

News about the UK-Qatar fiber optic cable



Overview

On Saturday (September 6, 2025) multiple undersea submarine cables in the Red Sea had been severed, causing widespread internet disruptions across parts of Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. The incident serves as a stark reminder: the link that serves as global digital arteries. Fibre in Gulf (FIG) submarine cable is a strategic initiative to significantly enhance regional connectivity and solidify Ooredoo's leadership in digital infrastructure 30 January 2025 Ooredoo Group has signed a historic agreement to build a new submarine cable connecting seven countries in the. Microsoft said in a status update that the Middle East "may experience increased latency due to undersea fibre cuts in the Red Sea," but gave no other details. Fibre optic cables on the ocean floor. File pic: iStock Internet access in parts of Asia and the Middle East was disrupted after undersea. Qatar and Saudi Arabia are investing in new terrestrial cable systems to relieve the strain on underwater cables in the Red Sea. This is part of a fundamental modernization strategy. Ooredoo, a Qatar-based communications company, plans to spend \$500 million (€430 million) on new terrestrial fiber. Submarine cables are the bridges of our modern world. They enable people across continents to talk to each other at a minimal cost. Today, more than 95% of international data traffic flows through subsea cables, making them as critical to modern economies as air routes, ports, and energy pipelines. The cable will land in Qatar, Oman, the UAE, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Iraq, providing 720Tbps of capacity across 24 fiber pairs.

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Gulf states race to build overland data cables to Europe

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Fiber optic cables are the backbone of modern telecommunications, enabling high-speed data transmission across vast distances. As Qatar continues

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Qatar's Ooredoo announces intra-GCC submarine cable project

Qatar-headquartered international communications company Ooredoo Group announced on Thursday that it has signed an agreement to build a new submarine cable connecting seven countries in the

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This contract aligns perfectly with our strategic objectives of expanding our services portfolio and contributing to Qatar's sustainable development." "By delivering a state-of-the-art fiber

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The project will significantly enhance connectivity and data transmission capabilities within Qatar's energy sector. Under the terms of the

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Ooredoo to build submarine cable in GCC region with ASN

Qatari telecoms provider Ooredoo has signed an agreement with Alcatel Submarine Networks (ASN) to build a submarine cable connecting seven countries in the Gulf Cooperative

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Gov Planning New UK Law to Help Protect Subsea

The reality today is that cutting lots of transatlantic fibre optic cables within the same short period of time, while a risk, is something that would be both extremely

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Ooredoo Group to build subsea cable to connect the

As well as the 2Africa cable, the Arabian Gulf is home to subsea cables such as AAE-1, Falcon, FOG, and the Qatar-UAE submarine cable

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Fibre-optic Link Around the Globe

Fibre-optic Link Around the Globe (FLAG) is a 28,000-kilometre-long (17,398 mi; 15,119 nmi) fibre optic mostly- submarine communications cable that connects

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Ooredoo Group to Build One of the Largest International

30 January 2025 Ooredoo Group has signed a historic agreement to build a new submarine cable connecting seven countries in the region - Qatar, Oman, the

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Fibre in Gulf (FIG) Cable to Link 7 Countries with 720

The FIG cable will feature 24 fibre pairs with a total capacity of 720 Tbps, making it one of the largest submarine networks in the region. This initiative

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Ooredoo's New Submarine Cable Project Enhances Regional

Ooredoo's move to develop the FIG submarine cable comes at a time when the telecommunications industry in the GCC is rapidly evolving. Companies are investing heavily in next

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How vulnerable is the UK to undersea cable attacks?

MPs and Lords will examine threats to undersea cables in a new inquiry launched today by the Joint Committee on the National Security Strategy (JCNS). Undersea fibre-optic cables are

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The government is planning to spend £5bn on rolling out superfast full-fibre broadband to the most remote parts of the UK. But what is full-fibre

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Internet access in parts of Asia and the Middle East was disrupted after undersea cables were cut, experts have said. The Middle East "may experience increased latency due to undersea

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Red Sea cable chaos: Why the Internet didn't go dark

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Gulf Nations Push New Overland Data Routes to Europe

Gulf nations such as Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates are investing in new overland fiber-optic routes to Europe to reduce reliance on vulnerable submarine internet cables

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Gulf Bridge International

Its main headquarters are located at the Qatar Science & Technology Park in Doha, Qatar. The Gulf Bridge International Smart Network is an international carrier

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Qatar Fiber Optic Cables Market (2025-2031) | Trends, Outlook

6Wresearch actively monitors the Qatar Fiber Optic Cables Market and publishes its comprehensive annual report, highlighting emerging trends, growth drivers, revenue analysis, and forecast outlook.

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Qatar Expands Digital Infrastructure with

Qatar is also advancing its telecommunications sector by merging Qatar National Broadband Network (QNBN) with Gulf Bridge International (GBI).

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Ooredoo Group to Build One of the Largest International Submarine ...

The Fibre in Gulf (FIG) project will provide all GCC countries a low latency, shorter and secure route to a new corridor connecting Europe with up to 24 fibre pairs and a capacity of up to

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Ooredoo Group to build subsea cable to connect the

Qatari telco Ooredoo Group has announced plans to build a subsea cable connecting seven countries in the Middle East. The cable will land in Qatar,

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Will fibre broadband be obsolete by 2030

The old landline telephone infrastructure across the UK used copper cables, but accessing the internet over copper cables is slower than over fibre

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Qatar's Ooredoo Group plans submarine cable to

Doha - Ooredoo Group has signed a historic agreement to build a new submarine cable connecting seven countries in the region - Qatar, Oman,

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Qatar Fiber Optic Cable Market (2025-2031) Outlook

The Qatar Fiber Optic Cable Market is projected to witness mixed growth rate patterns during 2025 to 2029. Growth accelerates to 18.19% in 2028, following an initial rate of 1.18%, before easing to

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Ooredoo to hook up seven Gulf states to new submarine cable

Qatar-based Ooredoo has hatched a plan to boost connectivity between Europe and the Gulf by way of a new cable system.

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