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**Emirati cyber-security experts needed**

# Emirati cyber-security experts needed

**Emmanuel Samoglou**

**ABU DHABI //** More Emirati cyber-security experts are needed for the country to take full advantage of available technology, experts say.

"We don't have enough experts in all of the areas we need them,"

said Noura Al Suwaidi, manager at the National Electronic Security Authority.

Ms Al Suwaidi said that until that need was met, the UAE's efforts to become a leader in technology leave it more exposed to a growing "threat landscape".

"Adoption of the latest technological trends – like cloud computing, wearable devices, automating systems and processes – they bring risks," she said.

"We don't want to stop the adoption of technology. We want to make sure our cyber-security experts and critical sectors are taking a risk-based approach."

Raytheon's UAE leader Chris Davis said producing home-

grown experts would not be easy.

"If the US, with 300 million people, is having a problem finding qualified individuals, what does that mean for the UAE and what decisions will that force them to make in the future?" Mr Davis asked.

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## Emirati cyber experts are needed

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"The demographics and the maths will be very challenging for the UAE."

They were speaking yesterday at an industry forum in Abu Dhabi titled Bridging the Cyber-security Talent Gap, hosted by the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington and US defence and commercial electronics company Raytheon.

The institute said cyber-attacks on "key installations" in Arabian Gulf states cost US\$1 billion (Dh3.67bn) a year – an amount it expected would increase.

In 2014, the UAE suffered a 400

percent increase in such attacks, the institute said.

"It's very important for us to partner effectively with government and industry to make sure that the graduates we're producing are going to be capable of meeting the daunting challenges," said Prof Tod Laursen, president of Khalifa University.

This week, the university will be collaborating with Raytheon on a four-day workshop that will include discussions with experts from the University of Texas's Centre for Infrastructure Assurance and Security.

"That might be the most important piece, reaching young

professionals early in their careers, giving them access to the sort of expertise that folks in this room possess, and inspiring them for the opportunities they will have in the future to contribute to this sector," said Prof Laursen.

Paul Rogers, general manager of industrial cyber-security at GE, said he was aware of corporations that had been held back from using technological advances because of security doubts.

"The reality is that it can be done safely," Mr Rogers said.

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**Raytheon and the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington host forum to set development path for cyber expertise**

**منتدى يستهدف سد فجوة المواهب السيبرانية**

أبو ظبي - البيان

اجتمع أمس أكثر من 100 متخصص من القطاع الحكومي والخاص والأكاديمي في «منتدى الإمارات للأمن»، برعاية شركة «ريثيون» وتنظيم من «معهد دول الخليج العربية في واشنطن» وتنظيم «منتدى لتسليط الضوء على الحالة الراهنة للأمن السيبراني الإلكتروني» في الإمارات والحاجة إلى تطوير قوة عمل موهوبة لتعزيز المجال.

**نقطة انطلاق**

وقال ديفيد ويفزجراس، رئيس حلول وخدمات الأمن السيبراني في ريثيون: إن النجاح الذي حققه المنتدى يمثل نقطة انطلاق مثالية لأسبوع النشاطات التعليمية التوعوية السيبرانية لريثيون في الإمارات.

ستقوم شركة ريثيون بإطلاق مبادرة «الأكاديمية السيبرانية» الدولية عن طريق تنظيم ورشة عمل في جامعة خليفة - أبو ظبي، مباشرة بعد «منتدى الإمارات للأمن السيبراني» ولمدة 4 أيام، بالتعاون مع خبراء من برنامج مركز البنية التحتية للحماية والأمن في جامعة تكساس - سان أنتونيو الأميركية.

ورعت شركة ريثيون حلول التكنولوجيا العالمية والأمن الإلكتروني الفعالية كجزء

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Headline Summary:

## Cyber attacks cost Gulf states a whopping \$1 billion annually

**Sahra Nadem**

ABU DHABI — Cyber crimes have the upper hand over cyber security worldwide, simply because insufficient security data and not enough people with the know-how in the field.

In the Gulf Arab states, cyber attacks targeting key installations cost an estimated \$1 billion annually, and these do not take into account losses from hacker group's attacks such as the Desert Falcons that target businesses.

Over 100 cyber security experts gathered in Abu Dhabi on Sunday to talk about the latest challenges of cyber security, during the one day UAE Security Forum, organised by the global technology and cyber security company Raytheon in Washington. "We don't have enough human talent for cyber security, so we can't read our adversaries; we try to subsidise the lack of talent with big

**UAE cyber facts**

- 85% of incidents are online
- 400% rise in cyber attacks during 2014
- 1,549 reported cases of online attack
- 40% of residents less interested in cyber security

efforts in managing security services or centralising information," pointed out Michael Daly, chief technology officer at Raytheon Cybersecurity.

His company recently conducted a survey, mostly directed at university students — 6,000 people, between the age of 18 and 26 years old, 600 of whom were from the Middle East and 200 from the UAE — showed that the Middle East is doing much better in training the next generation of cyber security technicians than the rest of the world.

"When we asked the participants if any teacher talked to them about cyber security, two thirds said no, but 40 per cent of the Middle East

respondents said yes, which shows that the region here is doing better," said Daly.

Also, only 16 per cent of Middle Eastern students have never been to a cyber security class, as opposed to 45 per cent of students globally.

When asked if they ever spoke to someone in the cyber security profession, only 20 per cent of all students said yes, while in the Arab region 33 per cent got to talk to a cyber security expert.

"In 2013, the Ministry of Education introduced cyber security curricula for grades one to 12," said Emad Al Awadhi, manager of security compliance operations at du.

Yet, according to the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington, the UAE's environment for cyber threats is high, largely due to the majority of its society being connected to the Internet — 85 per cent

of UAE residents are online — as well as the UAE now being the global leader in smart phone penetration.

In 2014, the UAE saw a 400 per cent rise in targeted attacks, reaching nearly five per cent of the global total, up from less than one per cent in 2013, while Dubai Police reported a record number of 1,549 reported cases of cyber attack.

Although the government is facilitating studies of cyber security, the Raytheon survey found that there is much interest in the subject. "We found that in UAE over 60 per cent of respondents were less interested in cyber security this year than they were last year," said Daly.

Dr. Ernesto Damiani, chair of Information Security Group at Khalifa University of Science, Technology and Research, said changing the way cyber security is taught may be the answer. "The companies should be there from the start, on campus, to provide students the right capabilities and mentality."

**Michael Daly, Chief Technology Officer, Raytheon Cybersecurity**

**Gulf states are training the next generation of e-security technicians, the UAE Security Forum heard on Sunday. — Photo by Hussam Rabou**

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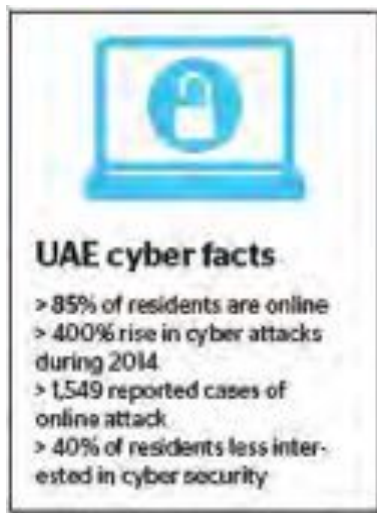
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# ‘Health sector faces risk of cyber crime’

UAE SECURITY FORUM DISCUSSES BEST WAYS TO PROTECT DATA

ABU DHABI

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Staff Reporter

**T**he health sector is expected to face attacks by cyber criminals this year, experts attending a security conference in the capital said yesterday.

Speaking at the UAE Security Forum (UAESF) 2016, Dr Ernesto Damiani, professor and director of the Information Security Research Centre at Khalifa University, said that the UAE is a worldwide leader in the density of its data-collecting sensors per square metre – a move towards efficiency but not without risk.

“Sensors like traffic radars collect information to uphold regulations. Others in specialised facilities such as hospitals lead to better decision making and optimisation of processes. But the sensors need to be connected to the computers where collected data is analysed and the decisions are made,” he told Gulf News.

“This connection point is where malicious activity is likely to occur. It is in a sense the other side of the coin. So we must make sure that when the sensors deliver information to decision-making entities, these units are protected against attacks for fear of the turmoil that stealing or forging information may cause,” he added.

Despite this, Dr Damiani said that the UAE is “reasonably well protected” against cyber



## Countering risks

Michael Daly, Dr Ernesto Damiani and Eman Al Awadi, Manager, Security Compliance, du, at the UAE Security Forum yesterday.

attackers relative to the value of information being collected by various private and government organisations.

However, the risks of making health-care information public means that individuals’ personal, medical and even financial data becomes available to criminals.

## ‘Financial fraud’

“They may use it for black-mail, as a means for financial fraud when a person’s credit card details are on file, or even to attack other members of that person’s family since most of us usually give that information out to our health-care providers as a matter of protocol,” Michael Daly, Chief Technology Officer at Raytheon Cy-

bersecurity, told Gulf News. Dr Damiani said that individuals have to care about their information being protected even if it is the seemingly trivial information found on personal metric measuring devices that are normally worn on the wrist.

“These devices normally demonstrate the pattern of life one has – so what time they leave their home, where they go, etc.

“If in the wrong hands, the GPS tracker usually on the devices may give criminals the opportunity to rob or even attack users. The other way these devices can be used if hacked into is as a storage unit for illicitly obtained information such as bank fraud details or even child pornography,” said Daly.



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## اليوم إطلاق الأكاديمية الدولية للأمن الإلكتروني

✉ **خالد عبدالمعز . أبو ظبي**

اجتمع في فندق قصر الإمارات - أبوظبي أمس نحو 100 متخصص من القطاع الحكومي والخاص والأكاديمي في «منتدى الإمارات للأمن»، برعاية شركة «ريثيون»، وتنظيم معهد دول الخليج العربية في واشنطن، وضمت الجلسة متحدثين من القطاع الحكومي والخاص والأكاديمي، تناولوا سبل تمكين الإمارات من توفير مواردها وشراكاتها بالشكل الأمثل لتطوير كفاءات قوية من المتخصصين السيبرانيين على المدى الطويل.

تنطلق في أبوظبي اليوم الأكاديمية الدولية الخاصة بالأمن الإلكتروني، بالتعاون بين جامعة خليفة وشركة «ريثيون»، المتخصصة في مجال التقنيات والابتكارات المتخصصة للأسواق الدفاعية والأمنية والمدنية. وأوضح لـ «الرؤية» رئيس الشركة في الدولة كريستوفر ديفيس، أن الأكاديمية تدعم قدرات الشباب والقطاع التعليمي فيما يتعلق بالأمن الإلكتروني عبر تنظيم محاضرات وورش عمل وإطلاق برامج تعليمية متخصصة.

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# لتعزيز القدرات الإماراتية في الأمن الإلكتروني

## انطلاق منتدى الإمارات للأمن بمشاركة ١٠٠ متخصص

**ويقر جراس: المنتدى نقطة انطلاق لأسبوع الشاكرات التعليمية، السيرية**



جانب من المنتدى

**تطوير وتنمية مهارات المتخصصين لمواجهة التحديات**

اجتمع أمس أكثر من ١٠٠ متخصص من القطاع الحكومي والخاص والأكاديمي في منتدى الإمارات للأمن، برعاية من شركة ريثيون ومندوبين من معهد دول الخليج العربية في واشنطن وسط اهتمام ونجاح كبيرين في عقد قصر الإمارات بأبوظبي.

رعى المنتدى خلال عدد من المحاضرات وورش عمل والجلسات التفاعلية على تقنية متطورة على المستوى الدولي والأمن الوطني وهي العمل على سد فجوة المواهب السيرية. حيث قامت شركة ريثيون الرائدة في حلول التكنولوجيا العالية والأمن الإلكتروني برعاية الفعالية كجزء من جهودها الدولية لتعميق عدد في تطوير تنمية المهارات لتخصصات متخصصة لمواجهة التحديات الخاصة بهذا المجال الحيوي والمثير. وقد قام معهد دول الخليج العربية في واشنطن بتوفير واستضافة المنتدى لتسهيل الفهم على الحالة الراهنة للأمن السيرياني الإلكتروني في دولة الإمارات والحاجة إلى تطوير قوة عمل مؤهلة لتعزيز المجال.

وقال السيد ديفيد ويفر جراس، رئيس محول وخدمات الأمن السيرياني في شركة ريثيون أن النجاح الذي حققه

**مارسيل وهبة: الأمن السيرياني، أساس الأمن القومي في القرن ٢١**

توليف مواردها وتوحيدها بالشكل الأمثل لتطوير كفاءات قوية من المتخصصين السيريانيين على المدى الطويل.

كما ألقى جون إنجلينس، نائب المدير السابق لوكالة الأمن القومي الأمريكية، كلمة مفصلة للمنتدى حول حالة الأمن السيرياني، وتطرق إنجلينس، المدير المرموق الذي تزايد خبرته على ٣٠ عاماً في مجال الأمن الإلكتروني والتقني، إلى منظومة المخاطر السيريانية الحالية وأحدث الإجراءات المتخذة لرد هذه المخاطر.

وتضمنت الجلسة الطقاسية استنتاجات وخطة عمل استناداً للمخاطر والشخصيات من قبل المتخصصين المحليين والدوليين المشاركين في المنتدى

المنتدى الإماراتي للأمن يفتتح نقطة انطلاق مثالية لأسبوع الشاكرات التعليمية النوعية السيرية التي تقيمها ريثيون في دولة الإمارات.

وأضاف ويفر جراس، هذا المنتدى يجمع نخبة متنوعة من الأشخاص المؤهلين للتركيز على مختلف جوانب وقضايا الأمن السيرياني وتطوير الخبرات لمواجهة التحديات الناشئة في هذا المجال ذات الأهمية الاستراتيجية والأساسية.

بدورها، علقت سعاد السيرة سارميسل وهبة، رئيسة معهد دول الخليج العربية في واشنطن، على نجاح المنتدى، فكانت لهم استضافة نخبة عدد كبير من الموضوعات المهمة خلال يوم واحد، وأشير سعاد إلى أن إجراءات



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'مؤتمر الإمارات ألب' برعاية من شركة رايثيون في واشنطن "وساطة مأمون جالبيري  
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## UAE Security Forum focuses on cyber security talent gap



ABU DHABI: More than 100 leaders from across government, academia and the private sector gathered for the Raytheon-sponsored UAE Security Forum today at the Emirates Palace. The forum brought focus to a key topic of global and national security: bridging the cyber security talent gap.

Raytheon (NYSE: RTN), a global technology and cyber security expert, sponsored the forum as part of its global efforts to help develop professionals to meet the challenges of this dynamic domain. The event was organized and hosted by the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington (AGSIW) to help focus on the current state of cyber security in the Emirates and the need to broaden the cyber workforce.

“The success of the UAE Security Forum provides the perfect launching point for Raytheon’s week of cyber educational engagement in the Emirates,” said Dave Wajsgras, president of Raytheon Intelligence, Information and Services. “This diverse and talented group of people came together to focus on cyber security and the development of expertise to meet the global security challenges in this crucial domain.”

Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates Marcelle M. Wahba, president of AGSIW, said the forum allowed for “an incredible amount of important subject matter to be discussed in just one day... Serious cyber security measures are vital to national and global security in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We have taken some very productive steps today through the UAE Security Forum, and the Institute looks forward to continuing this work with Raytheon and its partners.”

One of the forum’s highlights was the session called “Creating a 21st Century Cyber Workforce.” Moderated by Dr. Lydia Kostopoulos, assistant professor at Khalifa University’s Institute of International and Civil Society, the session drew on a diverse panel of participants. Experts from government, the private sector and academia explored how the UAE can leverage its resources and partnerships and build a sustainable talent pool of cyber security specialists.

Forum attendees also heard from John C. Inglis, former deputy director of the U.S. National Security Agency, as he delivered an insightful keynote speech. As a leading expert with more than three decades of experience in the technical and cyber security fields, Inglis helped forum attendees better understand the current cyber threat matrix and emerging measures to counter them.

The security forum’s final session drew on the assembled expertise of attendees to develop an action plan for development of cyber security professionals in the UAE.

“Raytheon’s longstanding partnership with the UAE covers a wide range of security issues, said Chris Davis, Raytheon’s business executive in the UAE. “The intent is to use our deep expertise in cyber security to help the Emirates meet its Vision 2030 objectives.”

Raytheon will launch its global Cyber Academy initiative with a four-day workshop at Khalifa University, beginning Feb. 22. The workshop will give students instruction from cyber experts from the University of Texas – San Antonio’s Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security. The CIAS was recently named the top cyber education program in the United States. The workshop will end with a cyber competition, in which the students will test their new skills. PR