

Mauritius Safe City — Nationwide Facial-Recognition Surveillance Without Independent Oversight

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Mauritius

Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Mauritius built a nationwide facial-recognition and licence-plate camera network for policing, but an undisclosed contract, a national-security data exemption, and missing footage in a high-profile murder case have raised serious accountability doubts.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	0/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability beyond pilot	2/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[Mauritius Police Force / Ministry of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[Huawei case study](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[AfricLaw legal analysis](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[Local news: annual cost disclosure](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[Hoover Institution analysis](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

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