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To raise awareness among women of key cybersecurity risks and challenges,

The National Cyber Security Agency is participating in

the "Annual International Campaign to Challenge Violence Against Women and Girls"

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As part of The National Cyber Security Agency's efforts to raise women's awareness of cybersecurity risks and to enhance their ability to use the internet and modern technologies safely and effectively, the Agency is participating in the annual International Campaign to Challenge Violence Against Women and Girls. Organised by the Ministry of Social Development and Family through the Family Development Department, the campaign features a series of events and activities.

Through the campaign, The National Cyber Security Agency is using a range of tools to raise women's awareness of: how to respond to the various digital threats they may encounter in cyberspace, particularly cyber harassment and related offences; how to document and preserve digital evidence against perpetrators; the official mechanisms for reporting and the competent authorities; and the roles of government bodies and civil society organisations in providing protection and support to affected women.

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"The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women"
and a Safe Digital Future
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Every year on 25 November, the world marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, which aims to raise global awareness of the various forms of violence experienced by women and to call for their elimination. The United Nations General Assembly designated this day in 1999 in resolution 54/134.

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women aims to raise global awareness of gender-based violence, advocate for policies and legislation that protect women from violence, and mobilise global public opinion in solidarity against all forms of violence committed against women, including physical, psychological, digital and financial abuse. It also seeks to highlight the legal and institutional gaps that allow such violence to persist.

The United Nations theme for 2025 is 'UNiTE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls', with orange adopted as the symbolic colour for campaigns and events throughout the year. This colour symbolises hope and a future free from violence.

Raising awareness of cyber harassment is

a central focus of the 2025 International Campaign to Challenge Violence Against Women and Girls.

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The annual International Campaign to Challenge Violence Against Women and Girls is a global initiative that commences on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (25 November), runs for 16 days, and concludes on Human Rights Day (10 December).

The campaign aims to raise digital awareness among women and to combat all forms of gender-based violence, particularly violence against women and girls, including cyber harassment, online abuse and cyberstalking. The campaign adopts the colour orange to unify activities and enhance global visibility. It is supported by the United Nations through a range of initiatives.

Initiated in 1991 by the Centre for Women's Global Leadership at Rutgers University, the campaign brings together over 3,700 organisations from more than 164 countries, including United Nations bodies, civil society organisations and governments.

According to the United Nations, this year's campaign places greater emphasis on raising awareness of cyber harassment and other forms of online abuse against women and girls, including extortion and exploitation, because such violence poses a growing threat to women across all sections of society.

The International Campaign to Challenge Violence Against Women and Girls

A renewed call to raise awareness and promote digital accountability

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At a time when technology permeates every aspect of daily life, violence against women is no longer confined behind closed doors. It has also moved into cyberspace, encompassing email, text messages and social media platforms. As The National Cyber Security Agency participates in the annual International Campaign to Challenge Violence Against Women and Girls, we emphasise that this campaign is more than an annual observance. It is integral to cybersecurity and digital safety and represents a renewed global call to raise awareness, promote digital accountability, and take decisive action to end all forms of violence against women, wherever it occurs and across all sections of society.

Violence against women, whether physical, psychological, economic or digital, constitutes a grave violation of human dignity and poses a direct threat to social cohesion, the principles of justice and the pursuit of sustainable development.

In our Arab world, traditions that respect women and venerate their status are intertwining with the adoption of digital transformations in all aspects of life. Consequently, our magnified responsibility is to redefine digital safety, and to support women affected by all forms of cyber harassment through all available means and mechanisms.

Today, more than ever, effective initiatives and measures are needed to confront all forms of violence that manifest in insidious, hidden ways, from bullying and extortion to exploitation, digital

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surveillance and coercive control. All these forms demand a range of measures, from clear, enforceable legislation and secure platforms to the development of digital awareness from an early age.

In this context, The National Cyber Security Agency's role is pivotal. The Agency has made every effort to raise women's digital awareness and to outline mechanisms for preventing cyber attacks and responding safely should they occur, thereby establishing a sustainable framework of digital protection for women and girls.

Raising awareness and women's digital empowerment are not luxuries; they are necessities. Together, they serve as her shield against cyber threats, her safe space for freedom of expression, and her opportunity to learn and lead. Every girl who learns to protect her personal data, who is unafraid to report online abuse, and who knows what to keep private and what to share publicly helps to redraw the boundaries of safety for herself and those around her, and supports the collective effort to establish a safe cyberspace for all women and girls.

Active Participation and a Variety of Tools
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The National Cyber Security Agency, through its participation in the International Campaign to Challenge Violence Against Women and Girls, seeks to achieve a number of objectives. These include raising awareness among women and girls of cybersecurity risks, particularly digital violence, cyber harassment, stalking, and online extortion, as well as other general cybersecurity risks; enhancing their ability to use the internet safely and effectively; and improving their understanding of how to respond appropriately and safely when faced with any form of cybersecurity risk.

To achieve these objectives, the National Cyber Security Agency participates in the campaign through a variety of tools and activities, including:

Organising awareness-raising workshops

Providing awareness-raising brochures, including the 'Cybersecurity Woman' brochure

Organising the 'Cybersecurity Awareness Portal' event

Screening animated awareness-raising videos

Producing women-focused awareness-raising materials

Online Harassment and Cyberstalking

Awareness-raising workshop for women

As part of The National Cyber Security Agency's participation in the annual International Campaign to Challenge Violence Against Women and Girls, the Agency organised an awareness-raising workshop for women and girls on 'Protecting Data and Privacy'. The workshop was designed to introduce the concepts of digital safety and cybersecurity, raise awareness of the importance of digital privacy, and present practical measures to protect important personal data from breaches and theft in the course of everyday use of electronic devices, websites and social media platforms.

The workshop covered a number of key topics, including:

Principles of Digital Security

- Concept of Digital Security
- Digital Privacy
- Safe Use of Devices
- Password Management
- Privacy Settings

Online Harassment and Cyberstalking

- Online Harassment
- Cyberstalking

Digital Threats and Preventive Measures

- Phishing
- Malware
- Social Engineering
- Digital Identity Theft
- Risks of Free Apps
- Cloud Storage

Your Digital Safety Starts with a Decision
Protect Your Data Privacy

As part of The National Cyber Security Agency's participation in the annual International Campaign to Challenge Violence Against Women and Girls, the Agency is releasing a short awareness-raising video titled 'Your Digital Safety Starts with a Decision'. The video highlights the consequences of uncontrolled use of the internet and highly advanced digital technologies.

The video uses its female characters to show how hackers can carry out carefully planned cyberattacks on the personal data of female users and through social engineering and psychological manipulation persuade them to disclose confidential information in the hope of securing a well-paid job or taking advantage of an attractive promotional offer. In reality, such offers are merely a front for phishing attempts and online fraud.

The video concludes with practical safety advice for female users of the internet and social media platforms on how to respond if they fall victim to such attacks, and which authorities to contact to seek support and assistance.

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'Cybersecurity Woman' Provides Content That Meets Women's Digital Needs

The National Cyber Security Agency is participating in the International Campaign to Challenge Violence Against Women and Girls through a range of initiatives, including an awareness-raising booklet titled 'Cybersecurity Woman'. The booklet offers varied awareness-raising content for women on the main types of cyberattacks that women and girls may face in cyberspace, including online harassment and cyberstalking, and the theft of personal data for use in unlawful activities.

The booklet was issued by The National Cyber Security Agency as part of the National Initiative for Digital Safety, which identifies women as one of its seven main target groups. It covers an introduction to the Initiative, the fundamentals of digital safety, principles for protecting digital privacy, methods for securing electronic devices, password management, protecting personal data and content, and guidance on responding safely to digital threats and adopting sustainable digital safety practices, as well as other topics that address women's diverse needs in cyberspace.

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Cybersecurity Bootcamp for
Emerging Female Talent

As part of The National Cyber Security Agency's strategy to support and empower women in cybersecurity, the Agency has introduced an initiative for male and female students and young people titled 'Cybersecurity Bootcamp', a summer youth cybersecurity camp.

The Bootcamp is designed to develop emerging cybersecurity talent, put participants on a clear path to empowerment and leadership in the field, and provide a national platform for their development.

 The Bootcamp gives particular priority to female students and young women who wish to pursue careers in cybersecurity, offering a diverse range of theoretical and practical training activities that develop and refine their skills and support them in realising their potential for creativity and excellence in the field.

This is complemented by additional recreational, educational, and awareness-raising activities that offer more than the traditional model of summer training camps.

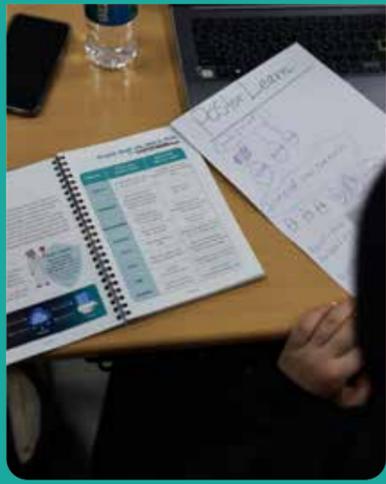## Bootcamp Activities and Events

Theoretical lectures

Intensive practical training

Audio-visual presentations

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Printed booklets

Interactive games

Cyber cafe

Cybersecurity advice corner

Penetration testing

Recreational day

Graduation projects

Field visits

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The National Cyber Security Academy
and the Digital Empowerment of Women

The National Cyber Security Agency gives particular priority to women as a key group in its efforts to promote cybersecurity awareness and develop both general and specialised cybersecurity capabilities. Through The National Cyber Security Academy, which serves as a strategic platform for developing digital talent, the Agency supports the digital empowerment of women through specialised programs and strategic partnerships.

The Academy's activities and events to support women's digital empowerment include the following:

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Digital Safety National Initiative

Women and families are among the principal target groups.

Awareness-raising content for women is delivered through:

- Digital Safety Guide
- Family Digital Safety Booklet
- The 'Cyber Home' Digital Game
- Awareness-Raising Workshops

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Cyber Security Curricula Education

- Provides awareness-raising content for female students across all stages of education.
- The project has been implemented in 433 schools.
- A total of 583,000 students have benefited from the awareness-raising content.

CyberEco

- Provides awareness-raising content for female students across all stages of education.
- The project has been implemented in 207 schools.
- A total of 10,608 students have benefited from the project.

Women, a key focus of

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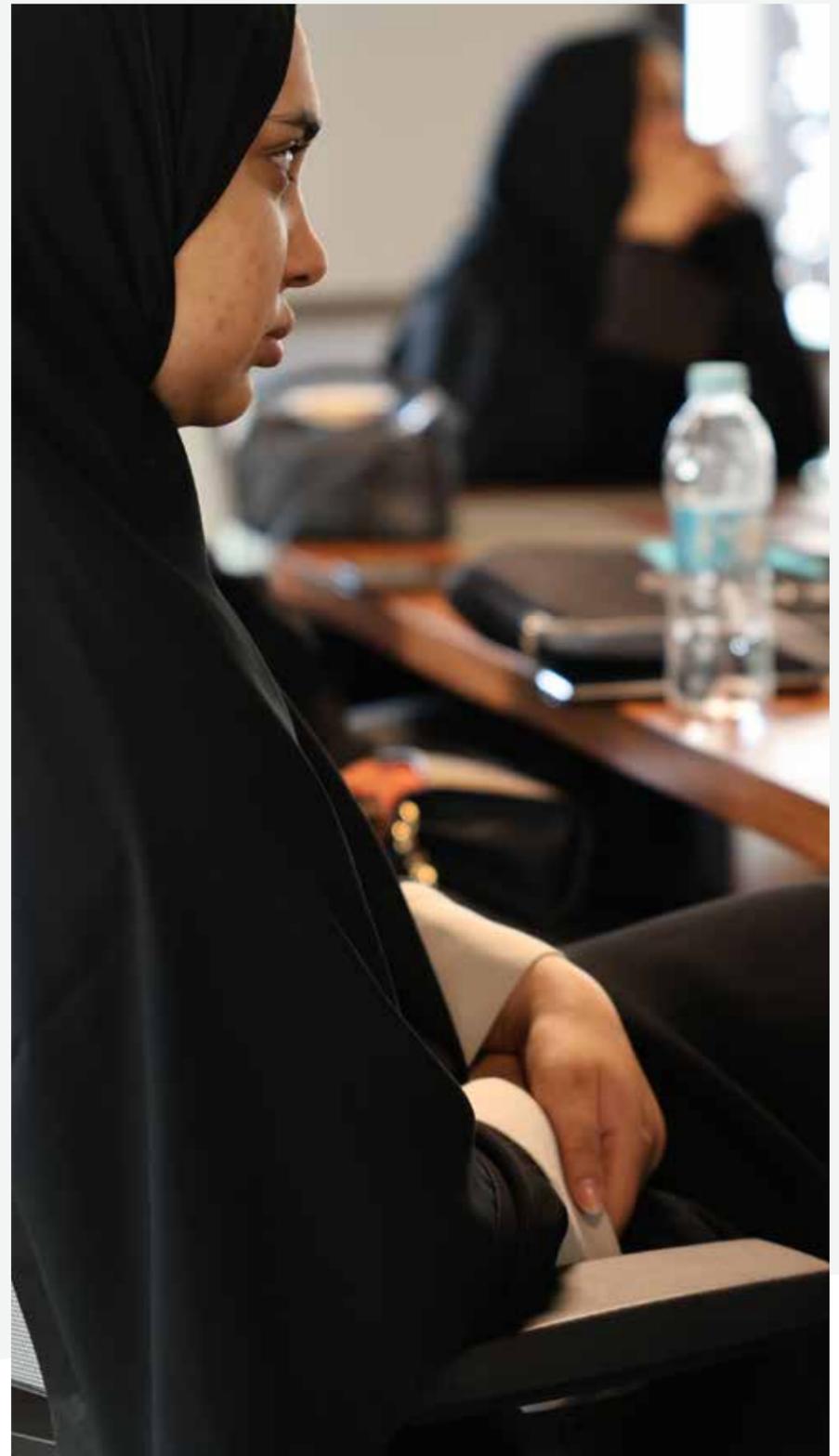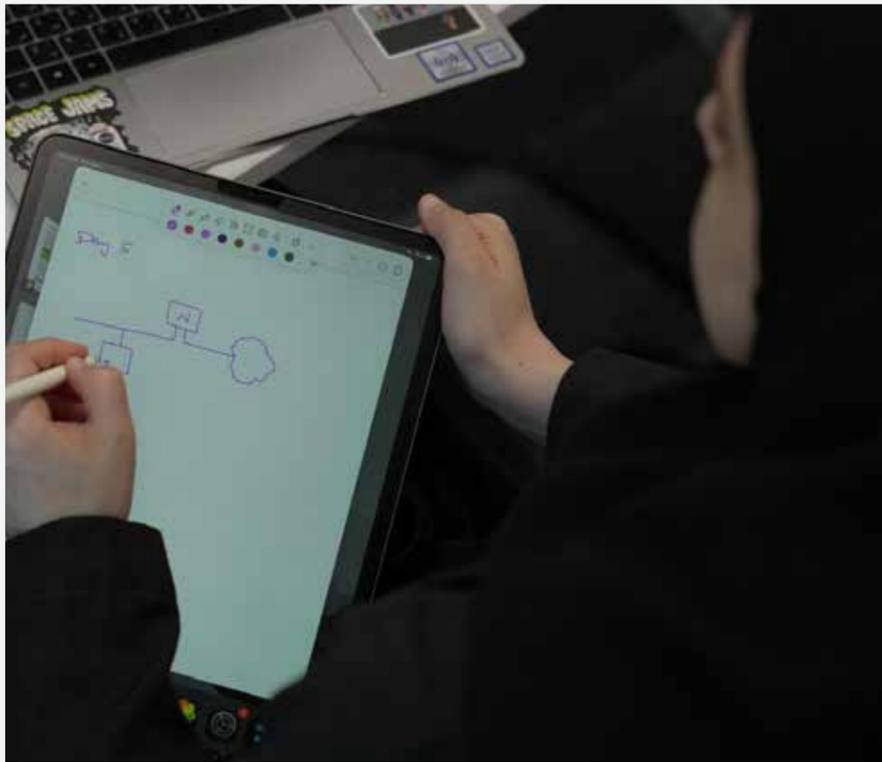## Digital Safety National Initiative

As part of The National Cyber Security Agency's strategic approach to enhancing women's awareness of the various cybersecurity risks and of safe ways to engage with the rapid developments in national and global cyberspace, the Agency introduced the National Initiative for Digital Safety, the state's largest and most comprehensive national cybersecurity project. The initiative provides awareness-raising for a wide range of social groups, with women and families as a primary focus.

The initiative has a particular focus on women through a range of activities and awareness-raising tools. Awareness-raising workshops have been organised for women and families, and include the screening of educational videos and the provision of booklets on 'Family Digital Safety'. These materials address topics related to cybersecurity risks faced by women and children in their daily use of the internet and modern digital applications.

As part of the initiative, The National Cyber Security Agency has also introduced the 'Cyber Home' mobile game application. The game features questions and puzzles about the various cybersecurity threats faced by women and other family members and requires players to complete scenario-based challenges to prevent these threats from occurring. The application also offers a range of tools that can be used to solve the puzzles and avert cyberattacks. It is available in Arabic and English and can be downloaded to smartphones and other tablet devices.

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