

Severed cables disrupt internet

Internet services are being disrupted across a wide swathe of the Middle East and India following damage to two undersea cables in the Mediterranean

CABLES DAMAGED

— **“SEA-ME-WE 4”**: 20,000km cable owned by 15-member group

— **FLAG Europe Asia**: 28,000km operated by **FLAG Telecom**

Terminals

- SEA-ME-WE
- FLAG
- Both

Porthcurno
UK

Marseille
France

Palermo
Italy

Annaba
Algeria

Bizerte
Tunisia

Alexandria
Egypt

Estepona
Spain

Suez
Egypt

Jeddah
Saudi Arabia

Aqaba
Jordan

Fujairah
UAE

Mumbai
India

Karachi
Pakistan

Penang
Malaysia

Cox's Bazar
Bangladesh

Satun
Thailand

Chennai
India

Colombo
Sri Lanka

Melaka
Malaysia

Tuas
Singapore

Jan 30: Outage reportedly caused by ship's anchor near Alexandria

Disruption reported in Qatar, UAE, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka

Egypt: Only about 40% of internet capacity operational

India: 50% of bandwidth affected

SUBMARINE CABLE

Polyethylene sheath

Mylar tape

Steel strand armour

Aluminium water barrier

Copper sheath

Optical fibres