

dailyexpresss.com

An anonymously run website that impersonates British tabloid the Daily Express and that lifted articles from other sites, ranging from BBC to LadBible.com, without credit.

Ownership and Financing

Editor's Note: Following the publication of this Nutrition Label on Oct. 31, 2019, which included a comment from real Daily Express stating that the company would pursue legal action, the site changed its content and appearance. What follows in the Nutrition Label that appeared before the site changed its content.

The site does not provide any information about its ownership. According to the domain registry Who.is, the site was registered on Oct. 26, 2019, through a Panamabased proxy. The earliest article published on the site was also dated Oct. 26, 2019.

NewsGuard has determined that the site is apparently run by Amit Singh Chauhan of India, as the site shares advertising and analytics accounts with LondonStreets.org, which Chauhan owns. Facebook pages sharing stories from both domains are operated from the U.K. and India.

The site runs advertisements.

Content

The site's tagline is "All Latest News." Since its launch in late October, 2019, the site has published articles on a range of topics, mostly related to the U.K., that are apparently plagiarized from other news organizations.

Typical articles have appeared under headlines including "Where to buy Cadbury Caramilk in the UK: Get your hands on this rare chocolate!" and "British soldiers charged with disgraceful conduct over alleged sex assault." The former originally appeared in the digital news outlet HITC.com and the latter was originally published by the BBC

The site does not organize content into sections. Several new stores are published each day on the homepage.

Credibility

The site, which spells "Express" with an extra "s," presents itself as if it is the prominent UK national tabloid, the Daily Express. The name of the site — "Daily Expresss" — and its URL appear designed to trick readers into thinking the site is related to the popular tabloid.

NewsGuard's review found that the articles on the site did not include false information, but were all copied from other websites without attribution. Headlines accurately reflect the content.

For example, the text and headline of the site's October 2019 article, "Asthma carbon footprint 'as big as eating meat," is identical to a BBC.co.uk article published on the same day. Another October 2019 article, "England's First Inland Surfing Lake Opens Tomorrow," was identical to a story published the previous day on LadBible.com, a popular viral content website.

Because the site is run anonymously, presents itself as if it is a legitimate news source related to the Daily Express, and routinely copies articles from other websites without credit, NewsGuard has determined that DailyExpresss.com fails to gather and present information responsibly.

The site has not published opinion stories and, therefore, does not fail to handle the difference between news and opinion responsibly.

NewsGuard emailed the site and its apparent owner, Amit Singh Chauhan, inquiring about the site's editorial standards and practices, including its copying of articles without credit and its approach to corrections, but did not receive a response.

Geoff Marsh, digital editorial director for the actual Daily Express, told NewsGuard in an email that the company was not aware of the site and that its legal counsel "will investigate the possible trademark infringement here and issue a cease and desist warning to those behind this site."

Marsh also said that "users not familiar with our own website could be innocently duped - that is clearly their intention."

Transparency

The site does not provide information about its ownership and financing, editorial leadership, or content creators. All articles are attributed to "admin".

Advertisements are distinguishable from editorial content.

The site and Chauhan did not respond to emails seeking comment on its lack of



Criteria are listed in order of importance. More information.

History

The site was registered on Oct. 26, 2019.

Correction: The criteria checklist accompanying an earlier version of this Nutrition Label incorrectly stated that the site failed to meet the standard for label advertising. NewsGuard

apologizes for the error.

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