

# How many optical cables were cut

The internet's power and speed come from vast networks of fiber-optic cables buried deep beneath oceans, linking the continents. These cables are marvels of engineering.

For a while, the entire nation of Armenia's internet connectivity depended on a single fibre-optic cable running through Georgia. If that sounds precarious, you're right. In 2011, a 75-year ...

There are typically 150 to 200 cable incidents each year, averaging about three to four per week. The ITU senior official recalled that "in recent years, there have been quite a few high-profile...

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OverviewBackgroundDisruptions from 18 November 2024ReactionsSuspicious shipsInvestigationsSee alsoOn 17-18 November 2024, two submarine telecommunication cables, the BCS East-West Interlink and C-Lion1 fibre-optic cables, were disrupted in the Baltic Sea. The incidents involving both cables occurred in close proximity to each other and near-simultaneously, which prompted accusations from European government officials and NATO member states of hybrid warfare and sabotage as the cause of the damage. Currently, the damage to those undersea cables has not been conclusively attributed to any specific p...

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