

Armenia fiber optic cable damaged



Overview

Viva Cell has announced mobile network accessibility issues in Yerevan, Armenia, caused by dual damage to a fiber optic cable. Emergency response teams are actively working to resolve the problem. While digging near Georgia's capital, Tbilisi, she accidentally struck a critical underground fibre optic cable that carried the majority of Armenia's internet traffic.) accidentally cut off the internet for not just her own country but almost the entire nation of Armenia as well. This incident took place on March 28, 2011. The. There were news stories this week in the London Guardian and the Wall Street Journal (here and here) regarding a 75-year old Georgian woman by the name of Aishtan Shakarian who was scavenging for copper accidentally damaged with her shovel the international fiber-optic cable carrying 90% of. Periodic Internet outages have been recorded in the center of Yerevan for several days now - what is the reason for this?

OVIO (formerly Rostelecom) informed @SputnikARM that this was due to damage to fiber optic cables. Now the mayor's office of the capital is restoring them.



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Aishtan Shakarian, who lives in a small village near Georgian capital Tbilisi, was scavenging for scrap metal on March 28 when she damaged an international fiber-optic backbone

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When Ms. Shakarian, dubbed the "the spade-hacker" by the local media, cut into the cable, she set off alarms signals which helped police locate her. Ms. Shakarian was arrested, but a severe

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TIL that in 2011, a 75 year-old woman accidentally cut the fiber optic cable that provides internet to 90% of Armenia.

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The majority of Armenia's Internet outages involve damage to these terrestrial networks, the most noteworthy of which being when an elderly

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Scavenging for metal, damages fiber optic cable with her shovel

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A Georgian interior ministry spokesman said a 75-year-old woman had admitted damaging fibre-optic cables while scavenging for copper. She has been charged and reportedly faces up to

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Scavenging pensioner "cut off Georgia-Armenia internet" AN elderly woman digging for scrap metal hacks into a fibre-optic cable, shutting off web access to almost an entire country.

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While foraging for copper wire near her home in the village of Ksani, the unnamed septuagenarian managed to come across a critical fiber optic cable, one responsible for serving

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The woman was scavenging for scrap metal when she discovered the primary fiber-optic cable which runs through the two countries. Service went down when she apparently hacked into it

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