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First Middle East Webinar Announced

The new series of region-focused webinars for ASIS members in the Middle East region will be launched in April :

April 21

Riyadh: 16.00; Dubai: 17.00; Islamabad: 18.00.

Security Crisis Management in the Middle East, North Africa, and Turkey.

Speaker: Samuel Botros, regional security and crisis management director, GE



Botros' security career includes more than 14 years of military service with the New Zealand and Australian Special Forces. Between 2004 and 2009, he was employed in the United Arab Emirates as an advisor for national and international counterterrorism and special operations. After joining GE in 2009, he quickly advanced from security manager for Iraq to his current position.

Subscribers can listen to live presentations or take advantage of the flexibility of recorded webinars. An annual subscription for entire year's content is available for ASIS members for just \$99. Sign up [here](#) .

View the schedule of the other 2016 webinars already confirmed [here](#). Please note that the webinar schedule is updated throughout the year as new sessions are added.

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Keynote speaker Bader F. Al-Qadran.

Under the patronage of His Excellency Lt. Gen. Dhahi Khalfan Tamim, deputy chairman of police and general security, the ASIS International 7th Middle East Security Conference & Exhibition was held February 21 to 23 at the Intercontinental Dubai Festival City, Dubai, United Arab Emirates. More than 500 attendees from 36 countries gathered to take part in the educational program, the opportunities for sharing ideas, and the chance to view the latest products and services on offer from the select group of exhibitors.

The event was opened by His Excellency Major General Mohammed Saif Al Zafeen, assistant commander for operation affairs, and His Excellency Major General Anas Al Matrooshi, director of operations for transport and rescue, both of the Dubai Police. The first morning's keynote presentation was delivered by Bader F. Al-Qadran, executive director of safety and industrial security at Saudi Aramco, who spoke on the evolution and dynamic development of the security profession in the region.



A plenary session at ASIS Middle East 2016.

The next day featured an opening keynote from His Excellency Major General Mansour S. Al-Turki, spokesperson at the Ministry of Interior, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). Al-Turki gave the audience a unique insight into how the Hajj crowds are managed, explaining the stages of the pilgrimage and the intensive planning required to handle the hundreds of thousands of participants.

His Excellency Dr. Khalid bin Saad Al-Ageel, general secretary of the Higher Commission for Industrial Security (HCIS) in the Ministry of Interior, KSA,

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provided the closing keynote, explaining the role of the HCIS in guiding the security industry and the crucial role of continuous education and training.

Two full conference days, presided over by conference chair John Cowling of Control Risks, gave attendees access to more than 40 educational sessions featuring speakers from Al-Tayer Group, Emaar Retail Group, Abbott Laboratories, Deloitte, and many more. In parallel, a CSO Roundtable Summit designed for Chief Security Officers (CSOs) was conducted.

As well as attendees based in the Middle East region, the event attracted professionals from much further afield. Todd Smithson, CSO, Thales Australia, stated, "The ASIS Middle East Conference is an outstanding opportunity to meet and liaise with security professionals in the region as well as gain essential knowledge on relevant topics affecting the international security environment."

Twenty-four companies from around the globe showcased their products and services at their exhibition stands. Attendees also visited the Technology and Solutions Theater, which provided engaging presentations and experiences.

Networking events were held throughout the conference. Attendees enjoyed a welcome reception on Sunday, February 21, followed by the President's Reception on Monday evening, hosted by ASIS International President David C. Davis, CPP, at Al Badia Golf Club.

See more event photos on the [ASIS flickr account](#).

ASIS Middle East 2017 will take place in Bahrain, November 5 to 7.

For further information, please contact middleeast@asisonline.org.

Dubai Chapter at ASIS Middle East 2016



By Peter Page

In February, it was a great pleasure for the Dubai Chapter to once again welcome the ASIS Middle East Security Conference & Exhibition.

- Access to more than 300 peer-reviewed, security-related publications.
- Discounts on program and ASIS Seminar and Exhibits registration, merchandise, and certification programs.

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The conference week started off with representatives of the region and the Dubai Chapter meeting for the Middle East Advisory Council. This biannual gathering was a perfect opportunity for members to meet Peter J. O'Neil, the new CEO of ASIS International, who had literally only been on the job for a few days.

The Dubai Chapter was well represented at the conference with John Cowling, assistant regional vice president of Region 12-A again serving as the conference chair. Many members had volunteered for the Program Committee and served as moderators for the excellent educational sessions on offer. Dubai Chapter members and friends of the chapter spoke on topics as diverse as offshore attacks on oil and gas infrastructure, contactless card hacking, customized mobile solutions, building organizational resilience, how usability and security relate, and whether ISO 22301 changes the perception of an organization.

On day two of the conference, the Dubai Chapter held its February meeting in the Technology Theater. We were delighted to welcome to the meeting O'Neil, ASIS President David C. Davis, CPP, and several board members. Peter Page launched the Al Ma'arefa Scholarship scheme for its second year, and it was announced that this year two scholarships will be made available by the sponsors for those wishing to undertake the three ASIS professional certifications.

Once again, the annual conference and exhibition firmly placed ASIS Middle East on the map for security professionals in the region.

Peter Page, CPP, is vice chair of the Dubai Chapter and group loss prevention manager at Al Tayer Group LLC.

Abu Dhabi Chapter January Meeting



By Nadia Teodori

ASIS International Abu Dhabi Chapter held a networking event on February 29

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hosted by ATECO at the Club in Abu Dhabi. Chapter members were asked to bring a colleague in order to grow the ASIS professional network, resulting in an ample turnout.

Nadia Teodori is chair of the Abu Dhabi Chapter.

Articles for the next *ME Dynamics* can be submitted until April 1.

ASIS International News

Security Spotlight on Social Media Monitoring

SECURITY SPOTLIGHT

[This month's Security Spotlight](#) is on social media monitoring. Free downloads include: "New Research on Assessing Threatening Communications by Criminals," an education session from ASIS's 2014 Seminar and Exhibits, and "Analysing Jihadist Social Media," a CSO Roundtable webinar from February 2016.

Do you have ideas for a future Spotlight? Share your ideas by e-mailing marketing@asisonline.org.

ASIS 2016 Registration and Housing Open



Registration and housing are open for the most influential security event of the year, the ASIS International 62nd Annual Seminar and Exhibits in Orlando, Florida, USA (ASIS 2016). Plan now to join 20,000 professionals from around the globe to network, discover the newest products and services, and take advantage of the high-quality, peer-driven education program -- the most comprehensive offerings in the industry for both operational and cybersecurity professionals.



Elliott Abrams



Ted Koppel

Our keynotes are thought leaders Elliott Abrams, senior fellow for Middle Eastern studies with the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, D.C., and Ted Koppel, renowned journalist, television anchor, and author. The closing luncheon speaker will be Dr. Beck Weathers, survivor of the 1996 Mt. Everest tragedy. Join us for all three of these riveting, thought-provoking presentations.

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New CPP Exam Launching in May



The ASIS International Professional Certification Board (PCB) has updated the Certified Protection Professional® (CPP) examination study domains to ensure the exam content remains current and accurately reflects job-related activities, competency, and professional standards. ASIS conducts a job analysis or role delineation approximately every five years.

The updated exam will be put in place on May 16. ASIS asks that all regional and chapter leaders make candidates and study or review course directors aware of the changes that will soon take effect. Please contact certification@asisonline.org with any questions regarding the revised CPP exam's domain content. [View revised CPP domains](#) . [Read FAQs](#) .

New APC II Session on Radicalization

A new session, "Inside a Terrorists Mind: Radicalization, Ideology, and Terrorism in the Middle East," has been added to ASIS's [Assets Protection Course II: Practical Applications](#) (APC II), which will be held May 23 to 26.

This presentation will provide an introduction to radical Islam, Shari'a law, the ideology of Jihad, and the global influence and regional control of Daesh. The speaker will be a counterterrorism intelligence analyst for the CIAC and subject-matter expert on international terrorism.

Topics for discussion will include the ideology, leadership structure, and funding of foreign terrorist organizations and radical groups, as well as the radicalization process for both domestic and foreign-born extremists, and how social media influences the next generation of terrorists -- especially women.

Open Space Forum

An Open Space Forum for security education, research, and training (SERT) professionals, will be held June 7 to 8, at the Georgetown University Hotel and Conference Center in Washington, D.C.

SERT professionals are invited to join this two-day event. The Open Space Forum "unconference" format brings diverse people and ideas together in a structured, yet open, setting to answer a critical question, "What is the future of security education, research, and training worldwide?"

Participants will organize the agenda, choose the topics to discuss from a marketplace of ideas, lead the key discussions, develop actionable solutions, report and synthesize their progress, and form action teams to continue to work on the issues that matter to them. The momentum continues with follow-up online events, publications, and easily accessible and shared records of progress.

Reserve your space now. Special room rates are available until May 6.

For more information and details, click [here](#) .

New IE/ASIS Certificate Program for Security Executives

ASIS International and Madrid-based IE Business School have collaborated on a new certificate program to provide security managers education in areas essential for current and future management positions. Courses run to June 2016 and attendees must complete at least four of the courses to be awarded the IE Executive Development Certificate. [Preview the 2016 certificate program and sign up.](#)

ASIS Webinars

Back by popular demand: For the price of one \$99 webinar, ASIS International members can purchase a webinar subscription allowing them to attend all ASIS-produced webinars through December 31 (except those with restricted access).

New this year, nonmembers can purchase a subscription for \$350. The individual webinar price for nonmembers is \$129. [View the complete list of webinars.](#)

Middle East Overview

Daesh Detainee's Information Led to U.S. Airstrikes



A U.S. and Iraqi special operations team in action.

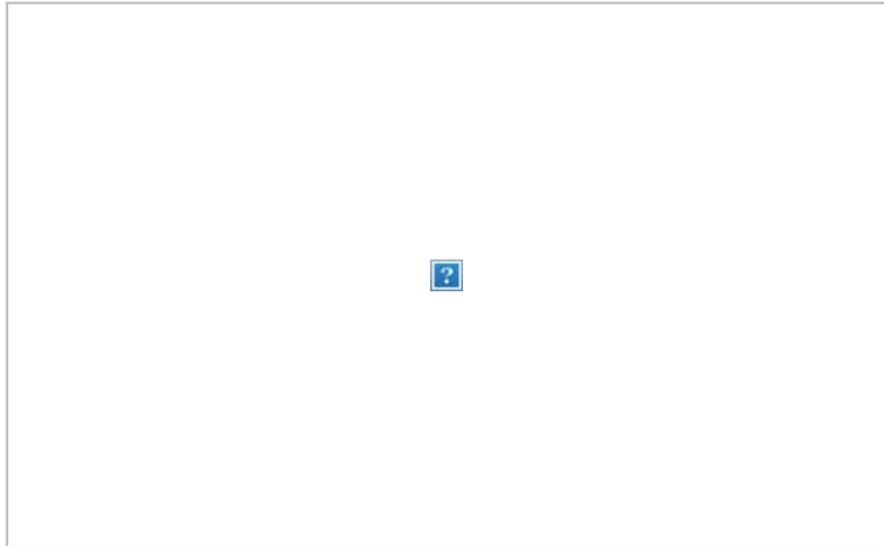
A top specialist in chemical weapons for Daesh who is in American custody in Northern Iraq has given military interrogators detailed information that resulted in two allied airstrikes in the last week against the group's illicit weapons sites, according to U.S. Defense Department officials.

The prisoner, an Iraqi identified by officials as Sleiman Daoud al-Afari, was captured in February by commandos with an elite American Special Operations force. He was described by three officials as a "significant operative" in Daesh's chemical weapons program. Another official said he once worked for Saddam Hussein's Military Industrialization Authority.

Read more [here](#).

Source: *The New York Times*

UAE Penalty for Posting Social Media Photos Without Consent



Major General Mohammed Al Shareef (center).

People posting pictures of others on social media networks without their permission could be jailed for six months and fined up to Dh500,000 under the United Arab Emirates' IT law.

Many social media users are not aware of such a law, says a senior Dubai Police officer.

"Some people do not know that if they photograph a person and post the picture on social networks or other electronic devices, it becomes a punishable crime according to the UAE law," Major General Mohammed Al Shareef, Assistant Police Commander for Administration said, after launching a social media awareness campaign.

Read more [here](#).

Source: *Emirates 24/7*

Pentagon Admits Cyberattacks Against Daesh



The Pentagon has acknowledged using its storehouse of new digital weapons to attack Daesh communications networks, the first time that the U.S. military has acknowledged doing so during an active war.

Operators from the U.S. Cyber Command, the young military command twinned to the National Security Agency, have launched assaults on nodes, overloading them with data, U.S. defense chief Ashton Carter said.

Carter told reporters the United States was "looking to accelerate" cyberstrikes he likened to the traditional disruption of enemy command networks.

Read more [here](#) .

Source: *The Guardian*

Pirates Hack Shipping Company Servers



Tech-savvy pirates breached the servers of a global shipping company to locate the exact vessel and cargo containers they wanted to plunder, according to a new report from Verizon's cybersecurity team.

"They'd board the vessel, locate by bar code specific, sought-after crates containing valuables, steal the contents of that crate -- and that crate only -- and then depart the vessel without further incident," notes , Verizon's *Data Breach Digest*.

Read more [here](#).

Source: *Business Insider*

Education and Events

Dean to Keynote at ASIS Europe 2016



Aimen Dean, the "spy who came in from Al-Qaeda," has been confirmed as a keynote speaker at ASIS Europe 2016.

Dean's links to Al-Qaeda took him to conflict zones across the globe. His initial drive "to defend a defenseless people" was shattered as extremist terrorism grew. He ended his time with Al-Qaeda on the Pakistan/Afghanistan border working closely with Osama Bin Laden's inner circle. Unbeknownst to this group he had switched sides and was working for British Intelligence.

Accidentally exposed by an American journalist and with his life in danger, he was resettled by his intelligence handlers. He continued advising not just the British Government but other agencies and companies globally. His insight and understanding of today's threats from extremists spring from an insider's knowledge of their psyche.

[Register here.](#)

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ASIS China 2016 Dates Changed



ASIS International has announced that the ASIS China 2016 Conference will take place from November 14 to 15. Please update your calendars accordingly.

The Call for Presentations is now open [here](#). The deadline for submissions is April 30.

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Global Agenda

February 21 to 23 -- [ASIS 7th Middle East Security Conference & Exhibition](#), Dubai, United Arab Emirates

April 6 to 8 -- [ASIS 15th European Security Conference & Exhibition](#), London, United Kingdom

April 27 to 28 -- [26th New York City Security Conference & Expo](#), New York, NY USA

September 12 to 15 -- [62nd Annual Seminar and Exhibits](#), Orlando, Florida

USA

November 14 to 15 -- [ASIS China Conference 2016](#), Shanghai, China

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