

# UAE cyber-security authority unveils policies, standards

National Electronic Security Authority briefs govt officials on best practice for more secure digital infrastructure

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**The UAE's National Electronic Security Authority (NESA), the federal body set up to oversee the country's cyberspace, today announced the publication of a range of strategies, policies and standards to "align and direct national cyber-security efforts".**

The announcements were made during a briefing session in Abu Dhabi today with senior officials representing federal and local government agencies as part of the National Cyber Security Programme.

His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE and Ruler of Abu Dhabi, established NESA through Decree No. 3 of 2012.

"Cybersecurity is one of the biggest economic and national security challenges countries face in the 21st century," said His Excellency Jassem Bu Ataba Al Zaabi, director general of NESA.

"The National Electronic Security Authority was established in line with this modern reality and as soon as the authority was in place, we immediately initiated a thorough review of federal efforts to defend and protect the nation's ICT infrastructure... NESA is committed to ensuring that all UAE government bodies are made fully aware of the responsibility they now have to meet the requirements of these polices and, in turn, what this means in practice going forward."

At the briefing session, NESA distributed the first edition of The National Cyber Security Strategy (NCSS), Critical Information Infrastructure Policy (CIIP) and The UAE Information Assurance (IA) Standards.

The NCSS contains a government roadmap for protecting national infrastructure and the IA framework outlines an entity-, sector- and national-level approach to enhance national asset protection.

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