

Ghana fiber optic cable snapped



AI Overview

Ghana has experienced thousands of fibre optic cable cuts in recent years, causing major disruptions and costing telecom companies over US\$69 million in repairs.

Scale and Frequency of Fibre Cuts

Between 2021 and 2025, Ghanaian telecom operators reported 33,878 fibre optic cable cuts nationwide, with incidents occurring between 11 and 99 times daily . The number of annual cuts has fluctuated, with 3,900 in 2021, 10,334 in 2022, 6,344 in 2023, 5,600 in 2024, and 8,000 in 2025 . Each repair typically costs between US\$1,923 and US\$3,214, with some estimates reaching US\$23,000 per cut due to repeated damage at the same locations .

Causes of Fibre Cable Damage

The destruction of fibre cables is attributed to several factors:

- Excavation and construction work by road contractors and private developers without proper coordination with telecom operators .
- Vandalism and deliberate sabotage, particularly targeting Telecel Ghana, which experiences three to nine deliberate cuts daily . Vandals now cut fibre cables purely to disrupt services, as fibre has no resale value .
- Exposure to environmental hazards, including theft of protective aluminum covers and damage from illegal mining activities (galamsey) and roadworks .

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He emphasized the need for collaboration to address the risks posed by these fibre cuts, which jeopardize the

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The Chief Executive Officer of MTN Ghana, Stephen Blewett, has raised concerns about the escalating crisis of fibre

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MTN Ghana warns of deliberate fibre-optic cable cuts by criminals, causing network blackouts in parts of Bono, Bono

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