

## **Scartel Out of Belarus**

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Scartel, which provides wireless Internet access under the Yota brand name, announced the closure of its LTE-networks in Minsk and Grodno, Vedomosti reported Friday.

Scartel said it would stop providing services in Minsk and Grodno next week, citing a "change in strategic priorities" and the desire to concentrate on business development in Russia.

Subscribers to the Belarussian operator were promised refunds on the price of the modems and compensation in the amount of the price of one month's service. Infrastructure in Minsk and Grodno will be dismantled and the assets sold, a Scartel spokesman said. The company has only one foreign asset left: a WiMax network in Nicaragua.

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