Ukraine lays fiber optic cable



Overview

Fiber-optic drones weave spiderweb barriers in Ukraine On the 19th, a video released by Ukraine's 63rd Independent Mechanized Brigade via Telegram. Cables.

Key Takeaways

Ukraine has increasingly deployed fiber-optic cables in drones and surveillance systems to maintain secure, high-bandwidth communication in contested battlefields.

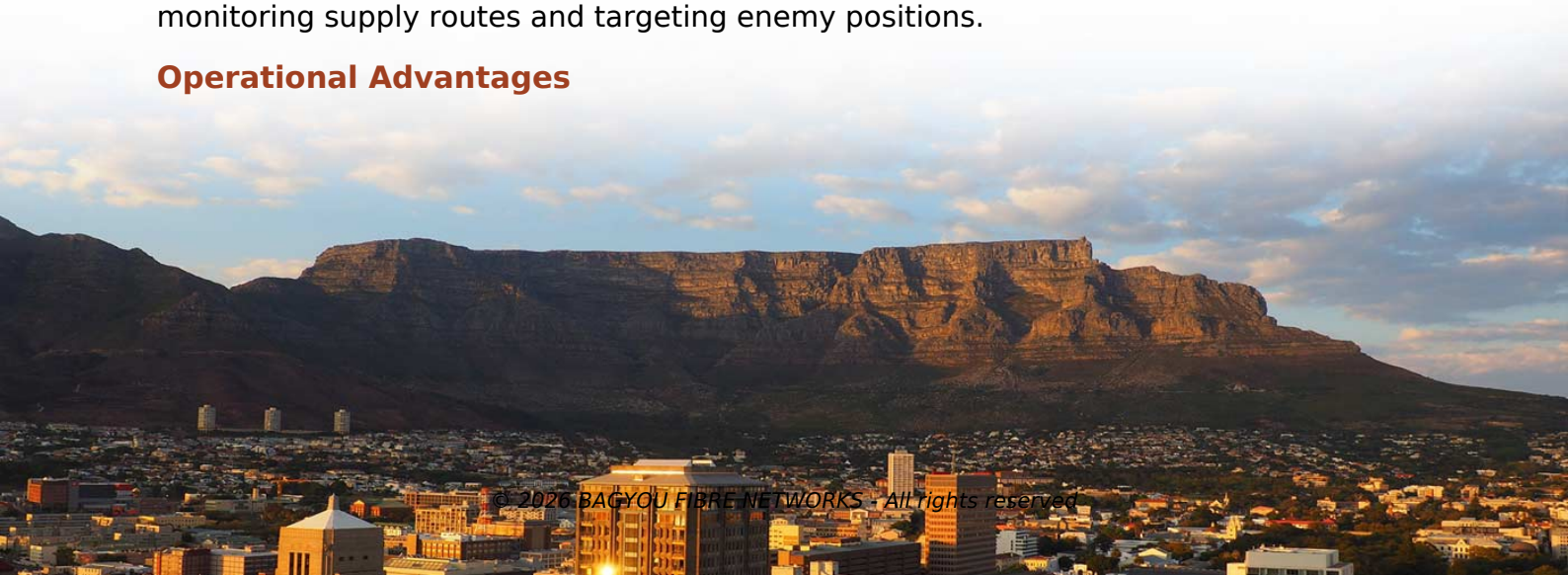
Military Use of Fiber-

Optic Cables

Ukraine has integrated fiber-optic technology into drones and surveillance platforms such as the Prong system and Optimus Optic series. These drones use thin polymer fibers to maintain a physical connection between the operator and the drone, bypassing traditional radio channels that are vulnerable to electronic warfare jamming. This allows for high-bandwidth, low-latency data transfer, providing real-time HD video, sensor streams, and precise control even in heavily contested areas.

Fiber-optic drones have been used extensively in frontline cities like Lyman, Donetsk, and in cross-border operations in Kursk, Russia, demonstrating their effectiveness in monitoring supply routes and targeting enemy positions.

Operational Advantages



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Unjammable Communication: The physical fiber link prevents interference from electronic warfare systems, making drones more reliable in combat. Extended Range: Some systems can maintain stable links up to 120 km, even with fiber bends and challenging terrain. Precision Targeting: Fiber-optic drones have contributed to significant tactical outcomes, including disrupting logistics and targeting high-value equipment.

Environmental and Logistical Impacts

The widespread use of fiber-optic drones has created long-term environmental challenges. After missions, the cables are often left behind, forming dense networks across fields, forests, and urban areas. These remnants: Pose entanglement risks to wildlife, including birds, bats, and terrestrial mammals.

Act as physical barriers, obstructing movement and access to resources. Persist in the environment for hundreds of years, releasing microplastics, nanoplastics, and toxic compounds like PFAs. Interfere with agricultural work, firefighting, and future military operations.

SummaryUkraine's adoption of fiber-optic cables in drones represents a technological adaptation to modern electronic warfare, providing secure, high-quality communication and operational advantages on the battlefield. However, this innovation comes with significant environmental and logistical consequences, as discarded cables accumulate and persist in ecosystems, creating long-term hazards for wildlife and human activity.

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