

Belize's AI-Enabled CCTV Rollout — A Facial-Recognition Deal Paused Over Data Sovereignty

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Belize

Quality score: 7/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Belize funded a national AI-enabled CCTV and facial-recognition programme with a \$30M CABEL loan, but paused its flagship facial-recognition vendor deal in 2024 over data-sovereignty concerns, with no privacy impact assessment or published accuracy figures.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	0/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	0/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	0/3
Scalability beyond pilot	1/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	0/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-13

[Belize Police Department / Ministry of Home Affairs \(Belize Integral Security Programme\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-13

[Biometric Update — Biometrica deal paused](#) — accessed 2026-08-13

[Biometric Update — 1,000-camera facial recognition plan](#) — accessed 2026-08-13

[Biometric Update — US data-sharing deal called 'digital colonialism'](#) — accessed 2026-08-13

[Government of Belize — Belize Integral Security Programme](#) — accessed 2026-08-13

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