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“ It takes 20 years to build a reputation and few minutes of cyber-incident to ruin it. ”

The United Arab Emirates ( UAE ) sits on the Persian Gulf, located southeast of the Arabian Peninsula. Its iconic skyscrapers like the Burj Khalifa in Dubai depict their great innovation. However, when looking past the cityscapes of Dubai and Abu Dhabi, endless desert sands conquer UAE. Despite the desert landscape, UAE is a global landmark for tourism, entrepreneurs, and finance & commerce students from around the globe. The ancient traditions of the United Arab Emirates blend in seamlessly with the sophisticated lifestyles which forms a cultural mosaic which brings together the significance of the past and the endless bounds of the future.

Despite its greatness UAE does have issues when it comes to cybercrimes. “a survey conducted by the UAE Telecommunications Regulatory Authority ( TRA ) in 2021 found that 43% of UAE businesses had experienced a cyberattack in the past year, with the most common types of attacks being phished and ransomware.” Since then, the “[Federal Decree Law No. 34 of 2021 on Combatting Rumors and Cybercrimes](https://uaelegislation.gov.ae/en/legislations/1526) took effect on 2 January 2022. The law provides a comprehensive legal framework to address the concerns relating to the misuse and abuse of online technologies.” The UAE had a quick response to the cyber attacks on their businesses to maintain their status as a global hub for entrepreneurs. Rules on, “falsifying electronic documents”, “tampering with medical data, bank accounts and confidential codes”, and “transferring, possessing and using illegal funds” greatly helped this cybercrime rate as it dropped from 43% of all businesses to just above 25,000 people in 2022.

Outside of these law implications, UAE can attempt to control cybercrime rates by looking into forming an alliance with countries like the United States or Germany to gain an advantage when it comes to stopping cybercrimes as they are one of the top countries with the highest level of cyber security. More countries include; Japan, Singapore, and Sweden. Moreover, the government can redirect a certain amount of funds towards the research and development of cybersecurity tools to prevent harmful attacks while still remaining independent of other countries like the USA. United Arab Emirates, being one of the greatest global hotspots for tech entrepreneurs and other workers looking to specialize in this field, will gain a high number of immigrants that look forward to working there. Some immigrants may be flying in with malicious intent. Therefore, strengthless airport security, background checks, and training the immigrant officers to a higher level can also prove beneficial in this scenario.

By utilizing these strategies UAE can stand amongst countries like the US and Singapore as one of the greatest governments acting against cybercrimes.

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