

Is gulfnews.com legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

gulfnews.com

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

gulfnews.com 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 2026-08-11 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

WHAT THIS SITE APPEARS TO BE

Gulf News article/listing page. Large informational news content covering UAE and world events. Prominent consent management and extensive third-party advertising/vendor disclosures.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- 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	30 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 1996 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 1996.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

Gulf News is an established regional online news publisher presenting UAE, world, business, lifestyle, entertainment, travel, and sports coverage, with a business model based on advertising, consent-based audience measurement, subscriptions, an e-paper, newsletters, and related partner content.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The reviewed homepage presents a coherent news-media service rather than a deceptive financial, investment, or account-recovery proposition; it contains no login form, hidden form, wallet connection, credential-exfiltration path, or detected brand-impersonation indicator. The browsing assessment did identify two suspicious inline scripts and extensive external advertising-related activity, but these signals are attributable to the page's advertising and consent-management environment and were not accompanied by password forms, wallet-drainer behavior, clipboard interception, or cloaking. External reputation checks recorded no malicious or suspicious detections, and no phishing, blacklist, or impersonation signal was present.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage is classified as News / Media and contains extensive UAE and international news content, with no red-flag items reported.
- The homepage's two observed forms were a consent-management form and a newsletter-subscription form; no sensitive form or external password form was detected.
- The domain was registered on 1998-05-11, with a recorded continuity age of 29.63 years.
- Historical coverage contains 5,000 archive snapshots spanning 19 years, from 1996-12-22 through 2014-05-16.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate publisher, but the real-world operator identity is not independently verified. The site's apparent activity is general news publishing, not a regulated financial service; its pages describe advertising, third-party vendor disclosures, consent-based profiling, subscriptions, e-paper access, and partner or affiliate content. No specific regulatory licence or registration number is identified in the supplied page content, which is a transparency point for confirmation if a subscription or other commercial relationship is contemplated. Registration through GoDaddy.com, LLC and the domain's long historical continuity provide administrative and provenance context, while the absence of a

broker-reputation match is only contextual and not a licensing determination. A valid mainstream transport-encryption setup further supports technical integrity, without establishing the operator's legal identity.

EVIDENCE

- Hosting telemetry identifies AS13335, operated by Cloudflare, Inc.; the site's hosting country is recorded as the United States.
- The site's TLS certificate is issued by WE1, uses Domain Validation (DV), and is valid through 2026-10-07T06:39:48+00:00.
- The registration record lists GoDaddy.com, LLC as registrar and an expiration date of 2027-05-10.
- The homepage identifies a mature advertising-supported publishing model with consent-management and third-party vendor disclosures.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an independent check should connect the publication to its real-world corporate operator, preferably through an official registry or an offline contact route rather than relying solely on the website's own identity claims. For any paid subscription or e-paper transaction, the applicable renewal, cancellation, refund, and payment-protection terms should be reviewed independently. If a regulated activity is introduced beyond ordinary publishing, the relevant licensing or registration should be confirmed with the competent registry; the site's official support channels should also be validated through an independently sourced reference.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage offers newsletter subscription functionality but does not present a conventional account-login form.
- The page includes consent-management controls and extensive third-party advertising or vendor disclosures, making it appropriate to confirm consent and tracking preferences before subscription use.
- The reviewed content is informational in character and does not itself establish a regulated financial-service relationship.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website with a high-trust, low-risk posture. No scam, phishing, impersonation, or conflicting-identity indicators were observed, although the operator's real-world identity remains independently unverified.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is protected by Cloudflare CDN/WAF infrastructure, and all observed addresses were CDN edge addresses rather than identified origin infrastructure. This provides a meaningful exposure-mitigation layer for the public service, but protective hosting alone is not proof of legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary browsing is proportionate to the assessed posture; before credential or payment use, the publisher's independent identity, applicable commercial terms, and payment protections should be confirmed through trusted external sources.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	25%

- 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 gulfnews.com.

- The request stayed on gulfnews.com. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under GoDaddy.com, LLC. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by ultradns.biz, across 4 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-05-10. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 1996-12-22. CLEAR
- It is hosted on CLOUDFLARENET, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	GoDaddy.com, LLC
Hosting	CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	104.18.92.198
Name servers	EDNS1.ULTRADNS.BIZ, EDNS1.ULTRADNS.COM, EDNS1.ULTRADNS.NET, EDNS1.ULTRADNS.ORG
SSL issuer	WE1
SSL expiry	2026-10-07
Domain age	29.63 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-05-10
Archive first seen	1996-12-22
Archive snapshots	5000

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about gulfnews.com 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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