

Namibia Cuts Fiber Optic Cables



AI Overview

Recent fiber optic cable vandalism in Namibia has disrupted services in multiple regions, prompting Telecom Namibia to accelerate its fiber rollout and security measures. Recent Incidents Telecom Namibia has reported several cases of fiber optic cable damage due to vandalism. In the Grootfontein Constituency of the Otjozondjupa region, vandals cut fiber cables at two locations, affecting fixed and mobile communications for thousands of customers in Okamatapati and surrounding farms. The damage included 11 of 24 fibers in one cable and the removal of a telephone pole along with a 20-meter section of cable. Restoration required replacing a 3 km stretch of fiber to resume services . Another incident occurred near Elisenheim, outside Windhoek, where vandals damaged a 53-meter section of fiber-optic cable, leaving several households without voice and internet services. Telecom Namibia technicians worked to replace the affected cable while urging the public to report any information about the perpetrators .

Causes and Challenges These disruptions are part of a broader pattern of infrastructure vandalism and theft, particularly targeting copper networks, which are more vulnerable. Copper theft has been a persistent problem, prompting Telecom Namibia to transition to fiber-optic networks, which offer higher speeds, greater reliability, and reduced susceptibility to theft . Despite fiber's advantages, it is not immune to damage, which can occur accidentally during construction or deliberately through vandalism .

Response and Mitigation To address these challenges, Telecom Namibia has accelerated its fiber rollout through partnerships with providers like Lightstruck and Demshi Investment Holdings. These agreements allow the company to lease open-access fiber networks, expand high-speed internet services, and replace copper infrastructure in high-risk areas . The company has also increased security measures, upgraded backbone networks, and implemented redundancy to minimize service disruptions . Telecom...

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Second submarine internet cable to land in Namibia

NAMIBIA will receive its second submarine fibre-optic internet cable this year, which promises to enhance the reliability of increased internet

The power of fibre optic cables

The fibre-optic cables being laid in Namibian neighbourhoods represent a major leap forward in the country's digital infrastructure. These initiatives by internet service providers will not

Telecom and MTC join N\$5,5 billion sea cable project

TELECOM Namibia and MTC have joined a multinational consortium of telecommunications operators to help fund a multimillion-dollar undersea fibre-optic cable with a

Namibia's Competition Commission Probes MTC, NamPower, and

Namibia's Competition Commission is investigating MTC's fiber lease deal; MTC pledges compliance and legal review while engaging regulators constructively.

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Scramble for City's fibre market

While there is an emerging trend of added interest in the digital infrastructure space, how the digital optic fibre scramble for Namibia will play out remains a mystery.

Resilience: Fibre Fights Cable Theft

The recent theft of copper cables and vandalism of critical telecommunications infrastructure have resulted in repeated service disruptions and network outages affecting several

Unlock a World of Possibilities: Why Telecom Namibia

Reliability: Fiber optic cables are less susceptible to interference, ensuring a consistent and reliable connection. This is crucial for video conferencing, secure

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Damaged Undersea Cables Cut Africa Internet Access

FILE— In this March 20, 2013, file photo, fiber-optic cables are shown at InterGate Manhattan in New York. ABIDJAN—Major internet access

Damaged subsea internet cable undergoes repairs

This system, which has landed in Namibia, represents a total investment of US\$1 billion. This cable, owned by Google, is one of the largest

Telecom Namibia struggles with poor connectivity

Telecom Namibia struggles with poor connectivity amidst fiber optic break: Staff Reporter TELECOM Namibia is grappling with poor connectivity due to a break

Telecom Namibia invests millions in expanding fibre network

Through these projects, a total of 233 858 metres of fibre optic cables have been installed, connecting 7 838 properties to the network. "Telecom Namibia"s expanding fibre optic

Have you ever wondered about those cables being laid in Namibian ...

Namibian ISPs are making significant strides to connect more homes and businesses to this robust network. By laying these cables now, they are paving the way for a more connected and

Telecom Namibia Accelerates Fiber Rollout to Improve Service Quality

The company is accelerating its transition to fiber as cable theft and vandalism continue to disrupt service quality. Telecom Namibia is stepping up its shift from copper to fiber-optic infrastructure as it

Vandals damage Telecom fibre cable near Elisenheim

WINDHOEK, Jan. 17 - On Tuesday (January 16th), vandals struck in the Brakwater area outside Windhoek, damaging a fibre-optic cable that left several households in the area, including

Undersea Fiber-optic Cable Gives Namibia High-Speed Internet

For higher bandwidth, cheaper data rates and voice services, \$600 million undersea fiber-optic cable has reached the shores of Republic of Namibia. As a result, the national telecom operator Telecom

MTC reroutes internet traffic during WACS fix – Windhoek Observer

The WACS maintenance, set to run from June 1 to 16, includes repairs, upgrades, and technical checks on the 14,000-kilometre undersea fibre-optic cable that connects several African

Have you ever wondered about those cables being laid

If you've recently noticed an increase in cable-laying activities around your neighborhood in Namibia, you're not alone. These cables are part of

MTC Reroutes Internet Traffic for WACS Repair

Damage to both WACS and SAT-3 cables in January 2020 caused major internet slowdowns across Southern Africa. The disruption lasted for days and exposed the region's reliance

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Telecom Namibia's Fiber Network Connects Previously Underserved

Telecom Namibia's expanding fiber network is poised to revolutionize various sectors of the Namibian economy. Enhanced connectivity will benefit tourism by attracting more visitors such as

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Fibre Optic Cable Cut in the Grootfontein Constituency

Telecom Namibia's fibre optic network was recently vandalised at two locations in the Grootfontein Constituency of the Otjozondjupa region, disabling fixed and mobile communications services to

Cable theft affects hundreds of Telecom customers

Copper and fibre optic cables were then cut in the manhole and sections of copper cable stolen.

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