



Infonas and Fast Iraq form a regional partnership to provide seamless terrestrial connectivity from UAE to Frankfurt through Iraq to avoid the Red Sea

Polo Networks emerges as a transformative venture from the strategic partnership of FastIraq and Infonas, both leading national players across Iraq and Bahrain, merging the capabilities and licenses of both companies

Polo Networks creates a new corridor for international connectivity between Europe to the Middle East delivering a market-leading transit route that is high-capacity, low latency and has high availability.

Regional Underutilization & Route Diversification

Iraq's strategic position within the Middle East is underutilized due to the globally perceived risk of doing business and regionally disjointed digital infrastructure strategies.

Over 80% of all capacity from Asia, the Middle East, and East Africa to Europe relies on subsea fiber infrastructure through the Red Sea and the Suez Canal. This exposes a significant risk of failure in the global infrastructure backbone.

Subsea Cable Risk Management

Over-dependence on Red Sea subsea cables increases the risk of prolonged service interruptions if underwater damage occurs, severely reducing the global backbone capacity between the Middle East, Asia, East Africa, and Europe, with limited SLAs to address this issue.

Geopolitical Risk Avoidance

Existing or planned fiber transit routes are currently transiting through countries of geopolitical instability, including Iran, Syria, Israel, and Russia, with limited signs of stabilization in the immediate future, severely limiting the ability to commit to route deployment and management.

Polo Networks seeks to address these highlighted challenges through the new international route that unlocks high capacity, low latency, and flexible connectivity across the Middle Eastern region within Iraq and onwards to Europe - with future opportunities to expand into other local markets.

Bridging Critical Markets

The Fiber transit Route is poised to reshape the Middle East and Iraq-Europe connectivity, bypassing traditional subsea paths and geopolitical hotspots for faster, more secure internet traffic.





Efficient and Exclusive

Leveraging the strategic licenses of Infonas and FastIraq, our route connects crucial network points, offering a resilient alternative that sidesteps the congested, high-risk Red Sea corridor.

Faster. Smarter connectivity

With 90% of the Middle East and Iraq's internet traffic headed to Europe, primarily for OTT services, our terrestrial route promises sub-90ms latency—outperforming the 100ms+ of sub-sea cables from the UAE to Europe

Unmatched Capabilities

Our path Dubai to any major Europe destination offers a distinct advantage over traditional sub-sea routes. Offering high availability and robust SLAs through a fully protected all terrestrial route.

"Polo Networks will elevate the Middle East telecommunications footprint by leading the way in offering a seamless path of least resistance for Regional, and Global data flows and empower the region as a pivotal hub in the digital era" said **Mr. Robert Rees, Chief Wholesale Officer at Infonas**.

"We are delighted to collaborate with Infonas on this strategic initiative. FastIraq is fully licensed for transit any border to any border in Iraq. It is our intent to leverage our Transit license and invest heavily in Iraq's telecommunications sector. Since our founding it has been our mission to bring economic benefit to Iraq through our infrastructure. For us it is about empowering connectivity, accelerating digital inclusion, and driving economic and technological growth across Iraq and the region. Striving to bridge digital divides, foster innovation, and open new horizons for communities and businesses alike, making the Middle East and Iraq a leading light in the global digital landscape." stated **Timoth Moore, CEO and Founder of Fast Iraq**

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