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UAE cybersecurity council paper urges global CISOs to 'take the fight to cyber attackers'

Position paper ahead of Gisec Global encourages proactive action, adopting a Gisec-first strategy where 'attack is the best form of defence' to fight cybercrime

The UAE Cybersecurity Council and Gisec Global 2023, the Middle East's largest and most impactful cybersecurity event, released a special position paper for global CISOs and cybersecurity professionals titled "A Gisec-first Strategy: Attack is the best form of Defence".

Co-authored by H.E. Dr. Mohamed Hamad Al-Kuwaiti, Head of Cyber Security, UAE Government, and Dr. Aloysius Cheang, Chief Security Officer, Huawei Middle East & Central Asia, the paper urges global CISOs to "take the fight to cyber attackers by following the age-old adage: attack is the best form of defence." The paper warns businesses that assuming will not be at the receiving end of cyberattacks 'is no longer a luxury' especially as ransomware attacks are expected to remain prevalent this year.

It stated that cybercrime is highly rewarding financially for successful attacks, the primary driver for escalating cybercrime, while the Covid-19 pandemic, geopolitical instability, and rapid de-globalisation have fuelled global tensions, sparking off a 'paradox of a global cyber pandemic amid rapid digital transformation and growth'.

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Spire solutions to showcase innovative and disruptive cybersecurity solutions

The Middle East & Africa region's leading value-added distributor will demonstrate various cybersecurity solutions with the power of Al to help transform the cybersecurity posture of organisation.

Spire Solutions, The Middle East & Africa region's preferred security & data partner and leading value-added distributor is proud to announce its participation at the Gulf Information Security Expo and Conference (Gisec) Exhibition 2023.

Cybersecurity is an ever-evolving field and organisation are constantly facing new and emerging cyber risks and threats. With an objective to 'Transform the Cybersecurity Posture With The Power Of Al', Spire Solutions will address critical challenges faced by organisation, and provide them with transformative, efficient, and scalable digital, data, and cybersecurity solutions.

Spire Solutions will showcase a wide range of cybersecurity solutions such as IT Infrastructure & Operations Management by SolarWinds, multi-signal Managed Detection and Response by eSentire, Power of Data, Machine Learning algorithms, and advanced Data Analytics by Spire Data, Comprehensive Detection & Response (XDR), Search, Security, and Analytics by Elastic, Comprehensive Malware Protection to browsers by Conceal, Data Identity and Access Management by Atos, Network Detection and Response solutions by Corelight, Cyberbit's Cyber Readiness & Skill Development Platform and Network-level intelligence solutions to amplify the power of observability tools by Gigamon, and Data protection with next-generation cryptographic security offered by Quantum Xchange, among many others. The team of experts at Spire Solutions powered by tech partners available at Gisec 2023 is there to discuss the latest industry trends & solutions through meetings, demos, presentations, and case study discussions



Sanjeev Walia, Founder & President, Spire Solutions.

Supercharge your cybersecurity with SANS Institute

SANS Institute, the global leader in cybersecurity training and certifications is participating in Gisec 2023, at the Dubai World Trade Centre. The company will demonstrate its entire product portfolio at the exhibition and educate organisation and professionals on how the right knowledge and training can overcome data breaches, malicious actors, insider threats, and emerging cyber risks.

SANS will be showcasing its suite of cybersecurity offerings at the conference, which includes a range of products and services, from GIAC certifications and primary cybersecurity training to Security Awareness Training solutions, Cyber Ranges, providing hands-on, immersive training experiences; and the advanced ECE curriculum, which focuses on advanced topics in cybersecurity, such as reverse engineering, penetration testing, and digital forensics. SANS Senior Instructor, Kevin Ripa, will be speaking at the Dark Stage about how even the best security professionals can fall prey to a phishing email, and how this can be avoided. 'Think You Can't Get Phished? Think Again' will relay a phishing example in story form from an actual compromise. He will also be speaking at X LABS-. 'The Five Steps of a Hacker' will give insight into how organisation can start thinking about their environment from an adversary's perspective, and thus understand how to defend their assets more efficiently. Alongside these two talks, Kevin and his fellow SANS instructors, Maxim Deweerdt and Michael Hoffman, will be providing workshops each day. Join the SANS team to discover the latest cybersecurity insights and solutions for the Middle East region. Visitors can also participate in highly engaging mini Capturethe-Flag events where they will have the chance to test their skills in a simulated cybersecurity environment. These events are designed to provide a real-world, hands-on experience and showcase the immersive training opportunities offered by SANS Institute.



Ned Baltagi, Managing Director, Middle East and Africa, SANS Institute.

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Bachir Moussa, Regional Director, MEA, Nozomi Networks.

Nozomi networks continues to transform OT and IoT security solutions

Nozomi Networks, the leader in operational technology (OT) and Internet of Things (IoT) security, is exhibiting in the Gulf Information Security Expo & Conference (Gisec) at the Dubai World Trade Centre. The company will highlight how its extensive suite of leading OT and IoT security solutions can be leveraged to protect critical infrastructure, industrial networks, and government organisation from cyber threats, all while maximising operational resilience.

2022 was another unprecedented year for OT, IoT and ICS security, with news-making attacks such as Industroyer2 and INCONTROLLER causing turbulence worldwide. Ransomware, threats to OT/ICS settings, and vulnerability disclosures remain at large. The latest OT/IoT security report from Nozomi Networks Labs finds that oil and gas, healthcare, transportation, and retail are just a few examples of industry verticals where attacks have significantly increased over the past year, as most IoT and OT (industrial) networks lack adequate cyber security control, an area that attackers are taking full advantage of. Currently, OT and IoT networks in the Middle East are more vulnerable to cyberattacks across all industries. Launched this January, Nozomi Arc, the latest addition to Nozomi Networks' product portfolio, will make its debut at Gisec 2023. Built to automatically deploy across large numbers of sites and devices anywhere an organisation needs visibility, Nozomi Arc adds crucial data and insights about key assets and network endpoints. This data is used to better analyse and deter threats, as well as correlate user activity, all without putting a strain on current resources or disrupting mission-critical networks.



Khaled Al Melhi, CEO, CPX

CPX to showcase cutting-edge cybersecurity solutions in alignment with UAE's cybersecurity vision

CPX Holding, a leading provider of digital-first cybersecurity solutions and services, showcase its complete end-to-end cybersecurity capabilities at the Gulf Information Security Expo & Conference (Gisec) 2023.

This will mark the first time CPX exhibits at an event, presenting a unique opportunity for the company to demonstrate its solutions and commitment to the UAE's vision of becoming the leading digital economy and among the most cyber-safe nations in the world.

Home grown and UAE-based, CPX was officially launched at Gisec last year and has since developed a unique framework across the three core principles of cyber resilience, namely, assess, protect, and operate. Under this framework, CPX has developed high-performing cyber security solutions, coupled with cyber innovation and governance.

In today's fast-changing business environment, as organisation adopt new technologies to maintain their market competitiveness, they also increase the risk of being exposed to new, more sophisticated cyber threats. CPX equips customers to mitigate these unprecedented security risks with its dynamic cybersecurity solutions and remains committed to building a vibrant cybersecurity ecosystem in today's digital-first world.

OPSWAT to show regional industry players the route to IT/OT security maturity

In its on-site lab, the critical infrastructure protection leader will demonstrate the latest information and operational security measures for everything from e-mail to communications between industrial control systems.

OPSWAT, a global leader in critical infrastructure protection (CIP) cybersecurity solutions, exhibiting at Gisec 2023 to show the region's private and public sector enterprises how to develop their cybersecurity maturity through the company's end-to-end IT/OT security solutions.

Operations Security

From its onsite Gisec CIP lab, OPSWAT will showcase the gamut of its IT and OT security capabilities. From an OT perspective, experts will demonstrate how Neuralyzer, the company's asset-visibility platform, can reach into the darkest spaces of the technology stack and give back control of the suite to OT and security professionals. MetaAccess OT is an industrial-scale, secure remote-access appliance that enforces granular access control. Also on display at the lab will be MetaDefender Vault, a secure filestorage system for cross-domain and inter-network transactions. and MetaDefender Kiosk, which is a portable media security solution for transferring files and devices back and forth between airgapped and connected networks. And NetWall is the company's

security gateway capable of unidirectional and bidirectional setups.

Information Security

On the IT side, OPSWAT will be showcasing MetaDefender Drive, a USB stick used to check laptops by booting and scanning with over 30 AV engines and checking vulnerabilities and country of origin. And at a time when social engineering is on the rise in the region. OPSWAT's Email Security offers anti-phishing and antispamming as an extra line of defense for on-prem and cloudnative mail hosting, deploying its Deep CDR, proactive DLP, and multi-scanning technologies to ensure attachments are safe. Meanwhile. MetaAccess



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secures endpoint access through compliance and posture checking to protect sensitive IT resources. Moreover, MetaDefender Secure Storage guards files at rest and in transit.

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Gisec 2022 recap





Synology presenting comprehensive solutions for secure business data

Synology, the global leader in data storage solutions, participating in the Gisec 2023, one of the region's most prominent technology exhibitions. Synology is dedicated to providing a comprehensive hybrid-cloud ecosystem that is designed to help businesses secure their data against cyberattacks and ensure business continuity with their disaster recovery solutions.

At Gisec 2023, executives and technology experts from Synology will meet with customers and partners to demonstrate the latest advancements in their technologies.

Synology Secure Data Solutions:

Identity & Access Management Solutions

C2 Identity: Centralised identity and device management

- Consolidate user accounts and simplify access to devices, on premises services, and cloud applications
- Streamline account creation by leveraging user provisioning, while supporting SS0 through SAML 2.0

C2 Transfer: Share and receive files the secure and reliable way

- Only the intended recipients can open the files by verifying identity through TOTP
- Documents up to 20GB are protected with intuitive content protection features such as custom watermark, file download limit, and expiry date

C2 Password: Manage passwords with ease

- Store passwords and other sensitive data such as addresses, banking information, and passport details
- Unlimited cross-device syncing and password auto-fill allows users to enjoy seamless online experiences

Secure Data Storage

- HD series: Scalable high-density storage server for multi-petabyte applications
- UC series: Active-active SAN for mission-critical environments



- SA series: Scalable enterprise storage solutions for highperformance and capacity requirements
- XS+/ XS series: High-performance storage solutions for businesses, engineered for reliability

Disaster Recovery Solutions

Active Backup for Business:

 Back up PCs, physical servers, file servers, virtual machines, and DSM centrally

Active Backup for Microsoft 365 and Google Workspace

 Protect data on Microsoft 365 SharePoint, OneDrive, Exchange, and Teams

Virtual Machine Manager

Support various operation systems, including Windows, Linux, and Virtual DSM

Hyper Backup

 Back up folders, system settings, and software packages from a Synology NAS

Snapshot Replication

• Provide point-in-time recovery snapshots of shared folders/LUNs and minimise RP0/RT0

Synology C2

 Flexible & affordable plans for multi-versioning and data deduplication

SentinelOne to spotlight innovative XDR, Identity, and EDR solutions

The SentinelOne team will share valuable insights on the current cyber landscape and how organisation can protect their data and assets.

SentinelOne, the global leader in autonomous cybersecurity is participating in the Gulf Information Security Expo & Conference (Gisec) 2023.

With a range of autonomous cybersecurity solutions, SentinelOne helps organisation stay ahead of emerging threats and protects their digital environments with confidence. The company will showcase its Extended Detection and Response (XDR) platform, Singularity XDR, as well as Singularity for Identity, an Identity Threat Detection, and Response (ITDR) solution, and Singularity for Endpoint, an endpoint detection, and response (EDR) solution. As part of its plans for regional growth, SentinelOne has a number of objectives for the three-day event, including networking with potential clients and channel partners in the region. At Gisec 2023, SentinelOne will highlight its flagship platform, Singularity XDR, a unified platform designed to provide comprehensive endpoint protection to users. The platform can autonomously supercharge, fortify, automate, and extend protection from the endpoint to beyond, with unfettered visibility, proven protection, and industry-leading responsiveness.

Additionally, identity-based infrastructure has become a core function of scaling businesses as of late. 'Identity' cybersecurity is now vital as this surface has become a primary attack vector for threat actors. Singularity for Identity prevents business disruption with proactive, real-time protection against threats, integrating with Active Directory and Azure AD to thwart attack progression.

Lastly, Singularity for Endpoint provides prevention, detection, and response across



Tamer Odeh, Regional Sales Director, SentinelOne.

all devices, offering dynamic device recovery and improved detection effectiveness.

Senior executives and cybersecurity experts from the SentinelOne team will be available to engage with visitors, demonstrate their cutting-edge solutions, and share crucial insights about the current threat landscape and how businesses can stay ahead of the game.

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