Dragging Anchor, Submarine Cables and You

Description

Some shipâ€™s master got some â€˜spalininâ€™ to doâ€¦hope his BA content was like 0%.

I suspect his story will begin with â€œIt was a dark and stormy nightâ€¦â€•

From The Guardian, â€œHow one clumsy ship cut off the web for 75 million peopleâ€•:

> A flotilla of ships may have been dispatched to reinstate the broken submarine cable that has left the Middle East and India struggling to communicate with the rest of the world, but it took just one vessel to inflict the damage that brought down the internet for millions.
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> According to reports, the internet blackout, which has left 75 million people with only limited access, was caused by a ship that tried to moor off the coast of Egypt in bad weather on Wednesday. Since then phone and internet traffic has been severely reduced across a huge swath of the region, slashed by as much as 70% in countries including India, Egypt and Dubai.
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> While tens of millions have been directly affected, the impact of the blackout has spread far wider, with economies across Asia and the Middle East struggling to cope. Governments have also become directly involved, with the Egyptian communications ministry imploring surfers to stay offline so business traffic can take priority. ***â€œPeople who download music and films are going to affect businesses who have more important things to do,â€•*** said ministry spokesman Mohammed Taymur.
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So, consider the implications of large scale cyber attacks, if that day comes.

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