



6<sup>th</sup> Edition

# The Gulf Congress on Cybersecurity

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | Conrad Hotel - Dubai, UAE



# A WORD FROM OUR CEO



**Hadi Malaeb**

**Co-Founder & CEO  
Agora Group**

Dear attendees,

It was a pleasure to host you at the Conrad Hotel on May 9th, 2023 for the Gulf Congress on Cybersecurity. We would like to thank all the experts, stakeholders, media partners and government officials who attended the event. A special thanks goes out to our sponsors Delinea, Mimecast, 7Ci, OwlGaze and Goldilock, who placed their trust and faith in the GCCS event and recognized it as a place of immense value for information, investments and partnerships.

The MENA region is a flourishing economic landscape with ambitions to become a world leader in cybersecurity and other technological domains. The GCCS is a stepping stone toward that goal. It sets the region's greatest Cybersecurity minds together in a unique format designed to help all attendees reap the highest return on investment. Through the GCCS events, we hope to guide technology's evolution by ensuring a safe digital journey for all its users.

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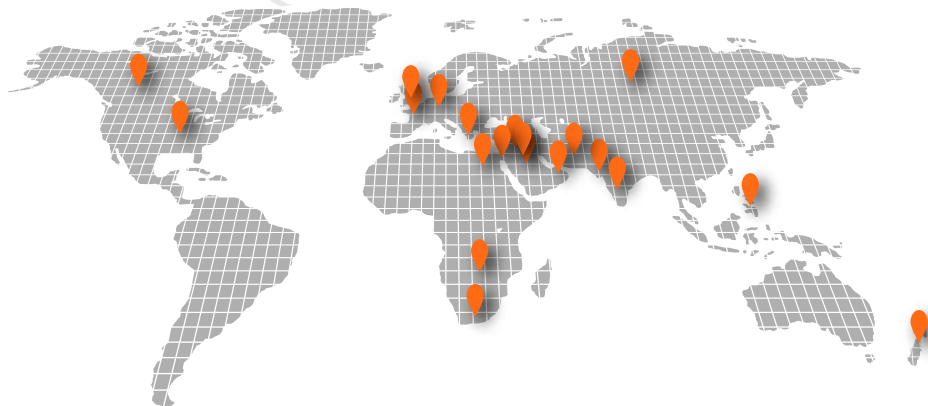
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Speakers



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Countries present at the congress



**22,000+**

Size of our Database & reach



**3,000+**

Event brochures emailed



**300+**

Questionnaires filled



**4,000+**

Phone calls made to decision makers



**5,000+**

Views on live streamed videos



**2,000+**

Companies & organizations contacted

# MEDIA COVERAGE

**Alise T. • 2nd**  
Family Office Legal Advisor / Associate Partner  
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9th of May, 2023

Yesterday I was delighted to attend two thrilling panel discussions: Forensics & Cyber Crimes  
Zero Trust Practical Tactical & Strategic Deployment  
during the 6th Edition of Gulf Congress on Cybersecurity organized by **AgoraGroup**

I would like to express my gratitude to moderator **Bharat Raigangar** and panelists **Dr Hamad Khalifa Ahmad Alrauwneh**, **DBA. PE**, **Ralph Chamrah**

The concept of Zero trust strategy journey:

moderator **Aus Alqubaidi** and panelists **Sornmath Sarker**, **Abdulrahman Shalabi** for sharing their **#Cyberdefense** experience practice as well as raising awareness about cybersecurity education within the modern society.

To conclude I am mentioning one of my favorite old fashioned but timeless quotes:  
"To catch a criminal you have to think like one"

**#Cybercrimeawareness #Cybersecurity #Agoragroup #Cyberdefense**

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Our CEO and founder **Tony Hasek** moderated a panel on Supply Chain Risks and Global Security Challenges at **AgoraGroup's** 6th Gulf Congress on Cybersecurity. Excellent discussion - video next week!

Many thanks to the panel members:

- **Abdulrahman Shalabi**, Manager - Cyber Intelligence Center, ENOC
- **Matt Karbowinski** - Cybersecurity Leader, Schneider Electric
- **Hesham Saad (Abdelal)**, Sr. Global Black Belt Cybersecurity, Microsoft

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**Hesham Saad (Abdelal) • 2nd**  
Sr. Global Black Belt Cybersecurity at Microsoft - EMEA  
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Thanks **AgoraGroup** for having us be part of the 6th Gulf Congress on Cybersecurity to discuss and share best practices and guidance on Supply Chain Risks & Global - Cloud Security Challenge!

**#microsofsecurity** have your back!

Cuba Deme David Tredwell Stefan S. Naim Yazbeck Jessu Ikhal Raviv Tamir Michal Braverman-Blumenstyk Aydin Aslaner Yazan Khasanweh Stefano Longo Reto Aeberhardt Michel Sengakis Israel Aloni

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Our CEO **Tony Hasek** will be moderating a panel and discussing **#Cybersecurity** in general and our **#DIPS**-based solution in particular at **AgoraGroup's** 6th Gulf Congress on Cybersecurity. If you're in Dubai and Abu Dhabi for a couple of days, reach out to Tony to discuss how to bring physical and bulletproof security to your operational technologies, critical infrastructure, data center or security stack.

Panel members are:

- **Abdulrahman Shalabi**, Manager - Cyber Intelligence Center, ENOC
- **Matt Karbowinski** - Cybersecurity Leader, Schneider Electric
- **Hesham Saad (Abdelal)**, Sr. Global Black Belt Cybersecurity, Microsoft

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**SPEAKER**

**Tony Hasek**

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We are excited to be joining **Agora Group** as media partners for their 6th Gulf Congress on Cyber Security taking place in Dubai on May 9th! We are looking forward to seeing you at this successful event! Seats are limited, register now: <https://bit.ly/6th-GCCS>  
Do visit the weblink for more insights on the event - <https://lnkd.in/g/PwUkPv>

**AgoraGroup**  
Sara Chaar

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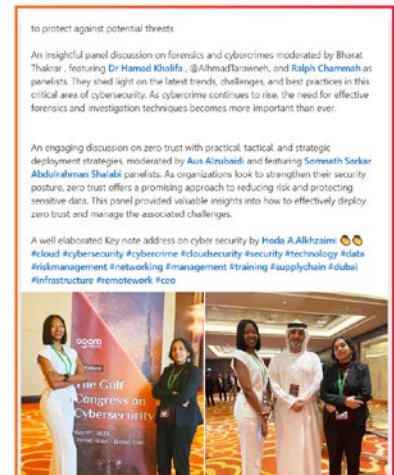
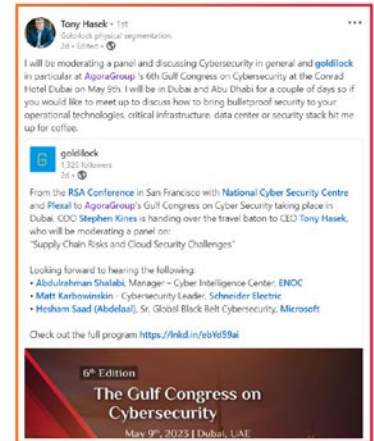
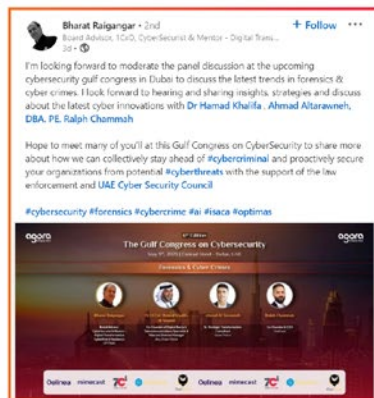
**Big week for Blockchain/Web3 Events this week in Dubai! The Venom Foundation Event at the amazing Burj Al Arab during the weekend was 🔥🔥🔥 Now looking forward to Dubai FinTech Summit and AgoraGroup Cybersecurity Congress...** as well as a number of side Events. We're hugely excited to catch up with old and new friends, clients and candidates.

**#Blockchain #web3 #ai #globe #metaverse #tech #crypto #bitcoin #ethereum #cryptotrends #gaming**

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**Ralph Chamamah** • 1st  
Chief Executive Officer at OwlGaze  
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I'm looking forward to the panel discussion at the upcoming cybersecurity gulf congress in Dubai to discuss the latest trends in forensics & cyber crimes. I look forward to sharing insights, strategies and discuss about the latest cyber innovations with [Dr Hamad Khalifa](#) and [Ahmad Altarawneh, DBA, PE](#).

Join us at the conference to learn more about how we can stay ahead of cyber criminals and proactively secure your organizations from potential threats.

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## The Gulf Congress on Cybersecurity

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9 May

14:15

Forensics & Cyber Crimes



**Dr. El Col**  
Hamad Khalifa Al Nozari  
Co-Founder of Digital Barza &  
Telecommunications Specialist &  
Telecom Division Manager  
Abu Dhabi Police



**Ahmad Al Tarawneh**  
Sr. Strategic Transformation  
Consultant  
Dubai Police



**Ralph Chamamah**  
Co-Founder & CEO  
OwlGaze

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**Emmanuella Musonda** • 2nd  
Information Technology Specialist (MBA)BSC-Computer Science (Entrepreneur)R...  
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I had the privilege of attending the 6th edition gulf congress on cybersecurity in Dubai by [AgoraGroup](#) CEO, [Hadi Malaeb](#).

Great networking and conversations [Wilby Mercy Mathew](#) and [Ify Onwurah](#), insights on cybersecurity, these were the key take aways from the speakers and panel discussions.

Privileged access management (PAM) is a critical component of cybersecurity that focuses on controlling and monitoring privileged access to sensitive data and systems. With the rise of remote work and cloud-based solutions, PAM has become even more crucial to protecting against insider threats and external attacks. To be effective, PAM must be managed and extended to cover all areas of an organization's IT infrastructure, including cloud and third-party environments. This requires implementing best practices for access control, authentication, and monitoring, as well as ongoing training and awareness programs for employees by [Delinea](#).

Supply chain risks and cloud security challenges are two critical areas of concern in cybersecurity. With an increasing reliance on third-party vendors and cloud-based solutions, organizations need to be vigilant against potential threats to their data and systems. Effective risk management, ongoing monitoring, and robust security measures are key to addressing these challenges by [Tony Hasek](#) and [Hesham Saad \(Abdelal\)](#).

fascinating talks from [Giovanni Everduin.eth](#) and Mehman Muslimi. Their discussions on the potential impact of virtual reality, deep fake technology, and the emerging meta world on cybersecurity were eye-opening. As we continue to integrate these technologies into our daily lives, it's critical that we prioritize cybersecurity measures to protect against potential threats.



**Dr Hamad Khalifa** • 2nd  
Co-Founder of Digital Barza & Telecommunications Specialist & Telecom Division...  
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Very Happy to be back with [AgoraGroup](#) for another great Event. Join us at the 6th Gulf Congress on Cybersecurity to explore the challenges and opportunities in the ever-changing world of cyber threats.

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SPEAKER

**Dr. Hamad Khalifa**

Co-Founder of Digital Barza &  
Telecommunications Specialist  
& Telecom Division Manager  
Abu Dhabi Police



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# PROGRAM - TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

08:30 – 09:00 30 Minutes	<b>Registration &amp; Refreshments</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Hesham Saad</b> - Sr. Global Black Belt Cybersecurity, Microsoft</li> <li>- <b>Bharat Thakrar</b> - CISO, ISF</li> </ul>
09:00 – 09:05 5 Minutes	<b>Opening Remarks - Welcome Note</b> - <b>Hadi Malaeb</b> - Co-Founder & CEO, Agora Group - <b>Gordon Einstein</b> - Founder, CryptoLaw Partners	10:15 – 10:30 15 Minutes	<b>Coffee Break &amp; Networking Session</b>
09:05 – 09:20 15 Minutes	<b>Keynote Address</b> <b>Dr. Hoda Alkhzaimi</b> - CO-Chair: Global Cyber Security Future Council, World Economic Forum	10:30 - 11:00 30 Minutes	<b>Fireside Chat</b> Virtual Reality, Deep Fake, META World Impact on Cyber Security Gartner estimates that 25% of people will spend at least an hour per day in the Metaverse by 2026. Cyber-physical, miscellaneous and AR/VR threats could rise if serious measures are not taken. What are the challenges and obstacles facing cybersecurity firms in tackling these rising threats?  With metaverse related software improving at a faster rate than the time it takes to implement detection and advanced cybersecurity software, how can organizations prepare to minimize the risks of such threats?  - <b>Giovanni Everduin</b> - Head of Strategy & Innovation, Commercial Bank International - <b>Owen Connolly</b> - CEO, 7CI
09:20 - 09:30 10 Minutes	<b>Presentation</b> Privilege Access Managed and Extended PAM <i>Delinea</i>		
09:30 - 09:40 10 Minutes	<b>Presentation</b> Cyber risk commands the C-suite Focus <b>Sujatha Narasimhan</b> - Security Specialist, Mimecast		
09:40 - 10:15 35 Minutes	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <b>Supply Chain Risks and Cloud Security Challenges</b> The current condition of the global supply chain makes it exceptionally vulnerable to severe damage from an attack more so than usual. Attackers are exploring new potential highways to infiltrate organizations by targeting their suppliers, as records prove about 66% of reported incidents focused on the suppliers' code.  What are the optimal risk management strategies and techniques they should follow to stay secure in the internet age?  <b>Moderator:</b> - <b>Tony Hasek</b> - CEO, Goldilock  <b>Panelists:</b> - <b>Matt Karbowinski</b> - Cybersecurity Leader, Schneider Electric	11:00 - 13:15 9 Meetings	Meeting 1 - 15 Minutes   Meeting 6 - 15 Minutes Meeting 2 - 15 Minutes   Meeting 7 - 15 Minutes Meeting 3 - 15 Minutes   Meeting 8 - 15 Minutes Meeting 4 - 15 Minutes   Meeting 9 - 15 Minutes Meeting 5 - 15 Minutes
		13:15 - 14:15 60 Minutes	<b>Prayer &amp; Lunch Break</b>

14:15 – 14:45  
30 Minutes

### Panel Discussion Forensics & Cyber Crimes

In 2021, the number of cyberattacks increased by almost 16% globally, forcing digital forensics to adapt new methods to uncover digital fraud and pursue cyber criminals. What are the tools currently used by law enforcement units to battle cybercrimes?

There still remains a considerable gap between the current available digital forensics' tools and the optimal application of the digital forensics concept. What are the steps used to enhance digital forensics professional experience and knowledge?

#### **Moderator:**

- **Bharat Raigangar** - Board Advisor, CyberSecurist & Mentor  
- Digital Transformation CyberRisk & Resilience, OPTIMAS

#### **Panelists:**

- **Dr. Hamad Khalifa** - Co-Founder of Digital Barza & Telecommunications Specialist & Telecom Division Manager, Abu Dhabi Police  
- **Ahmad Al Tarawneh** - Sr. Strategic Transformation Consultant, Dubai Police  
- **Ralph Chammah** - Co-Founder & CEO, OwlGaze

14:45 – 15:00  
15 Minutes

### Coffee Break & Networking Session

15:00 – 15:45  
3 Meetings

Meeting 10 - 15 Minutes   Meeting 12 - 15 Minutes  
Meeting 11 - 15 Minutes

15:45 – 16:30  
45 Minutes

### Panel Discussion Zero Trust Practical Tactical & Strategic Deployment

For the sake of securing sensitive data, services and systems, cybersecurity professionals are leaning towards the use of systems engineered according to Zero Trust principles, which assumes that a breach is inevitable or has likely

already occurred, so it constantly limits access to only what is needed and looks for anomalous or malicious activity. With the elevated number of cyberattacks and security breaches, how can organizations deploy a practical zero trust strategy? What are the steps towards achieving a strategic and tactical deployment?

#### **Moderator:**

- **Aus Al Zubaidi** - Director of IT, Cybersecurity, MBC Group  
**Panelists:**

- **Somnath Sarkar** - Group Head of Information Security, Mashreq Bank  
- **Abdulrahman Shalabi** - Manager - Cyber Intelligence Center, ENOC

16:30 – 1:700  
30 Minutes

### Chairman Closing Remark & End of Event

# EVENT GALLERY



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# SPEAKERS



**Dr. Hoda Alkhzaimi**  
CO-Chair: Global Cyber  
Security Future Council  
*World Economic Forum*



**Abdulrahman Shalabi**  
Manager - Cyber  
Intelligence Center  
*ENOC*



**Ahmad Al Tarawneh**  
Sr. Strategic Transformation  
Consultant  
*Dubai Police*



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Security Specialist  
*Mimecast*



**Tony Hasek**  
CEO  
*Goldilock*



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Abdulla Bin Zayed Investment Group	Group Information Technology Manager	Concorde Corodex Group	Group Information Technology Manager
Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank	Head Of Technology & Cloud Operations	Credit Suisse	Vice President Information Security
Abu Dhabi Police	Cybersecurity Head	Delinea	Territory Manager MEA
ADMM	Information Security Manager	Department of Finance Dubai Government	CISO
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Al Zahra Pvt Hospital Dubai	Chief Information Officer	Dubai Financial Market	Senior Executive Information Technology
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Aster Hospital	Head of IT	Dubai Police	Sr. Strategic Transformation Consultant
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Commercial Bank International	Information Security Manager		

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Emirates Telecommunications Corporation	Senior Director IT		Cheif Compliance Officer
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Fakeeh University Hospital	Chief Information Officer	London Capital	Chairman
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GEMS Education	Vice President - Information Security (Global & Group CISO)	Mashreq Bank	Group Head of Information Security
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		Microsoft	Sr. Global Black Belt Cybersecurity
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		Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine & Health Sciences	Information Security Manager
Global Hotel Alliance	Senior Director of IT & Security		
GMG	IT Director, Cyber Security	MSSAK Oil & Gas	CEO
Goldilock	CEO	OPTIMAS	Board Advisor, CyberSecurist & Mentor - Digital Transformation CyberRisk & Resilience
Higher Colleges of Technology	Vice President Information Technology		
HSBC	CRO	OQT	Head of Cyber Security
IFFCO Group	Group IT Manager	OwlGaze	Co-Founder & CEO

QHolding PSC	IT Director
RAK Ceramics	Senior Manager IT
Salaam Group	Chief Information Officer
Schneider Electric	Cybersecurity Leader
Sharjah Government	IT Director
Sharjah Media City	Managing Director
Tawazun Economic Council	Head of IT Projects Solutions & Implementations Practices
The Executive Council	Information Technology Infrastructure Manager
Trust Vision Investment LLC	ICT Director
UAE Government	Head of Cyber Security
UN Cargo & Logistics	IT Manager
United Arab Bank	Head of IT Audit
World Economic Forum	CO-Chair: Global Cyber Security Future Council
Zayed National Museum	IT Security Unit Head
Zayed University	Head of the Information Systems & Technology Management Department

# TESTIMONIALS



As a 2nd time attending at the Cybersecurity Congress, we were very impressed with the range of speakers, the topics covered and the material they used. We were able to commit to attending with the knowledge that we could dip in and out during the day should anything come up at work. As it happens we were able to attend almost all of it. The platform utilized was very intuitive and ideal for this size of event. The presentations, panel discussions, Vendor Stands etc were all very good and we had no technology connection issues. All in all it was a thoroughly enjoyable event, professionally organized and facilitated and we will certainly recommend it to other Security Professionals.

**Dubai Developments**



As someone who has attended and participated in hundreds of similar events globally (including RSA, BlackHat, GISEC, NAB, IBC, Gartner, and IDC), I have a keen appreciation for the significant effort that goes into making such a conference successful. First, I wish to extend my thanks for your work, Hadi's and the entire team in assembling such a diverse and knowledgeable group of professionals for this event. The discussions were indeed enlightening, and the exchange of ideas was invigorating.

**Aus Al Zubaidi** - Director of IT, Cybersecurity, *MBC Group*



The Gulf Congress on Cybersecurity was an impressive event, very relevant to cybersecurity professionals grappling with the major risks in business today. Senior experts shared detailed insights and it was also an excellent opportunity to network with key figures

**Bharat Thakrar** - CISO, *ISF*



I would like to extend my gratitude to Agora Group for organizing such a good event. The level of the presenters was at the same level as the importance of the subject. The event was informative and addressed all the pressing issues mentioned in the event. Even with criticality of the subject, we could find the sense of humor when discussing cybersecurity especially when the CBI head of strategy and innovation was talking about the new technology trends. Thank you once again and looking forward to seeing you coming events.

**Waleed Al Mansori** - Senior Executive Information Technology, *Dubai Financial Market*



I found the event relevant, with some up to date and interesting views of the impact that AI will have on cybersecurity. The event also provided a unique opportunity to meet directly with cybersecurity vendors to better understand their product capabilities.

**Peter Van Heerden** - Vice President Information Security, *Credit Suisse*



Very informative event, I liked the idea of short and side meetings with the vendors Management it saves a lot of time and efforts compared to traditional communication

**Imad Taha** - Group CIO, *Belhasa International Group*

# UPCOMING EVENT



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