

# Saudi Arabia suspends BlackBerry messaging: users

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A man uses his BlackBerry in the Saudi capital Riyadh on August 1. Saudi Arabia suspended BlackBerry messaging services on Friday, according to users of the smartphones, after mobile providers said the action was being taken due to security concerns.

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"It has stopped," said a [BlackBerry](#) user in the western port of Jeddah,

adding that his friends also noticed that the services were being phased out on their devices.

The Saudi telecommunications authority had announced on Tuesday that it ordered the country's three mobile phone providers to block the services or face a 1.3-million-dollar fine.

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