

SA gov't may demand access to BBM records



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Government has mooted a change to legislation to allow the South African Police Service to get access, through the courts, to the records of people using Research in Motion's popular BlackBerry communications service.

Deputy communications minister Obed Bapela says "a lot of criminality is happening" on BlackBerry Messenger (BBM), the instant messaging platform that has caught on like wildfire in SA. Bapela was speaking at Telkom's annual Satnac conference in East London on Monday, 5 September 2011.

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