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“ASIS International Delivers 1st Middle East Security Conference”

Brussels, 09 December 2009 – The 1st ASIS International Middle East Security Conference took place on 6-8 December 2009 in Dubai at the Inter-Continental Dubai Festival City.

Around 300 security professionals, corporate executives, consultants and government officials from 27 countries attended 33 high-level educational sessions on issues ranging from hotel security and organised crime to maritime piracy and terrorism.

The opening keynote speaker on 7 December was **his Excellency Lt General Dhahi Khalfan Tamim**, Commander in Chief of the Dubai Police. General Tamim spoke about the strategic plan of Dubai Police and their achievements in curbing crimes on all levels. Regarding Dubai's economical situation he said: *"The recent rumours are a security threat to the country, which is affecting Dubai's reputation globally. It is building up so as to prevent Dubai from becoming a place that is lucrative and industrious to western standards"*.

With regards to politics in the Middle East, he said *"there are no safety and security indications in politics but only interests. Conflicts of interest in the political arena always find their way among nations and their people, which affect the stability of the region."*

On 8 December **Mohammad G. Al-Zahrani**, Executive Director, Safety & Industrial Security at Saudi Aramco was a keynote speaker and the Conference was closed by **Dr. Raymond H. Hamden**, Clinical & Forensic Psychologist, Human Relations Institute.

Other speakers included **Lieutenant Colonel Abdulrahim Mohammed Sahfee** and **Younis Yousuf Al Mualim** of the Dubai Police Force on organised crime, **Simon Hoyle** from Majid Al Futtaim Group LLC on business continuity and **Russell Busby** from Saudi Aramco on serial theft in oil fields.

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