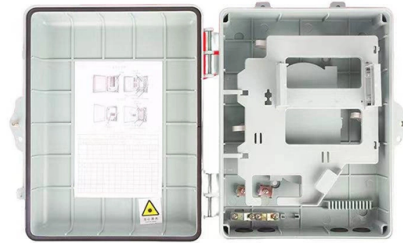


UAE Telecom Cuts Fiber Optic Cable



Overview

A series of undersea cable cuts in the Red Sea on September 6, 2025, triggered significant internet disruptions across the UAE and parts of the Middle East, impacting major telecom providers du, Etisalat, and Microsoft's Azure cloud platform. So why did internet in the UAE still feel fast?

Here's what really happened — and what Dubai businesses can do to stay online during any future slowdown. The affected cables include SEA-ME-WE-4 (South East. Failures affecting the SEA-ME-WE 4 (SMW4) and IMEWE cable systems have impacted internet services in the region Map displaying the subsea cable network in the Middle East. Users experienced slow or unstable connections, with repairs expected to take time. On Saturday, September 6, 2025, multiple submarine fiber-optic cables were severed.



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A series of undersea cable cuts in the Red Sea have significantly slowed down internet access across the Middle East and parts of Asia, including India and Pakistan.

UAE Internet Slowdown 2025: Red Sea Cable Cuts

In September 2025, several undersea fibre cables in the Red Sea were damaged, causing disruptions to a major internet corridor linking Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. Telecom providers warned of a

Internet disruption across UAE, Gulf and Asia: Red Sea

A critical incident unfolded in early September 2025 when multiple submarine fiber optic cables in the Red Sea were cut, likely by a ship's dragging

Slower internet in UAE, wider region amid Red Sea cable cuts

In early 2024, three cables were cut after a vessel struck by Houthi rebels drifted and dropped anchor in the Red Sea, causing weeks of service disruption.

Internet down in UAE after Red Sea cable cuts: What caused it and

A series of undersea cable cuts in the Red Sea on September 6 disrupted internet services across the UAE and the Middle East, affecting major providers du, Etisalat, and Microsoft

International Cable Breaks in Red Sea Cause Latency

In response, both e& UAE and du, major UAE telecom providers, released a unified public advisory acknowledging the disruptions: You may

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Internet outages hit UAE due to Red Sea cable cuts on Sep 6, 2025, affecting du, Etisalat, and Azure. Repairs ongoing, full restoration may take time.

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The project, called Gulf in Fibre, will connect the six GCC countries — Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait and Oman — and Iraq with a

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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

UAE internet users report outages; e& and du say

The UAE's two telecom services providers e& and du on Sunday said their customers may experience slowdown in services due to cable outages in

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Middle East News: A major internet slowdown across the UAE and Middle East is caused by undersea cable disruption in the Red Sea. Telecom providers confirm issues affecting Microsoft

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

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The Red Sea cable cut disrupted the internet across India, Pakistan, and the Middle East. These vital undersea cables are laid and maintained by private companies

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UAE telecom providers confirm slowed services Telecom operators e& (Etisalat) and du, the two main service providers in the UAE, acknowledged the impact of the Red Sea cable cuts on their services.

Three Fiber-Optic Cables Were Cut in the Red Sea.

Three key fiber-optic cables were severed in the Red Sea. Will the damage affect U.S. internet customers?

Internet disruption across UAE, Gulf and Asia: Red Sea

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A dense web of fibre-optic cables runs through the Red Sea, Arabian Gulf and Arabian Sea, with key landing points in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Oman and Djibouti.

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