

Is capetimes.co.za legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

capetimes.co.za

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

capetimes.co.za appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-02 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 65%.

What this site appears to be

Cape Times is a South African news publication homepage featuring breaking news, political and civic reporting, sports coverage, opinion, lifestyle, and entertainment articles.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	28 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2002 5000 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by WR3	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2002.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

Cape Times is a South African news publication presenting breaking news, political and civic reporting, sport, opinion, lifestyle, entertainment, and business coverage through an advertising- and audience-supported digital publishing model.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage has the structure and content depth of an established news publication, with current articles, named editorial bylines, publication timestamps, and broad topical coverage rather than phishing, impersonation, or deceptive financial-return mechanisms. Normal browsing and account interaction are consistent with the site's stated purpose.

- The homepage identifies the publication as "Cape Times" and presents current South African news, sport, opinion, lifestyle, and entertainment articles.
- Domain registration: 1998-10-21; approximately 27.8 years old.
- Web archives contain 5,000 snapshots spanning 2002–2025, covering 24 tracked years.
- External reputation checks recorded zero malicious and zero suspicious detections, with no blacklist or impersonation finding.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents itself as a media publisher, not a regulated financial service. No financial-return promises or regulated investment products are apparent, and no license claim is shown; this is a limited disclosure point relevant only if a separate commercial or regulated relationship is contemplated. The available identity and reputation signals otherwise support an established publication, while third-party broker intelligence produced no match.

- The homepage describes news, analysis, sports, opinion, and lifestyle publishing supported by advertising, sponsorship, and audience activity.
- The domain was registered through Gandi to IOL.
- Hosted on AS15169 (Google LLC, US).
- TLS certificate issued by WR3 using DV validation, valid to 2026-10-18 23:47:52 UTC.

What to Verify Next

For ordinary browsing and standard site use, no additional trust-related step is indicated. For procurement, content licensing, advertising, or any regulated engagement, confirm the applicable corporate, editorial, and contractual details through the publication's official channels and relevant independent registries.

- The homepage contains no sensitive forms, external password forms, wallet-connect activity, or untrusted form destinations.
- The site's stated business model is digital news publishing without apparent financial-return promises.

Summary Verdict

Cape Times presents as a legitimate, established, and trustworthy website with a high-confidence identity and content profile consistent with a mainstream news publication. The evidence supports normal interaction, including account login and standard use.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is served through Google infrastructure classified as content-delivery-network usage, providing a conventional mitigating layer for availability and network exposure. This infrastructure supports operational integrity but is not, by itself, proof of legitimacy.

- Hosting ASN: AS15169.
- Hosting provider: Google LLC, US.
- Observed server IP: 216.239.34.21.
- Abuse reporting recorded zero reports and identified the usage type as Content Delivery Network.

Closing Assessment

Normal browsing, login, and standard site use are appropriate; separate commercial engagements should follow ordinary organizational due diligence.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-02 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	50%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of capetimes.co.za.

- The request stayed on capetimes.co.za. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Gandi. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by cloudflare.com, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2026-10-21. NOTED

- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2002-03-29. [CLEAR](#)
- It is hosted on GOOGLE, from a server in US. [NOTED](#)

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Gandi
Hosting	GOOGLE - Google LLC, US
Country	US
Server IP	2001:4860:4802:34::15
Name servers	pete.ns.cloudflare.com, coco.ns.cloudflare.com
SSL issuer	WR3
SSL expiry	2026-10-18
Domain age	27.8 years
Domain expiry	2026-10-21
Archive first seen	2002-03-29
Archive snapshots	5000
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about capetimes.co.za at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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