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▶ ETHIOPIA LAUNCHES SMART POLICE STATION

Ethiopia has launched its first smart police station in the Bole district of Addis Ababa, developed in collaboration with the Ethiopian Artificial Intelligence Institute. The station was designed to modernize citizen access to police services, replacing traditional counter-based processes with AI-powered, automated service delivery.

Its AI-powered self-service kiosks allow citizens to access police services 24/7. Through interactive touchscreens and remote video assistance, users can report crimes, file complaints, pay fines and submit requested administrative documents. The system relies on AI and centralized data management to handle submissions and limit errors associated with manual procedures.

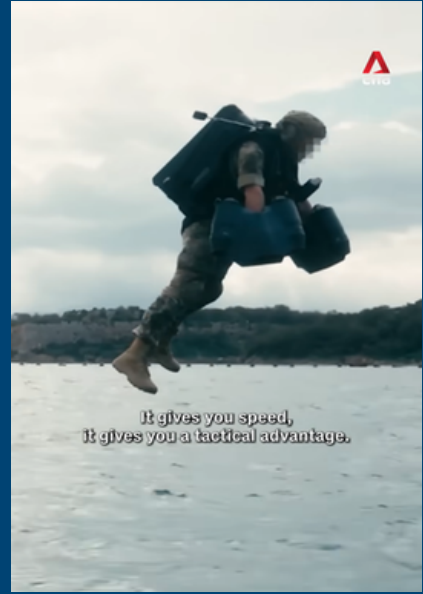


Each kiosk is equipped with cameras and document scanners, allowing users to upload photographs, ID, and other evidence. Submissions can be tagged with location data to support investigators. An evaluation mechanism allows designated officers to review submitted cases and ensure timely follow-up. Where an urgent situation is reported, officers at the central command centre can dispatch a patrol unit. Operations are monitored remotely through centralized surveillance and management systems, with only one on-site technician providing technical support.

Sources: [BBC](#); [ENAH](#); [Ecofin Agency](#)

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The Singapore Police Force (SPF) has trialed jetpacks capable of reaching speeds of up to 137 kilometres per hour with a flight duration of approximately three minutes. The device allows officers to fly from a police craft directly onto a hostile vessel, providing speed and tactical advantage during maritime boarding operations.



Source: [Channel News Asia](#)

▶ NORWEGIAN POLICE INCREASE EFFICIENCY USING AI

The Norwegian Police's AI4Interviews innovation project explores various approaches on how law enforcement could be more efficient by using AI. AI4Interviews aims to develop AI-enabled solutions for various tasks such as crime scene examination, investigations, court transcription, interviews, and reporting.

The innovation project has identified AI tools and capabilities aimed at saving time, faster flow of information, better decision making, and more efficient resource management. For instance, JodaPro, which is a voice-controlled, hands-free head camera, allows officers to directly capture video and audio from the crime scene. Other examples include speech-to-text capabilities focused not only on automation but also quality assurance of transcribed text, and report generation tools that aid in organizing unstructured dictated information from labs or crime scenes.



Apart from decreasing manual processes, ensuring accuracy, and improving police documentation approaches, AI4Interviews also emphasizes multi-sectoral collaboration among law enforcement, academia, and industry.

Source: [Politiet.no](#)

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Vietnam's Hanoi Police use an AI camera system to enforce urban order and detect traffic violations, littering, and illegal vending. With around 2,000 AI cameras, images of violations are sent in real time from the Hanoi Police Command Information Centre to police units for verification and processing. It has been reported that after only three months of operation, more than 19,000 violations have already been detected by the AI cameras.

Sources: [Asia News Network](#); [Vietnam Law and Legal Forum](#)

▶ CHINA'S AI-POWERED SMART SEAL SYSTEMS FIGHT DOCUMENT FORGERY

Chinese public security agencies are working with private technology developers to deploy AI-powered smart seal systems, targeting both the digitization of policing services and increase in cases of forged official documents. Criminal networks have increasingly combined AI-generated content with counterfeit official stamps to produce fake government certificates, household registration documents, and financial files, facilitating fraud, identity theft, and financial crime.



STEP 1. Pre-approval and biometric access

After supervisor approval, the authorized user unlocks the device by fingerprint.

STEP 2. AI-enabled document verification

The device uses Optical Character Recognition to verify the approved document before stamping, while AI monitors usage in real time.



STEP 3. Post-sealing audit record

The device captures the stamped document and stores it for future audit.

The smart seal systems introduce a dynamic anti-counterfeiting code generated by AI exclusively for each seal impression. Unlike static verification marks, the code is uniquely encrypted using both the specific content of the document and contextual data, making it technically impossible to replicate or reuse across different documents. Anyone can verify a seal's authenticity by scanning the impression via a mobile device.

The technology has been deployed across high-frequency policing service scenarios including cross-district household registration, business registration, and administrative approval windows. The systems also help tackle document forgery networks, enabling police forces to flag anomalous sealing activity, trace forged materials, and generate investigative leads for law enforcement.

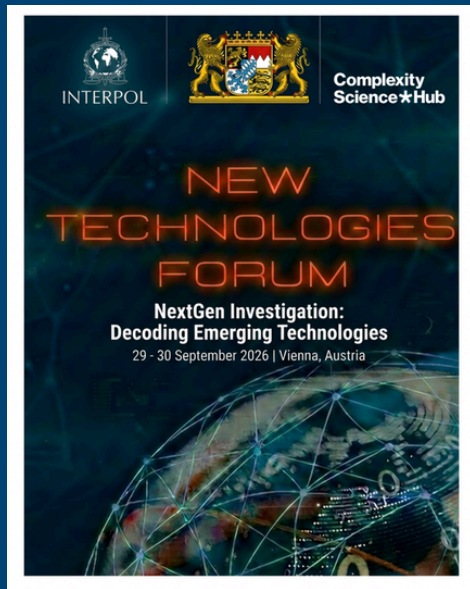
Sources: [China.com](#); [Tide News](#); [YunXi](#)

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Germany's Federal Criminal Police (Bundeskriminalamt) and customs authorities plan to share databases and use AI in tackling organized crime. With access to each other's data, customs and police will process large volumes of information using AI and aim to identify perpetrators. The AI-supported strategy also includes the establishment of joint data centres for analysis.

Sources: [Reuters](#); [Technology_Org](#)

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