

Millions without mobile phone service in Argentina

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Millions of mobile phone users in Buenos Aires found themselves without service Tuesday, because of an unexplained outage to wireless provider Claro.

Claro, part of Mexican-owned America Movil, boasts of being the leader in Argentina's 20-million-user <u>mobile phone market</u>, but beginning as early as Monday night many of its users in Buenos Aires and its suburbs experienced a prolonged break in voice and data service.

"Checks verified <u>interruptions</u> in service that affected an important number of Claro clients. So it was ordered to restore service immediately," the National Communications Commission said.

The company issued a brief statement Tuesday saying the problem had been resolved and service would be gradually restored.

It was not immediately clear what caused the breakdown.

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