

Saudi Arabia fiber optic cable outage



AI Overview

Multiple subsea cables near Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, were severed, causing widespread internet slowdowns across the Middle East and South Asia. Incident Overview On September 6, 2025, several undersea fiber-optic cables in the Red Sea were cut near Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, including the SEA-ME-WE 4 (SMW4), IMEWE, and FALCON GCX systems, which are critical for global connectivity between Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. The exact cause of the cuts is not confirmed, though potential factors include maritime accidents, such as vessels dragging anchors, and previous regional conflicts involving Houthi attacks on ships. Impact on Internet Services The outage caused slow speeds, intermittent access, and higher latency in Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Pakistan, India, and parts of Africa. Users reported buffering issues, delayed video calls, and disrupted cloud services. Microsoft Azure warned that traffic routed through the Middle East could experience elevated latency, though alternative routing helped maintain service continuity for most users. Local telecom providers, including Pakistan Telecommunications and UAE operators e& and du, issued advisories about potential service degradation during peak hours. Technical and Economic Implications The Red Sea is a major digital corridor, carrying an estimated 17% of global internet traffic. SMW4 and IMEWE are key arteries for cloud services, streaming, banking, and airline systems. While redundancy exists through dozens of other subsea cables in the GCC region, rerouted traffic often results in slower speeds and higher latency due to longer paths or near-capacity alternative routes. Repairing these cables is complex and costly, with estimates ranging from \$1 million to \$3 million per repair, potentially taking weeks or months depending on depth, weather, and availability of specialized cable ships. Mitigation and Resilience Network operators have rerouted traffic through other regional systems to minimize disruption. Investments in next-generation systems like SEA-ME-WE 6 aim to improve capacity...

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The cause of the cable cuts has not been officially confirmed. Undersea fiber optic cables are the primary backbone of the global internet, and

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Red Sea cable cuts disrupt internet across Asia and the

Internet connectivity in multiple countries including India and Pakistan has been affected due to subsea cable outages in the Red Sea, internet

Red Sea cable damage sparks internet outages across Asia and

According to Reuters, the impact of the outage was not limited to South Asia. Users in the United Arab Emirates also reported difficulties in accessing online services, particularly those using

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Red Sea Cable Damage Triggers Major Internet Outages: A

One such thing happened on September 6, 2025, when multiple undersea fibre-optic cables in the Red Sea were severed near Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, triggering buffering spikes and slowdowns that

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Undersea cables cut in the Red Sea, disrupting internet access in Asia ...

Undersea cable cuts in the Red Sea disrupted internet access across parts of Asia and the Middle East on Sunday. Experts suspect the damage occurred near Jeddah, Saudi Arabia,

Multiple subsea cables cut in the Red Sea, impacting

The severing of the SEA-ME-WE 4, IMEWE, and FALCON GCX subsea cables near Saudi Arabia has caused Internet issues in the Middle East

International Cable Breaks in Red Sea Cause Latency

On Saturday, September 6, 2025, multiple submarine fiber-optic cables were severed near Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, leading to significant disruptions in cross

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Red Sea Subsea Cable Cuts Disrupt Global Communications in 2025

On September 6, 2025, multiple undersea fiber optic cables in the Red Sea, including SMW4, IMEWE, AAE-1, EIG, and SEACOM/TGN-EA, were severed near Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, starting at 05:45 UTC.

UnderSea 2025 The Year The Subsea Cable Map

Eckhard Bruckschen, Director of Undersea Cable Consultancy, is a master mariner and MBA holder with more than 30 years of experience in the

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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Red Sea cable chaos: Why the Internet didn't go dark

Cybersecurity firm NetBlocks confirmed degraded connectivity in countries including India, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Kuwait, attributing it to failures near Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

What we know about the cut subsea cables in the Red Sea?

Two cables linking Europe to the Middle East and Asia have been reportedly cut in the Red Sea, affecting internet connections.

Multiple subsea cables cut in the Red Sea, impacting Internet traffic ...

The severing of the SEA-ME-WE 4, IMEWE, and FALCON GCX subsea cables near Saudi Arabia has caused Internet issues in the Middle East and South Asia. The cause of the Red

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