China Unicom fiber optic cable interrupted in West Asia



Overview

Undersea cables in the Red Sea were severed on September 6, 2025, causing significant internet disruptions across parts of Asia and the Middle East. 20, 2024 it was shadowing a Chinese cargo vessel in the Baltic Sea, a day after Finland and Sweden opened investigations into suspected sabotage of two severed undersea telecoms cables. The affected cables include the South East Asia–Middle East–Western Europe 4 and the India–Middle East–Western Europe, both vital for regional. The Submarine Cable Map is a free and regularly updated resource from TeleGeography. TeleGeography's comprehensive and regularly updated interactive map of the world's major submarine cable systems and landing stations. An undersea fiber optic cable is attached to a rope at Arrietara beach near the Spanish Basque village of Sopelana on June 13, 2017. These fiber-optic lines stretch across the seafloor, making them ideal targets for sabotage with minimal resources, while creating just enough plausible deniability for malicious actors to dodge any consequences.



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Multiple Chinese Vessels Linked to Undersea Cable and Pipeline

Over the last two years, a number of vessels linked to the People''s Republic of China (PRC) have been involved in multiple incidents of alleged sabotage involving undersea cables and

Red Sea Cable Cuts Disrupt Internet Access Across Asia and Middle

The cause of the cable cuts remains unclear. While there is concern that the Houthi rebels in Yemen may have targeted the cables as part of their campaign related to the Israel-Hamas conflict,

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Taiwan Suspects a Chinese-Linked Ship of Damaging an Internet

Taiwanese authorities are investigating a Chinese-owned cargo ship suspected of damaging an undersea internet cable northeast of the island, Taiwan''s coast guard said on Monday.

Undersea Cables Cut in Red Sea, Disrupting Internet Access in Asia

NetBlocks, which monitors internet access, said “a series of subsea cable outages in the Red Sea has degraded internet connectivity in multiple countries,” which it said included India and

Internet services hit in West and South Asia after series of ...

Internet services across parts of Asia and the Middle East faced disruptions after undersea cables in the Red Sea were cut, experts said on Sunday.

China''s Undersea Cable Sabotage and Taiwan''s Digital Vulnerabilities

In early 2023, Chinese-registered vessels severed two undersea cables, knocking Taiwan''s Matsu Islands offline. China''s preferred explanation is that these incidents are just

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China''s illegal, coercive, aggressive, and deceptive (ICAD) activities pose a mounting threat to global democracies, with subsea cable sabotage emerging as a particularly alarming tactic.

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Muscat: Internet services across large parts of Asia and the Middle East faced disruptions on Sunday after undersea cables in the Red Sea were damaged, slowing connectivity in several

China to Connect Europe, Middle East and Asia via $500 Million

The cable, which will cost $500 million to complete, will be manufactured and laid by the Chinese cable firm, HMN Technologies. Sources familiar with the development revealed that the firm

U.S. and China wage war beneath the waves

Subsea cables, which carry the world''s data, are now central to the U.S.-China tech war. Washington, fearful of Beijing''s spies, has thwarted Chinese projects abroad and choked Big Tech''s

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China Unicom and Telecom Say Yesterday''s Internet Issues ...

Unicom officials said the company''s internet reports showed the earthquake had not interfered with underwater cables that help connect China''s internet to the outside world.

China Plans $500M EMA Undersea Cable Network to

Chinese state-owned telecom companies are planning a large undersea fiber-optic cable network called EMA (Europe-Middle East-Asia). The

China Rivals US by Building $500 Million Subsea Internet Cable

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China''s reported construction of undersea internet cable is normal ...

Chinese state-owned telecom firms, China Telecom, China Mobile, and China Unicom, are developing a $500 million undersea fiber-optic internet cable network that would link Asia, the Middle

International Cable Breaks in Red Sea Cause Latency

A series of undersea cable cuts in the Red Sea have caused widespread internet slowdowns across Asia and the Middle East, with significant

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Red Sea cable cuts disrupt internet in Asia, Middle East ...

Undersea cable cuts in the Red Sea disrupted internet access in parts of Asia and the Middle East, experts said Sunday, though it wasn''t immediately clear what caused the incident.

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