

Fact Shala tip sheets on news and information literacy



WHATSAPP FORWARDS

Did you know that WhatsApp forwards can sometimes be the biggest source of misinformation going viral, and most times, unintentionally so?

MISINFORMATION THAT YOU UNKNOWINGLY SHARE FURTHER ON WHATSAPP USUALLY BELONGS TO THE FOLLOWING:



HOW TO RECOGNIZE IF THEY ARE MISLEADING POSTS:

1. Does the post invoke extreme emotions in you?
2. Does it make you take any action?
3. Is it forwarded multiple times? (Look for the double arrow sign that says the post has been heavily shared)
4. Do the images look edited?
5. Do the videos look digitally altered?

If your answer to any of the above is **YES**, then do a thorough verification, as it is, quite possibly misinformation or misleading information.