

RIM Indonesia boss suspect in Blackberry chaos

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(AP) -- Police say a senior executive of Canada's Research In Motion is a suspect in last month's stampede at a BlackBerry promotion in Indonesia.

Police spokesman Col. Baharudin Djafar said Monday that several people fainted and dozens were injured at the global debut of the [BlackBerry](#) Bold 9790.

The \$540 phones - commonly known as Bellagios - were being sold at half price to the first 1,000 shoppers.

Djafar said Canadian Andy Cobham, the outgoing country director for [RIM](#), is among four suspects who could face charges of negligence leading to injury.

The crime carries a maximum penalty of nine months in prison.

Indonesia, a nation of 240 million people, has experienced a come-from-nowhere tech frenzy in recent years. With 6 million users, BlackBerry is more popular in Indonesia than smartphones from other makers.

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