Saudi Arabia s telecommunications fiber optic cable breaks

Overview

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 affected millions in Asia, the Middle East and more. Companies like STC (Saudi Telecom Company) and Dawiyat Integrated Telecommunications & Information Technology Company (a subsidiary of Saudi Electricity Company) are at the forefront of this national fiberization drive. Dawiyat, for instance, boasts an extensive fiber-optic network covering over. RIYADH – 20 February 2026: Saudi Arabia is reportedly seeking to reroute a planned fiber-optic cable project through Syria instead of Israel, as part of the East to Med Data Corridor (EMC), according to a report by Middle East Eye citing regional officials. The EMC is a joint Saudi–Greek initiative. On the morning of September 6, 2025, as much of the world scrolled through social feeds or logged into cloud-based work apps, a crisis was quietly unfolding under the Red Sea. (MEFC) is a Saudi-Japanese (Fujikura) partnership located in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. MEFC has established itself as the leader in manufacturing fiber optic cables, and solution provider for the telecommunications and industrial sectors in MENA markets.

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