

# Komi Cut From Internet

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The northern Komi republic spent most of a day deprived of Internet access after careless workers cut the main optical fiber cable connecting the region to the World Wide Web, news reports said Wednesday.

The connection was lost at about 11 a.m. Tuesday and was not restored until some 12 hours later, Komsomolskaya Pravda reported. Rossiiskaya Gazeta said the incident affected hundreds of local companies, as well as banks and media outlets, all of which had to put operations on hold.

The cable, owned by North-West Telecom, was damaged by workers who drilled a hole in the ground near the village of Yb, 60 kilometers from the republic's capital, Syktyvkar. It remained unclear Wednesday what they were working on.✕

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