

Briefs: Pakistan to maintain telecom transparency

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Pakistan has vowed to not roll back new telecommunications policies that improved transparency and consistency in the sector.

IT Minister Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari told a conference in Islamabad this week that the government had no desire to derail growth that has made Pakistan the second-fastest growing telecom market in the world after China.

"The government has broken the inertia and put in place a system that will not be reversed by any future government," Awais said, according to a report in Friday's Pak Times.

Awais said Pakistan's rapid telecom growth could be credited to deregulation and privatization along with the establishment of a universal service fund to finance infrastructure growth in the countryside.

In addition, he said, the investor-friendly policies the government has implemented had made Pakistan a desirable place for foreign capital.

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