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Telefónica O2 Slovakia says that it will start tests of an LTE network in region of Banská Bystrica later this year. The company also said that is considering additional testing locations, without elaborating further.

China Unicom says that its WCDMA based 3G network now covers 335 cities across the country.

All the three mobile operators of France - Orange, SFR and Bouygues Telecom - have now completed the technical test phases of the first interoperable Rich Communication Suite (RCS) services. The Comneon RCS Engine has been used successfully to improve the interoperability between networks.

India's Loop Mobile has set up a shop on wheels that will drive around Mumbai reselling its mobile services. The services being offered at the Mobile Service Gallery are similar to that of any Loop Mobile "bricks and mortar" outlets.

Etisalat Afghanistan says that it has reached the 3 million subscriber mark and now covers 27 provinces in the country.

Radcom has announced that Cellcom Israel has decided to expand deployment of its RANalysis to monitor and optimize its entire UMTS radio network. Cellcom Israel previously selected RANalysis to optimize the service quality of its UMTS network.

Azerbaijan's Bakcell, has launched a new service that allows customers to send texts messages to any e-mail address via SMS.

Dominican Republic operator, Viva has launched a Kirusa supplied service that converts short voice calls into messages posted onto the Twitter micro-blogging service.

Vodafone Czech Republic says that it will launch new tariffs that customers will be able to adjust according to their own needs and change flexibly whenever they wish. The offer includes 2,625 possible combinations from unlimited calling, unlimited SMS and data to no monthly fee at all.

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