

Swedish fiber optic cable explosion



AI Overview

The recent damage to the fiber-optic cables between Sweden and Finland was caused by accidental excavation work, not sabotage.

Incident Overview

The fiber-optic cables connecting Sweden and Finland were damaged in two separate locations in southern Finland, specifically in the towns of Espoo and Vihti. The disruption affected around 6,000 private customers and 100 businesses, temporarily interrupting internet services provided by Global Connect and Elisa telecom operators .

Cause of the Damage

Initial reports suggested the possibility of sabotage, prompting Swedish authorities to monitor the situation closely. However, investigations by Finnish authorities confirmed that the damage was accidental, caused by an excavator during routine construction work in Vihti, while the Espoo incident was still under assessment at the time . Finnish police explicitly stated that there is no ongoing criminal investigation and no evidence of malicious activity .

Response and Repairs

The affected cables were quickly repaired, and services were restored by the following day. Finnish authorities emphasized that such incidents are considered normal damage situations, and the communications system is designed to withstand...

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Suspensions of further sabotage have surfaced following significant damage to an undersea

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New damage to two optic fibre cables connecting Finland and Sweden appeared accidental, Finnish authorities said

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Sweden has announced that it has sent a formal request to China for cooperation over the suspected sabotage of two

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Finland, Sweden investigate suspected sabotage of

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A vessel has been seized after suspected sabotage of fibre optic line, probably due to external influence, Latvia says

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Swedish authorities on board seized vessel | Sweden Herald

A ship has been seized after a fiber optic cable in the Baltic Sea was damaged. The ship is now in Swedish waters.

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Sweden Requests Chinese Bulk Carrier To Stay in

Sweden's prime minister asked a Chinese bulk carrier, suspected of cutting two undersea

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Sweden investigates suspected sabotage of undersea telecoms cable

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The Cable Owner: "Mysterious how it went wrong" | Sweden Herald

Two fiber optic cables for data traffic in the Baltic Sea, one between Finland and Germany and one between Sweden

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