

Fiber optic cable failure in West Asia



Article Overview

Undersea fiber optic cables in the Red Sea were severed near Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, disrupting internet connectivity across West Asia and parts of Asia.

Incident Overview

A series of undersea cable cuts in the Red Sea caused widespread internet slowdowns and increased latency in countries including India, Pakistan, Kuwait, and the United Arab Emirates . The affected infrastructure includes the SMW4 (Southeast Asia-Middle East-Western Europe 4) and IMEWE (India-Middle East-Western Europe) cable systems, which are critical for cross-continental data traffic . These cables carry an estimated 17% of global internet traffic, making the Red Sea a key digital corridor linking Asia, Europe, and Africa .

Impact on Connectivity

The cable failure led to slower internet speeds, higher latency, and sporadic outages for millions of users in the region . Major cloud services, including Microsoft Azure, reported that traffic routed through West Asia experienced delays, although traffic bypassing the region remained unaffected . Telecom providers in the UAE, such as e& and du, issued advisories acknowledging the disruptions and confirmed that technical teams were working to restore normal service .

Possible Causes

The exact cause of the cable cuts remains uncertain. While accidental damage from...

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