

## Indonesia: Condom crackdown in c-stores tackles Valentine's Day casual sex

**The authorities of a conservative city in Indonesia raided convenience stores and seized hundreds of condoms to stop casual sex among the youth on Valentine's Day, reports The Hindustan Times.**

The local government of Makassar, a city on Central Sulawesi Island, stressed that they were not against condoms but convenience stores had been failing in verifying a teenager's age before selling them the contraceptive.

Iman Hud, head of local public officers, said that the move aims at preventing promiscuity.

Teenagers, moreover, misuse Valentine's Day to engage in casual sex, which can destroy Indonesian society's morality, according to Makasar Mayor Mohammad Ramdhan Pomanto.

Conservative Indonesian Islamic groups and individuals protested against the Valentine's Day celebration because for them it's un-Islamic and represents Western decadence.

Despite protests, major cities in Indonesia still celebrate Valentine with cards and chocolates. The Southeast Asian country is the world's most populous Muslim country and majority of the population practices a moderate form of Islam.