7% of total population of Indonesia in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020, according to a survey from the Indonesian Internet Service Providers Association (APJII)<sup>2</sup>.

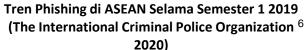
Indonesia is a country with the fourth largest internet users in the world after China, India and the United States 3.

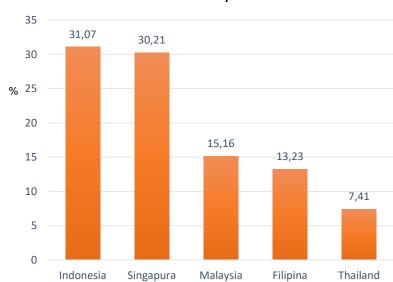


190 million cyberattack attempts from January to
August 2020, almost FIVE TIMES higher compared to
the same period in 2019, around 39 million. The highest
increased was in August 2020, where BSSN recorded
around 63 million cyber attacks, much higher than in
August 2019 which was only around 5 million.<sup>4</sup>

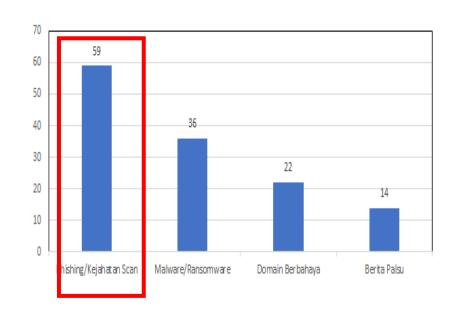
Data BSSN<sup>5</sup>

According to a 2020 report by the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol), Southeast Asia has been targeted by cyber criminals who operate by tricking victims, or through phishing. Indonesia is the main target for fraud perpetrators.



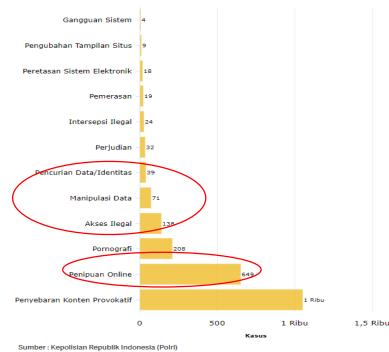


Serangan Siber Terkait Covid-19 Secara Global (Interpol, Agustus 2020)<sup>6</sup>



Phishing is a cybercrime in which a target or targets are contacted by email, telephone or text message by someone posing as a legitimate institution to lure individuals into providing sensitive data such as personally identifiable information, banking and credit card details, and passwords.

#### Laporan Kasus Kejahatan Siber Indonesia (Januari-September 2020) 6



ONLINE FRAUD (28.7%) is one of the most widely reported crimes occurred from January until September 2020.

#### **CYBER ATTACKS RELATED TO COVID-19**

80%

Firms have seen an increase in cyber attack this year. Coronavirus is alone blamed for 238% rise in cyber attacks on banks. Phishing attacks have seen a dramatic increase of 600% since the end of February.

81

Global firms from 81 countries reported data breaches in the first half of 2020 alone.

Ransomware attacks rose 148% in March and the average ransomware payment rose by 33% to \$111,605 as compared to Q4 2019.

(Source: Fintech News)

#### **Software AG Ransomware Attack**

The second-largest software vendor in Germany and the seventh-largest in Europe, Software AG has been reportedly hit by a ransomware attack in October 2020. ZDNet reported that the German tech firm has been attacked by the Clop ransomware and the cyber-criminal gang has demanded **more than \$20 million ransom**.

The report also says that the company has still not recovered from the attack completely. The company disclosed that the ransomware attack disrupted a part of its internal network. But services to its customers, including cloud-based services, remained unaffected. The company also tried to negotiate with the attackers but it all went in vain.

As per the statement released by Software AG, the company is in the process of restoring its system and database for resuming orderly operation.

#### Hack of Aussie Hedge Fund Using A Fake Zoom Invite<sup>7</sup>

A fake Zoom invite has led to the demise of a successful Sydney-based hedge fund and **nearly cost it \$8.7million** after a hacker was able to send off fake invoices on behalf of the firm.

On Monday, the AFR reported that Levitas Capital was forced to close after its major client Australian Catholic Super withdrew its funds in the wake of the September cyber attack.

The hedge fund's cyber investigators have pinpointed a fake Zoom invite opened by one of the fund's cofounders Michael Fagan or Michael Brookes.

By doing so, the hacker was able to install a malicious software program that gave them access to the fund's email system which they used to send off fake invoices.

Source: 5 Biggest Cyber Attacks of 2020 (So Far), Security Boulevard, www.ratikal.com, 30 October 2020, Saptarshi



**CYBER ATTACKS RELATED TO COVID-19** 



## 30 Maret

Joker Android Malware

spyware ini disisipkan pada aplikasi pemantauan covid19 yang sudah diverifikasi oleh Google Play

30 Maret



AhMyth Spyware

@ afollestad.euterialdialogs.internal

# github.mikephil.charting.charts

O BulldCoolin

@ CallsNanager

B Caseraffanager

@ Lochanager

@ MatrService

@ humptech.glide

B ConnectSorManae



## 29 Maret



Cerberus Banking Trojan

ini mampu mencuri kode OTP dari aplikasi Google Authenticator dan melakukan bypass akun yang mengaktifkan fitur two factor authentication

android banking trojan

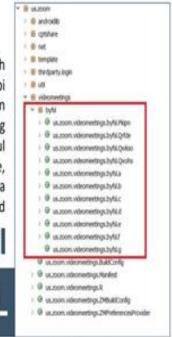
#### Xerxes Bot

Banking Trojan yang bisa dikendalikan secara remote, dapat melakukan eskalasi menjadi Ransomware

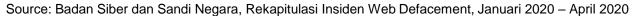
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**GLOBAL** 

Zoom ini telah disisipi menggunakan pengkodean yang berisi modul metasploit, adware, dan juga hiddenad/hiddad



Malicious Zoom



**SEVERAL CASES IN INDONESIA!** 

2020 has been a challenging year for personal data protection with a series of data leakage cases, both experienced by the government and private companies.

#### 230 THOUSAND OF COVID-19 PATIENTS

May 20, 2020: Covid-19 patients' data (name, citizenship status, date of birth, age, telephone number, home address) was suspected to have been stolen and sold on the dark web forum RapidForums.

1.2 MILLION OF BHINNEKA.COM

May 11, 2020:A group of ShinyHunters hackers claimed that they had 1.2 million Bhinneka.com user data. They managed to break into Bhinneka user data and sold a total of 73 million user data from various other sites on dark web.

#### 91 MILLION OF TOKOPEDIA ACCOUNTS

The perpetrator sold the data on the darkweb in the form of user ID, email, full name, date of birth, gender, mobile number and password which is still hashed or encrypted. They were sold at a price of USD 5,000 or around IDR 74 million.

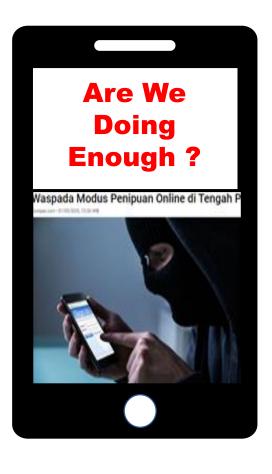
Companies which did not have significant remote working capabilities are forced to invest quickly in acquiring and implementing technology. Inevitably such rapid roll-outs are likely to be less robust than infrastructure changes planned and tested over a longer period.

Source: Deretan Peristiwa Kebocoran Data Warga RI Sejak Awal 2020 CNN Indonesia | Jumat, 26/06/2020 07:28 WIB

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## **CYBERCRIME & DATA BREACHES**

#### **EXAMPLES OF KEY CONTROLS TO CONSIDER IN 2021**



- ✓ Are employees fully aware of the phishing attempts which can result in malware / ransomware attacks?
- ✓ How have the company's IT Security monitoring capabilities been disrupted over the last 12 months? What controls have been taken to mitigate such disruption?
- ✓ Do employees understand the parameter of IT security? Are all devices being used with connectivity and network access secure?
- ✓ Is there any password management system that allows distribution of credentials without putting the company's security at risk?
- ✓ How has the WFH impacted the IT controls system in different parts of the business and what risks does this pose?
- ✓ How has the new segregation of duties impacted the user access matrix in terms of roles and responsibilities?

- ✓ Has the business performed a risk assessment to identify possible network weaknesses and data assets that are vulnerable to cyberattacks and theft?
- ✓ Is there a dedicated firewall management that is configured correctly to minimize this risk?
- ✓ Are the anti-virus and anti-spyware software being installed and regularly updated to all computers including personal device?
- ✓ Have new software applications (e.g. video conferencing software) adopted been adequately checked for potential security flaws and vulnerabilities?
- Are employees trained to follow best practices, aware of the importance of data security and avoid mistakes that could lead to data breaches?
- Are security patches on personal devices being updated and managed to the same standard with the organization devices?

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#### **INTERNAL FRAUD: PEOPLE & BEHAVIOUR**

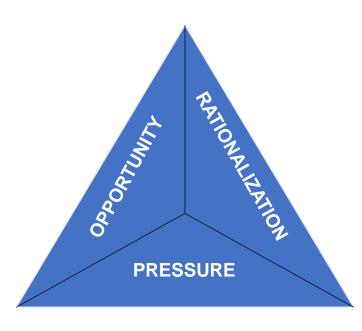
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IF YOUR ORGANIZATION IS FOUND TO BE ENGAGED IN FRAUDULENT
ACTIVITIES, IT MIGHT NOT ONLY BE FACING FINANCIAL LOSS, BUT LEGAL
LAWSUITS, DECLINE OF MARKET CONFIDENCE, PENALTY FROM REGULATOR,
AND UP TO BUSINEESS CLOSURE.

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## INTERNAL FRAUD: PEOPLE & BEHAVIOUR

#### FRAUD TRIANGLES



#### **OPPORTUNITY**

- Recognizing fake revenues or expenses
- Steal or distribute sensitive data when working remotely
- Forged of signatures on documents
- Setting of laptops / systems for WFH may result in users being given inappropriate system access
- Employee surveillance, whistle-blowing channels and internal investigation may not be operating at full capacity during WFH

#### **RATIONALIZATION**

- Rationalize the circumstances of no salary increase, bonus and pay cut during the year
- Perceived as if they borrow the money during this recession which will be payback later
- Inclined to commit fraud if WFH make employees feel disengaged or undervalued

#### **PRESSURE**

- Unsecured of jobs security / sustainability
- Individual performance tension to report positive results / meeting business target
- Significant new financial pressures on businesses which may lead to enhanced risk-taking or internal fraud

80.5%

The Association of Certified
Fraud Examiners ("ACFE") in
2009 shows that fraud is
uncovered 80.5% more often
in economic downturns than
in stable times. The ACFE's
new 2020 fraud report shows
that the average loss per fraud
case is now \$1.5 million, most
were being carried out
internally.

Companies need to shore up their detection and monitoring when fraud becomes part of the crisis

#### Top 5 types of fraud



Source: PwC Global economic crime and fraud survey 2020 (US edition)

#### **Examples of Fraud Red Flags During a Pandemic\***

#### **CORRUPTION**

### **ASSET MISAPPROPRIATION**

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT FRAUD**

- Questionable use of third-party agents, consultants, or sales intermediaries who interact with government officials
- Insider trading
- Bribing to obtain or retain new business (or funding from government programs)

- Larceny of inventory
- Frequency of purchases and amount of vendor spend sharply increasing
- Volume of purchases not supported by a rational need
- Lack of physical control over assets
- Overstating or creating fictitious expenditures
- Falsifying hours leading to overstatement of compensation

- Sales exactly meet budget or expectations
- Bonuses tied to sales
- Excessive returns after periodend
- Customer invoices show extended payment terms or unusual return allowances
- Improper inventory and other asset valuations
- Unapproved changes to vendor master file are unauthorized
- Pressure to manipulate financial estimates
- Write-downs to cover account shortfalls
- Data manipulation to breach financial covenants

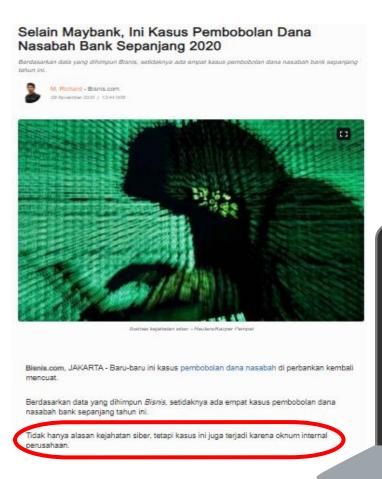
<sup>\*</sup>Source: A Blueprint to Managing Corporate Fraud Risk During A Pandemic, Nelson Luis, FLAI

## **INTERNAL FRAUD: PEOPLE & BEHAVIOUR**

# **NEWS HEADLINES!**

VIDEO: Gelapkan 6000 Material OVP, 3 Karyawan PT Ericsson dan 2 Penadah Diamankan Polisi







## **INTERNAL FRAUD: PEOPLE & BEHAVIOUR**

**EXAMPLES OF KEY CONTROLS TO CONSIDER IN 2021** 



- Are the established controls for preventing and recognizing fraudulent behaviors available and working?
- ✓ Do the highest ethical standards continuously be promoted from top down in the organization? Is senior management walk the talk?
- ✓ Are your employees able to perform their BAU remotely? Is digital signature being used? Can employee review and approve the processes without encountering physical constraints?
- ✓ How has the new segregation of duties impacted the user access matrix in terms of roles and responsibilities?
- ✓ Has management taken a sufficient risk-based approach to the way business operates in response to the pandemic? Has this risk being assessed and documented? Any measures for the organization's risk appetite?

- ✓ To what extent does the organization's efforts to remain operational impacted its compliance risk? Have staffs been taking shortcuts that pose possible conduct and other regulatory breaches?
- ✓ Are there any controls in place to prevent theft of data by employees working remotely?
- Does your organization carry out a reprioritization of the risks? Are key controls in place to mitigate them?
- ✓ Do you send any risk reminder communications to staff of zero tolerance to fraud still applies and that employees should report any suspicious behavior or fraud?
- ✓ How is the organization's ability to manage fraud? Any whistle blowing being implemented in the organization?
- Has the monitoring and follow-up of suspicious transactions changed in any way? Is full monitoring capacity available during this time?

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