

Damaged fiber optic cables in Africa restored



Overview

Three of the subsea cables connecting Africa to the rest of the world have been repaired after they suffered breaks in mid-March 2024, with repairs still ongoing for one. A spokesperson for Vodacom, Byron Kennedy, said the WACS cable was repaired on Tuesday, while an Openserve statement said the repair would be completed by the end of 6. Restoration work on the broken undersea cables is progressing well, with full restoration of the West Africa Cable System (WACS) submarine cable expected by the end of today, says Openserve. Some countries, including Ghana and Nigeria, are still suffering from nationwide outages. Multiple network providers reported Internet outages yesterday, and Cloudflare's Radar. Specialised ships like the 'NKT Victorial' use various tools to find the exact location of the cable cut, retrieve the cable, splice the damaged sections (replacing damaged sections with new cable segments), test and lower back to the seabed. Subsea cable repairs are not an easy fix, according to. DUBAI, UAE, March 20, 2024 / EINPresswire. com / -- Internet outages in at least 10 countries in Africa, many undersea cables damaged, expected to take 5 weeks to repair.



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Four Fiber Optic Cables Damaged In Red Sea: Here's

Topline At least four undersea fiber optic cables, which carry approximately 97% of all Internet traffic, were damaged last week in the Red Sea,

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Asia Piling Co is the sub-contractor that hit critical underground fibre optic cables, causing a 20-hour broadband outage in Singapore on April 18. Read more at [straitstimes](#) .

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Google and Meta have in recent years become the biggest names in the business of laying these fiber optic cables in Africa, as part of their investment and product expansion drives in

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Several Subsea Cables in 10 African Countries are Badly Damaged

Bloomberg, Agence France-Presse, The Times of India, and other media reported that multiple undersea cables in Africa have been damaged, affecting internet services for millions of users. The

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