
Subject: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Fri, 01 Feb 2008 22:43:45 GMT
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<http://rss.slashdot.org/~r/Slashdot/slashdot/~3/227451227/article.pl>

Three undersea cables "accidentally" cut within a few days? I seriously doubt this is an accident. What do you think? Terrorists or just someone playing a prank or being dicks? Seems like a LOT of effort to go through for a prank, especially since Im sure they broke multitudes of laws.

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Fri, 01 Feb 2008 22:51:07 GMT
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It could be anybody...definitely not a fucking accident for sure.

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Fri, 01 Feb 2008 22:52:35 GMT
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someone on slashdot by mgh02114 (655185) on Friday February 01, @04:14PM (#22266760)
The locations where many of the recent cable cuts have occurred (China, Pakistan, Palestine/Egypt, and now Iran) is highly suspicious. I suspect that the U.S. intelligence community is using a sub to tap into the fiberoptic line to capture all of the data. Unlike copper lines, they probably can't splice into glass fiberoptic lines without breaking the circuit for a while.

- 1) Cut the line somewhere roughly, so it clearly looks like an accident
 - 2) Somewhere else far away, splice into the line using a sub, so the NSA can capture all the data (or even potentially alter it in transit)
 - 3) Let the commercial communication providers fix the obvious break
 - 4) Profit! (at least in terms of intelligence gathering and cyber-war capability)
- QFT
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Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Fri, 01 Feb 2008 23:43:32 GMT
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Definitely a reasonable scenario. ^

What makes this likely is that not only are these cables just Internet traffic but also telephone traffic.

If we think about it, and if an advanced intelligence entity was indeed behind these mysterious

incidents, then it is all the more possible...finally someone gets to listen in on what the Middle East leaders are talking about.

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Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 00:40:05 GMT
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Unless their using their own lines... that'd piss them off lol.

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Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 01:28:40 GMT
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QUICK! LETS BLAME THE AMERIKANS!

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [Ethenal](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 01:44:25 GMT
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Originally Blue wrote on Fri, 01 February 2008 19:28 QUICK! LETS BLAME THE AMERIKANS!

You're cool.

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 01:48:28 GMT
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Originally Blue wrote on Fri, 01 February 2008 19:28 QUICK! LETS BLAME THE AMERIKANS!

No one is "blaming" Americans. We are only looking at likely scenarios.

For all I know, it could even be a coincidence of accidents.

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 02:15:06 GMT
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The point of running an internet wire across the ocean is so that things on the internet can be shared over seas.

So what is the point of intercepting information that you are already going to get.

Why would the US waste time and money to do something that redundant?

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No.

When people send information to another person, the information doesn't go EVERYWHERE. The only places it goes is the places the information needs to get through to get there.

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [Viking](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 03:21:43 GMT
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Oh sorry, I wuz swimmin and dropped my scizzorz.

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 10:32:34 GMT

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http://www.telegeography.com/products/map_cable/index.php

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!

Posted by [JPNOD](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 17:27:51 GMT

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only a couple of TBS's of DATA lol.

It would be nice to have fiber optic uplink at home, then it be reasonable to host a home dedi.

Iran prefers to live in the middle ages anyways so they can route that link to my place.

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 06:00:17 GMT

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A FOURTH cable has now been cut! Something is obviously going on....what-the-fuck!

http://www.business-standard.com/common/news_article.php?leftnm=lmnu9&subLef t=2&autono=312626&tab=r

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!

Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 06:12:47 GMT

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Interesting theory that it is a high-tech way to isolate Iran, and to tap into their communications.

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!

Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 07:10:21 GMT

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Quote:"...to have three undersea cables – or is it actually four cables? – cut in the same region in just a two-day span, strains credulity; the more so, when we look at how the damage has played out across the region... communication cable cutting in West Asia leaves Israel and Iraq still connected, while completely shutting down the Iranian internet. Funny how that works, isn't it?" asks a professor on his site.

And the coolest part:

Quote:"Iran is back online, but... its traffic is now passing through the UK and the US, the latter controlling the 13 primary routers. Can you say wiretap?" queries another.

Well, they should not have been so arrogant in the first place.

EDIT: I am pretty sure the Israelis are involved.

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!

Posted by [Zion](#) on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 12:05:51 GMT

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Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!

Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 13:30:20 GMT

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Zion Fox wrote on Tue, 05 February 2008 06:05 Before you know it there'll be bombs exploding around country borders and said countries will start floating out to sea...

That makes me think of..

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=yUwVqL1xtVs>

THE SOLUTION TO GLOBAL WARMINGS!

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!

Posted by [Dover](#) on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 16:08:18 GMT

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Exploding vans?!

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Posted by [Blazer](#) on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 16:24:29 GMT

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 16:26:58 GMT
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Blazer wrote on Tue, 05 February 2008 08:24Isn't it also interesting how there is not a peep of this from the major news outlets...the sale of yahoo makes front page yet no mention of entire continents being deliberately cut off the net.

That's just the thing though. Nobody knows that continents are being deliberately cut off. We just know that they ARE being cut off. The deliberate part is still MIA (Or at least, any evidence of such beyond the suspicions of random bloggers).

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 18:40:08 GMT
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I think Blazer is right on this one. Forget the "deliberate" part, even the news of the 4th cable cut is not covered at all.

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 20:59:28 GMT
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FYI it has been confirmed via satellite that there were no ships in the area, so that rules out "anchors". Still think it's not deliberate?

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Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 21:16:42 GMT
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Maybe some deep sea creature has a taste for cables, otherwise... it must be deliberate, surely... (or the boats are not visible via satalite...)

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 21:35:05 GMT
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The lack of ships does not prove it was deliberate.

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 23:19:27 GMT
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If it was not ships than how was it an accident? When was the last time these cables were severed...never? Now FOUR of them within 2 days, miles and miles apart. Come on man wake up. Someone cut the damn cables. Why? If it's a prelude to war, we won't know until it's already underway. If its for the purpose of spying (installing taps), we will never know (and the media will not report on it, just as they are doing now).

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 23:38:19 GMT
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I'm okay with never knowing, or not knowing until the war is underway. Again, I'm not saying it was an accident. I'm saying we don't know anything.

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [Canadacdn](#) on Wed, 06 Feb 2008 21:46:13 GMT
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Cutting off communications to a country...particularly Iran in a way like this is more than suspicious.

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Thu, 07 Feb 2008 04:46:36 GMT
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Cable #5 is now cut!! WHAT-THE-FUCK-IS-GOING-ON???

http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle.asp?xfile=data/theuae/2008/February/theuae_February155.xml§ion=theuae

This map shows where the cable cuts have occurred:

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [Chimp](#) on Thu, 07 Feb 2008 05:20:21 GMT
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This is getting pretty interesting. *Sniff sniff* Do I smell conspiracy?

Any bets on when number 6 is going down??

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Thu, 07 Feb 2008 06:56:10 GMT
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One thing is for sure...since theoretically it takes a week or so to fix a cable, if something is going down, it should happen within a month.

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Thu, 07 Feb 2008 07:31:42 GMT
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<http://www.bbspot.com/News/2008/02/wireless-internet-cut-in-egypt-by-low-flying-plane.html>

Not a good week for teh intarnetz

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 07 Feb 2008 13:22:53 GMT
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That article is so lulz.

bbspot says Citizens unable to voice their frustrations on the Web took to the streets. Many carried placards saying, "OMGWTF?" and "Egyptians for Ron Paul."

Others wondered how a plane could sever wireless Internet connections, and voiced concerns of a government cover up of the real reason behind the outages. "They expect us to believe that a plane could sever a wireless connection? That's ridiculous, an airplane couldn't do that, but I suspect a UFO could," said Mohammed al-Bella in Cairo.

Government officials deny any cover up, but closed alien landing ports at the pyramids to tourists as a "precaution."

I lol'd.

But yeah, 5 cables and wireless...crazy stuff.

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Posted by [Blazer](#) on Thu, 07 Feb 2008 16:43:58 GMT
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<http://www.presstv.ir/detail.aspx?id=37468§ionid=351020103>

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Posted by [CarrierII](#) on Thu, 07 Feb 2008 19:06:20 GMT
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Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [Chimp](#) on Thu, 07 Feb 2008 19:32:46 GMT
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Considering the fact that it would cause unmanagable disaster and economical strife...To be honest...Better us than them

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thats a bit selfish...what about countries that United States depends on for economy and business like China and India?

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 07 Feb 2008 19:55:49 GMT
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Posted by [StarPilot](#) on Thu, 07 Feb 2008 19:58:35 GMT
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my view not so diffrent than yours cheesesoda but see the internts failures affect also good countries.

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 07 Feb 2008 20:05:42 GMT
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I agree, but if we're not killing anybody, then I'm going to go all Utilitarian and say the benefit outweighs the bad.

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Thu, 07 Feb 2008 21:25:42 GMT
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Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [Romaner](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 00:33:06 GMT
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Russia is already building Irans nuclear plant i dont really see any more reasons for them to go agains US... and Iran already hates US so there is no extra fuel needed there.

hmm mayb its part of the new sanctions that members of UN have recently agreed upon?

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!
Posted by [Canadacdn](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 00:47:28 GMT
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Cutting off communications to a country on purpose is not a good idea. In fact, wasn't that one of the contributing factors to how WWI started?

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Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!

Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 01:23:54 GMT

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That must be exactly why american's are so internationally loved!

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 02:15:18 GMT

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I don't see a problem with putting our nation in front of others. As long as we're not starting preemptive wars, looking out for our nation's welfare seems to be a bit smarter than playing nice in the international community.

Subject: Re: Teh Intarweb is under attack!

Posted by [Dover](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 02:39:22 GMT

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Iran is fucking with your economy?

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 02:54:56 GMT

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Posted by [IronWarrior](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 13:05:39 GMT

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IronWarrior wrote on Thu, 07 February 2008 08:03Blazer, maybe some terrorists hijacked some submarines and flew them at the undersea cables?

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Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Sat, 09 Feb 2008 06:49:16 GMT
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Oil FTW

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If your economy would be "crippled" by what someone else does with a new oil market that isn't even open yet, then I'd say your economy isn't worth getting all uppity about.

Really. If you're THAT dependant on someone and you piss them off, it's nobody's fault but your own.
