

Karnak — Egypt's Sovereign Arabic Large Language Model Powering Government AI Applications

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Egypt's Ministry of Communications launched Karnak, a ~40-billion-parameter Arabic-English large language model built on Qwen3, as sovereign public infrastructure powering government tools for education, legal assistance, translation and call-centre auditing.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability beyond pilot	1/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-30

[Ministry of Communications and Information Technology \(MCIT\) / Egypt's National Council for Artificial Intelligence](#) — accessed 2026-08-30

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