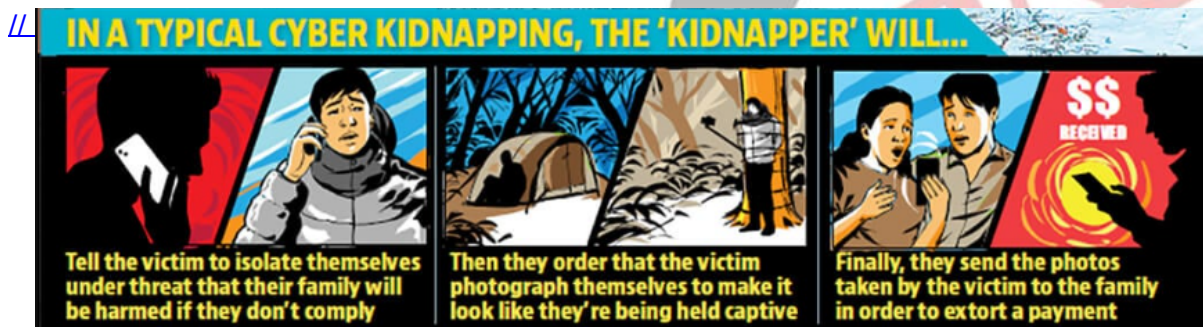# Cyber Kidnapping

Recently, a Chinese student who had been a **victim of 'cyber kidnapping**,' was discovered unharmed in rural **Utah**. Traced by the authorities, it was revealed that his parents from China had already paid a high ransom before his location being determined.

- **Cyber kidnapping** refers to a crime where the 'kidnappers' convince their victim to **hide**, and then contact their loved ones for ransom.
- In this type of scam, the **victim is not kidnapped,** but they are tricked into believing that they are in danger.
  - The **'kidnappers', though not physically present**, monitor the victim online through video-call platforms.
  - They may **threaten the victim or their family with violence,** or they may create fake evidence of a kidnapping, such as photos or videos.

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