

February 2009

Table 1: International Fixed Voice calls

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		Afghanistan				Bangladesh		Bhutan		India	Maldives	Nepal		Pakistan	Sri Lanka
		Saturday to Thursday		Friday		Peak	Off-peak	Peak	Off-peak			Peak	Off-peak		
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SAARC	Afghanistan					0.34	0.26	0.92	0.92	0.24	0.70	0.63	0.63	0.19	0.16
	Bangladesh	1.15	1.15	0.86	0.86			0.37	0.37	0.19	0.30	0.25	0.19	0.13	0.16
	Bhutan	1.15	1.15	0.86	0.86	0.26	0.22			0.19	0.54	0.25	0.19	0.19	0.16
	India	0.86	0.86	0.65	0.65	0.26	0.22	0.18	0.18		0.30	0.25	0.19	0.10	0.16
	Maldives	2.88	2.88	2.16	2.16	0.26	0.22	0.37	0.37	0.19		0.25	0.19	0.31	0.16
	Nepal	1.73	1.73	1.29	1.29	0.26	0.22	0.37	0.37	0.19	0.46			0.19	0.16
	Pakistan	0.86	0.86	0.65	0.65	0.26	0.22	0.37	0.37	0.19	0.30	0.25	0.19		0.16
	Sri Lanka	1.73	1.73	1.29	1.29	0.26	0.22	0.37	0.37	0.14	0.30	0.25	0.19	0.19	
South East Asia	Malaysia	0.96	0.96	0.72	0.72	0.26	0.22	0.92	0.92	0.19	0.27	0.63	0.63	0.03	0.11
	Singapore	0.96	0.96	0.72	0.72	0.26	0.22	0.37	0.37	0.19	0.23	0.63	0.63	0.13	0.11
	Thailand	1.15	1.15	0.86	0.86	0.26	0.22	0.37	0.37	0.19	0.27	0.63	0.63	0.13	0.19
East Asia	China	1.17	1.17	0.88	0.88	0.34	0.26	0.61	0.61	0.24	0.23	0.63	0.63	0.03	0.11
	Hong Kong	0.96	0.96	0.72	0.72	0.26	0.22	0.37	0.37	0.19	0.27	0.63	0.63	0.03	0.11
	Japan	0.96	0.96	0.72	0.72	0.34	0.26	0.61	0.61	0.24	0.30	0.63	0.63	0.06	0.11
Austral-Asia	Australia	0.96	0.96	0.72	0.72	0.34	0.26	0.37	0.37	0.24	0.30	0.63	0.63	0.03	0.23
Europe	France	0.96	0.96	0.72	0.72	0.34	0.26	0.61	0.61	0.19	0.38	0.63	0.63	0.03	0.11
	Germany	0.96	0.96	0.72	0.72	0.34	0.26	0.61	0.61	0.19	0.38	0.63	0.63	0.03	0.11
	Italy	0.96	0.96	0.72	0.72	0.34	0.26	0.37	0.37	0.19	0.38	0.63	0.63	0.03	0.11
	Sweden	0.96	0.96	0.72	0.72	0.39	0.30	0.37	0.37	0.19	0.38	0.63	0.63	0.06	0.11
	Switzerland	0.96	0.96	0.72	0.72	0.39	0.30	0.37	0.37	0.19	0.38	0.63	0.63	0.06	0.11
	UK	0.96	0.96	0.72	0.72	0.34	0.26	0.37	0.37	0.14	0.38	0.63	0.63	0.03	0.11
North America	Bahamas	1.19	1.19	0.89	0.89	0.39	0.30	0.92	0.92	0.24	0.70	0.63	0.63	0.13	0.35
	Canada	0.96	0.96	0.72	0.72	0.34	0.26	0.37	0.37	0.14	0.23	0.63	0.63	0.03	0.11
	Cuba	2.88	2.88	2.16	2.16	0.39	0.30	0.92	0.92	0.24	0.70	0.63	0.63	0.88	0.77
	Mexico	1.15	1.15	0.86	0.86	0.39	0.30	0.92	0.92	0.24	0.70	0.63	0.63	0.13	0.11
	US	0.96	0.96	0.72	0.72	0.34	0.26	0.37	0.37	0.14	0.23	0.63	0.63	0.03	0.11

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South America	Argentina	1.25	1.25	0.94	0.94	0.43	0.34	0.92	0.92	0.24	0.70	0.63	0.63	0.13	0.31
	Brazil	1.15	1.15	0.86	0.86	0.43	0.34	0.92	0.92	0.24	0.70	0.63	0.63	0.13	0.31
	Chile	1.15	1.15	0.86	0.86	0.43	0.34	0.92	0.92	0.24	0.70	0.63	0.63	0.13	0.35
	Peru	1.25	1.25	0.94	0.94	0.43	0.34	0.92	0.92	0.24	0.70	0.63	0.63	0.19	0.56
	Uruguay	1.34	1.34	1.01	1.01	0.43	0.34	0.92	0.92	0.24	0.70	0.63	0.63	0.19	0.56
	Venezuela	1.15	1.15	0.86	0.86	0.43	0.34	0.92	0.92	0.24	0.70	0.63	0.63	0.19	0.77
Africa	Botswana	1.15	1.15	0.86	0.86	0.43	0.34	0.92	0.92	0.24	0.70	0.63	0.63	0.19	0.31
	DR Congo	1.34	1.34	1.01	1.01	0.43	0.34	0.92	0.92	0.24	0.70	0.63	0.63	0.88	0.77
	Egypt	1.15	1.15	0.86	0.86	0.43	0.34	0.92	0.92	0.24	0.38	0.63	0.63	0.19	0.31
	South Africa	1.15	1.15	0.86	0.86	0.43	0.34	0.61	0.61	0.24	0.38	0.63	0.63	0.13	0.11
	Tanzania	1.48	1.48	1.11	1.11	0.43	0.34	0.92	0.92	0.24	0.70	0.63	0.63	0.19	0.44
	Tunisia	1.34	1.34	1.01	1.01	0.43	0.34	0.92	0.92	0.24	0.46	0.63	0.63	0.19	0.77
Middle East	Lebanon	1.15	1.15	0.86	0.86	0.34	0.26	0.92	0.92	0.24	0.70	0.63	0.63	0.19	0.22
	Saudi Arabia	0.86	0.86	0.65	0.65	0.26	0.22	0.92	0.92	0.24	0.38	0.63	0.63	0.11	0.22
	Turkey	0.86	0.86	0.65	0.65	0.34	0.26	0.92	0.92	0.24	0.38	0.63	0.63	0.13	0.11
	UAE	0.86	0.86	0.65	0.65	0.26	0.22	0.61	0.61	0.19	0.38	0.63	0.63	0.15	0.22
Exchange rate (January 26, 2009) http://www.oanda.com/convert/classic	1 USD =	52.13				69.68		49.04		49.69	12.95	79.55		79.47	114.20
Operator	Afghan Telecom				BTCL		Bhutan Telecom		BSNL	Dhiraagu	Nepal Telecom		PTCL ¹	SLT ² Telecom	
Source					http://www.btcl.gov.bd/		http://www.druknet.bt/btelecom/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=13&Itemid=27		http://www.bsnl.co.in/service/tele_tariff.htm	http://www.dhiraagu.com.mv/tariffs/international.php	http://www.ntc.net.np/tariff/pstn_character.php		http://www.ptcl.com.pk/content.php?NID=122	http://www.sltnet.lk/data/forbusiness/031calls.htm	

¹ Calls terminating on fixed lines only. for UK number series 844,845,870,871 its PK Rs. 15

² Have not used any rates from Budget Calls

Table 2: International Mobile Voice calls

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SAARC	Afghanistan		0.34	0.26	0.92	0.92	0.19	0.70	0.24	0.24	0.25	0.70
	Bangladesh	0.43			0.37	0.37	0.19	0.30	0.24	0.24	0.10	0.31
	Bhutan	0.43	0.26	0.22			0.19	0.54	0.24	0.24	0.25	0.53
	India	0.43	0.26	0.22	0.18	0.18		0.30	0.24	0.18	0.14	0.09
	Maldives	0.43	0.26	0.22	0.37	0.37	0.19		0.24	0.24	0.25	0.22
	Nepal	0.43	0.26	0.22	0.37	0.37	0.19	0.46			0.25	0.31
	Pakistan	0.43	0.26	0.22	0.37	0.37	0.19	0.30	0.24	0.24		0.31
	Sri Lanka	0.43	0.26	0.22	0.37	0.37	0.19	0.30	0.24	0.24	0.25	
South East Asia	Malaysia	0.43	0.26	0.22	0.92	0.92	0.13	0.27	0.59	0.59	0.10	0.10
	Singapore	0.43	0.26	0.22	0.37	0.37	0.13	0.23	0.59	0.59	0.03	0.10
	Thailand	0.43	0.26	0.22	0.37	0.37	0.13	0.27	0.59	0.59	0.10	0.31
East Asia	China	0.43	0.34	0.26	0.61	0.61	0.19	0.23	0.59	0.59	0.03	0.10
	Hong Kong	0.43	0.26	0.22	0.37	0.37	0.13	0.27	0.59	0.59	0.03	0.10
	Japan	0.43	0.34	0.26	0.61	0.61	0.19	0.30	0.59	0.59	0.10	0.19
Austral-Asia	Australia	0.48	0.34	0.26	0.37	0.37	0.13	0.30	0.59	0.59	0.03	0.19
Europe	France	0.48	0.34	0.26	0.61	0.61	0.13	0.38	0.59	0.59	0.03	0.22
	Germany	0.48	0.34	0.26	0.61	0.61	0.13	0.38	0.59	0.59	0.03	0.19
	Italy	0.48	0.34	0.26	0.37	0.37	0.13	0.38	0.59	0.59	0.03	0.22
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	Canada	0.48	0.34	0.26	0.37	0.37	0.13	0.70	0.59	0.59	0.03	0.10
	Cuba	0.48	0.39	0.30	0.92	0.92	0.81	0.70	0.59	0.59	1.04	0.70
	Mexico	0.48	0.39	0.30	0.92	0.92	0.19	0.70	0.59	0.59	0.25	0.10
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	Uruguay	0.48	0.43	0.34	0.92	0.92	0.19	0.23	0.59	0.59	0.25	0.70
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	DR Congo	0.58	0.43	0.34	0.92	0.92	0.19	0.70	0.59	0.59	2.51	0.70
	Egypt	0.58	0.43	0.34	0.92	0.92	0.19	0.38	0.59	0.59	0.21	0.26
	South Africa	0.58	0.43	0.34	0.61	0.61	0.19	0.38	0.59	0.59	0.10	0.22
	Tanzania	0.58	0.43	0.34	0.92	0.92	0.19	0.70	0.59	0.59	0.25	0.35
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	Saudi Arabia	0.43	0.26	0.22	0.92	0.92	0.19	0.38	0.59	0.59	0.14	0.26
	Turkey	0.43	0.34	0.26	0.92	0.92	0.19	0.38	0.59	0.59	0.25	0.31
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Operators	Roshan Telecom ³	BTCL ⁴	Bhutan Telecom		Bharti Airtel ⁵	Dhiraagu	Spice Nepal ⁶	Mobilink GSM ⁷	Dialog GSM			
Source	http://www.roshan.af/web/?page_id=472	http://www.btcl.gov.bd/	http://www.druknet.bt/btelem/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=28&Itemid=42		http://www.airtel.in/wps/wcm/connect/Airtel.in/airtel.in/home/foryou/mobile/postpaid/tariffs/pg_fymb_postpaid_tariff	http://www.dhiraagu.com/mv/tariffs/international.php?country=all	http://www.spicenepal.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=33	http://www.mobilinkgsm.com/idd/index.php	http://www.dialog.lk/en/mobile/services/services.html			

³ Rates are applicable for calling both Fixed and Mobile phones

⁴ Grameenphone customer service recommend to use BTCL website

⁵ Calling a mobile number in Europe is USD 0.18

⁶ Post-paid package IDD rates

⁷ Rates as per the Budget and Easy Packages

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