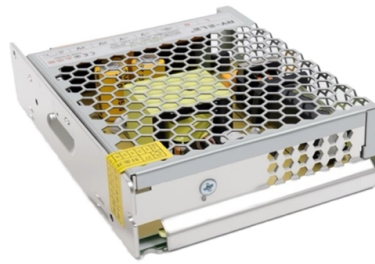


# Fiber Optic Cable Line Shutdown Report



## Overview

Afghanistan has plunged into near-total digital darkness after the Taliban ordered fibre-optic internet lines severed in several provinces. According to watchdog group NetBlocks, connectivity dropped to just 14% of normal levels, signalling a nationwide blackout. The Internet Outage Detection and Analysis, a project by. In 2025, we observed over 180 Internet disruptions spurred by a variety of causes – some were brief and partial, while others were complete outages lasting for days. In the fourth quarter, we tracked only a single government-directed Internet shutdown, but multiple cable cuts wreaked havoc on. The Internet Outages Map is an at-a-glance visualization of global Internet health over the last 24 hours, tracking Internet outages across ISPs, top application providers, public clouds, and edge service networks. The disruption was also felt in the United Arab Emirates, where users of internet providers Du and Etisalat reported slow. Afghanistan was cut off from the global communications network on Sunday night after all fibre-optic internet services and telecommunications systems across the country were abruptly shut down.



## Article Content

Report: Laying high-speed fiber optic line caused \$135K

A report by the union communication workers says fiber optic cable internet installations in Mesa have caused almost \$135,000 in damage to utility

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Learn how to detect and repair damaged fiber optic cables. Visual checks, OTDR testing, IEC compliance, and waterproof maintenance tips for

Fiber Optic Cable Cuts: Most Common Causes & How

The most common reason for interrupted fiber optic service is fiber optic cable cuts. And the list of causes of causes for fiber cuts, believe it or not, is a long one. In

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The last quarter of 2025 brought several notable disruptions to Internet connectivity. Cloudflare Radar data reveals the impact of cable cuts,

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Learn how to repair a damaged or cut fiber optic cable with step-by-step instructions, essential tools, and best practices. Restore your fiber cable

Afghanistan: Taliban shuts down internet indefinitely

Taliban says "immorality" and "vice" forcing internet shutdown The Taliban began severing fiber optic cables in other regions to combat "vice"

Online outages: Q3 2025 Internet disruption summary

In Q3 2025, global Internet disruptions were caused by everything from government shutdowns to stray bullets and earthquakes. This report

Afghanistan Plunged Into Blackout After Nationwide

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Internet Outages Map

Telecommunications down after Taliban authorities cut fibre-optic connections in several provinces to prevent "vice". A nationwide telecoms

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## How to Find and Repair Breaks in a Fiber Optic Cable

As the primary media for data center connections and local area network (LAN) backbone infrastructure, fiber optic cable must be kept in optimal

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Afghanistan's Islamist Taliban authorities have ordered a nationwide shutdown of the country's fiber optic internet "until further notice," according to a

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A (translated) published report stated that MTN informed subscribers that " following an incident on the WACS fiber optic cable, Internet service is

Internet Outages Map

Gain a global view of outages across ISP, public cloud and edge service networks, as well as top SaaS providers.

Taliban imposes communication shutdown in

Taliban authorities in Afghanistan have imposed a nationwide shutdown of communications, weeks after they began severing fibre optic

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Afghanistan Faces Internet Blackout After Taliban Interferes with Fiber ...

Reports surfacing on September 30, 2025, indicate that access to the internet has been severely restricted, impacting millions of citizens and hindering vital communication channels.

Fiber Optic Emergency Stops Provide Crucial Safety Solutions for

Fiber optic emergency stops advance these safety capabilities in challenging and dynamic applications. This white paper will discuss how e-stops work, the standards that govern them and how fiber optic e

The FOA Reference For Fiber Optics

Designers of fiber optic cable plants and networks depend on these specifications to determine if networks will work for the planned applications. For the purposes of

DSL Shutdown Tested: First Result

A trial to switch off DSL in favor of fiber-optic was performed in three municipalities in Germany. Initial results are now available, but the discussion about switching off copper continues to

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Many telecom companies have begun technology transitions. One such transition involves retiring copper networks to replace them with more

UAE internet users report slowdowns after Red Sea

Dubai: A series of undersea cable cuts in the Red Sea have significantly slowed down internet access across the Middle East and parts of

ITU-T Rec. L.25 (10/96) Optical fibre cable network maintenance

On the other hand, from the standpoint of post-fault maintenance, optical fibre cable maintenance involves reception of a transmission system alarm or trouble report from a customer, fibre fault

Q2 2024 Internet disruption summary

Government directed shutdowns and cable cuts were both significant sources of Internet outages in Q2 2024. This post explores these disruptions, as

Failure Impacts, Survivability Principles, and Measures of Survivability

Today, terrorist attacks on fiber optic cables must also be considered. Floods caused failures by taking out bridge crossings or by water permeation of cables resulting in optical loss increases in the fiber

Why Has the Taliban Shut Down The Internet Across

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Fiber Optic Cable Plant Documentation

Documenting the fiber optic cable plant is important for installation, troubleshooting, and acceptance. It involves documenting the path, connections, and test data for

5 Consequences of Fiber Cuts for Telecom Companies

Fiber cuts cost telecom companies in repairs, customers, and public image. Damage prevention software helps telecoms prevent fiber optic cable damage.

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