

Many communication fiber optic cables were damaged by the typhoon



Overview

Deep sea landslides caused by Typhoon Morakot severed at least three undersea fiber-optic telecommunications cables and disrupted three others, causing Internet service disruptions in parts of Asia. Round-trip time between Saipan and Guam — two islands separated by roughly 200 kilometres of Pacific water — jumped from 8. A 13x latency spike on a cable whose physics floor is just 2. The SWM-3 (Southeast Asia - Middle East - Western Europe 3) cable that connects to Taiwan near the. Taiwan has seen multiple incidents of damage to its underwater infrastructure in recent years, with China widely suspected of being the culprit. Add TWZ Adding us as a Preferred Source in Google by using this link indicates that you would like to see more of our content in Google News results. SINGAPORE: -- As many as seven underseas cables linking various Asian nations have been damaged by undersea landslides from Typhoon Morakot that battered Taiwan and China over the weekend, leading to Internet and voice call connectivity disruptions in Asia and sending telecommunications operators. Submarine cable damage poses significant risks to Hong Kong's role as a vital international telecommunications hub, where disruptions to undersea fiber-optic networks can impair global data flows, internet connectivity, and trade operations reliant on seamless international links.

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The international fiber-optic telecom cable was cut early Friday morning, around 7:51 a.m., near Taiwan's Keelung Harbor. The Trans-Pacific Express cable belongs to the Taiwanese ...

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