

Aggrieved foreign firms threaten Nigeria telecoms

A fresh crisis is looming in Nigeria's telecommunications sector, as foreign service providers and equipment suppliers have threatened to disconnect their West African counterparts over an alleged breach of agreement. **The Guardian** reports that foreign firms are lamenting the inability of some Nigerian telecommunications operators to honour their financial obligations in foreign exchange. **If the issue is not resolved, the 150m active subscribers may have difficulty making calls.** Gbenga Adebayo, chair of the Association of Licensed Telecommunications Operators of Nigeria, said some of the foreign vendors had issued a notice of disconnection of service to their Nigerian counterparts. The National Association of Telecommunications Subscribers of Nigeria said a collapse of the telecoms sector would affect all other sectors of the economy, including banking.