

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

dailynews.co.za

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

dailynews.co.za appears legitimate.

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

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-02 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Daily News is a Durban-focused South African news publication covering local affairs, politics, sport, opinion, lifestyle, entertainment, and historical features. It identifies itself as part of the IOL network and includes standard privacy, terms, advertising, and complaints links.

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 WE1	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

Daily News is a Durban-focused South African digital newspaper presenting local affairs, politics, sport, opinion, lifestyle, entertainment, and historical features, with an apparent business model based on editorial publishing, advertising, audience engagement, and its affiliation with the IOL media network.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions, impersonation indicators, phishing behavior, or confirmed blacklist findings were observed. The homepage presents coherent editorial content, named article authors, publication dates, and standard news categories rather than deceptive financial offers or requests for deposits. Its established historical presence and clean external reputation further support a legitimate identity.

- The homepage identifies Daily News as a Durban news and sports publication and displays current editorial articles across multiple sections.
- The homepage contains no login form, sensitive form, wallet connection, hidden form, or suspicious external destination.
- Domain registration records show registration on 1998-10-21, with an age of 27.8 years.
- Archive records contain 5,000 snapshots spanning 2002–2025, with 24 years tracked.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site operates as a news publication rather than presenting a regulated financial service, investment product, or deposit-taking model. Its privacy, terms, advertising, and complaints links provide ordinary publisher-level disclosures, while the stated IOL affiliation supports organizational context. No third-party broker match was identified; this is contextual reputation information and not a licensing determination.

- The homepage identifies the publication as part of the IOL network and provides privacy, terms, advertising, and complaints links.
- The site's hosting resolves through AS13335, operated by CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US.
- The site's TLS certificate is issued by WE1 at DV validation level and is valid through 2026-09-06.
- The homepage presents editorial news, sport, opinion, lifestyle, entertainment, and history content without requiring deposits or promising financial returns.

What to Verify Next

For institutional engagement, confirm the publication’s current editorial and commercial contact channels through independently sourced IOL or publisher information, and review the site’s terms, privacy, advertising, and complaints procedures before formal cooperation. No additional regulated-service verification is indicated unless the site later introduces financial products or transactional services.

- The homepage links to the publisher’s legal, advertising, and complaints information.
- The homepage’s content and navigation are consistent with a conventional digital newspaper.
- The observed page behavior completed successfully without cloaking, hidden forms, clipboard manipulation, or wallet-drainer activity.

Summary Verdict

Daily News presents as a legitimate, established, and trustworthy digital news publication. The available identity, editorial, historical, reputation, and technical signals converge without contradiction, making normal interaction, including account login where offered and standard site use, appropriate.

Infrastructure Integrity

Cloudflare CDN and WAF protection provide a meaningful mitigating control against direct origin exposure and common edge-level abuse. All observed addresses were Cloudflare edge infrastructure, with no origin candidate identified in the analysis.

- CDN edge address 104.21.26.88 is served from AS13335.
- Cloudflare was identified as the hosting provider and protective CDN/WAF.
- The observed infrastructure includes four CDN edge IP addresses and zero likely origin IP addresses.

Closing Assessment

Prospective users and institutional partners may proceed with normal site interaction and ordinary editorial or commercial engagement, applying standard organizational review procedures for any formal relationship.

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 dailynews.co.za.

- The request stayed on dailynews.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 2002-03-27. CLEAR
- It is hosted on CLOUDFLARENET, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Gandi
Hosting	CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2606:4700:3034::6815:1a58
Name servers	pete.ns.cloudflare.com, coco.ns.cloudflare.com
SSL issuer	WE1
SSL expiry	2026-09-06
Domain age	27.8 years
Domain expiry	2026-10-21
Archive first seen	2002-03-27
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 dailynews.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.