



# Dar Al Khaleej secures network with Barracuda



## CASE STUDY

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Dar Al Khaleej  
Sharjah

### Country:

UAE

### Industry:

Publishing

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## Background

Dar Al Khaleej Printing & Publishing is a Sharjah-based publishing house in the United Arab Emirates. The company was established in 1970 with the launch of the daily newspaper, Al Khaleej, now one of the most popular Arabic-language newspapers in the country. The company also publishes The Gulf Today, English-language daily newspaper, Al Shuruq, weekly political magazine, Kul Al Usrah, a magazine on the topics of family and society, Al Iqtisadi, monthly business magazine, and Al Azkiyaa, children's magazine.

## Challenge

As a Publishing House, Dar Al Khaleej has extensive communications both within and outside the network, both communities interacting with high-end Windows and Macintosh based networks. Out of these communications, email is the most active medium. This creates an inflow of large amounts of unsolicited emails and viruses into the network, which in turn affects the performance and efficiency of both the business and the users.

In addition, the final solution needed to fulfill the diversified requirements of Dar Al Khaleej from the administrative point of view. It needed to effectively understand the kind of spam coming into the network and proactively anticipate the kind of spam that would affect the domain of Dar Al Khaleej.

## Solution

On the basis of above challenges, Dar Al Khaleej worked with FVC's authorised partner, Emtech Trading to test and research the best of breed anti-spam solution. The company selected Barracuda Spam and Virus Firewall appliances to control and stop malicious activity at the perimeter level on the network.

## Result

Barracuda Spam and Virus Firewall Appliances are RFC 821 and 822 Compliant Solution and works independent of any Mail Server which is compliant to these standards. The Solution can scale up to 100, 000.00 User base and can be clustered further to increase the user base support providing high availability options and flexibility.

The installation was completed by Emtech Trading, after an initial trial period.

Hazim Ismail, IT Technical Manager at Dar Al Khaleej, said, "We are very pleased with the level of stability and trustworthiness the Barracuda device and provided us. We have plans to expand and add load balancing and anti-virus capabilities to our network."

