THREAT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Registrars Enabling Global Scams: NameSilo, Webnic, and NiceNic

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ICANN-accredited registrars should reduce harm — not extend the life of criminal infrastructure. Our 2025 OSINT shows how repeated abuse inaction gives scammers time, safety, and legitimacy. Below are the evidence, a Nigeria IP snapshot, and what must change.

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Introduction

Three pillars of registrar abuse enabling global phishing

Every second you read this, someone is being scammed. NameSilo, Webnic, and NiceNic don't just sell domains — they sell the critical window criminals need. We scanned a single Nigerian IP; nearly every site was fraud, with domains registered through these companies. Multiply that by thousands of IPs worldwide.

Global scam domain database (auto-updated)

https://github.com/phishdestroy/destroylist

Nigeria case study — 1 IP

https://github.com/phishdestroy/Nigerian-dignity

Interactive domain list

https://phishdestroy.github.io/Nigerian-dignity/out/index.html

Full ASN search (AS36352)

https://urlscan.io/asn/AS36352

How the Model Rewards Abuse

- No effective abuse handling — domains remain live for weeks or months.
- Government-level notices ignored unless there's a court order.
- Selective takedowns — a few domains removed; portfolios stay intact.
- No KYC — instant registration for any purpose.

FTC complaint (Dec 2024):
https://www.ftc.gov/system/files/ftc_gov/pdf/namesilo-wl-122024.pdf

Scale

- 30,000+ abuse references in 2025 across our feeds mentioning these registrars.
- Multiple samples for Webnic and NiceNic show >90% active scam rate.
- Nigeria IP is one snapshot — the pattern repeats globally.

Real-World Damage

- Loss of savings via drains and fake portals.
- Victims funneled through paid ads and social channels.
- Credentials and identities sold on criminal markets.
- Medical fraud puts lives at risk.

Public Reviews Echo the Pattern

- Trustpilot — Webnic: https://www.trustpilot.com/review/webnic.cc
- Trustpilot — NiceNic: https://www.trustpilot.com/review/nicenic.net
- Sitejabber — NameSilo: https://www.sitejabber.com/reviews/namesilo.com

Reports describe ignored abuse, template replies asking for already-supplied evidence, and ticket closures without action. It's a time-delay tactic: every delayed day equals more stolen funds and data.

What Would Change With Fast Action

- Tens of thousands fewer victims in 2025 alone.
- Fraud networks collapsing under rapid takedowns.
- Sharp drop in criminal ROI.

Contrast

Responsible registrars

- Full KYC and risk checks
- Abuse handled in hours/minutes
- Portfolio-level suspension

NameSilo / Webnic / NiceNic

- Weeks of delay/inaction
- Known scammer accounts retained
- ICANN RAA 3.18 obligations bypassed

What Must Happen

1. ICANN Compliance audits for repeated violations.
2. Full KYC for all registrations and resellers.
3. Portfolio-level suspensions upon confirmed abuse.

4. Industry-wide ban list for repeat abusers.

Sources & Evidence

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- ASN scan results: https://urlscan.io/asn/AS36352
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Conclusion

NameSilo, Webnic, and NiceNic are not neutral. Their registrar abuse response failures and ICANN compliance failures keep criminal infrastructure online. The Nigeria IP shows the mechanism, but it's only a snapshot. Effective domain abuse reporting and attack surface management require registrars to act within hours — until then, scams will continue to scale on their rails.

Quick Links

- Destroylist (auto-updated)
- Nigeria case repo
- Interactive list
- AS36352 at urlscan

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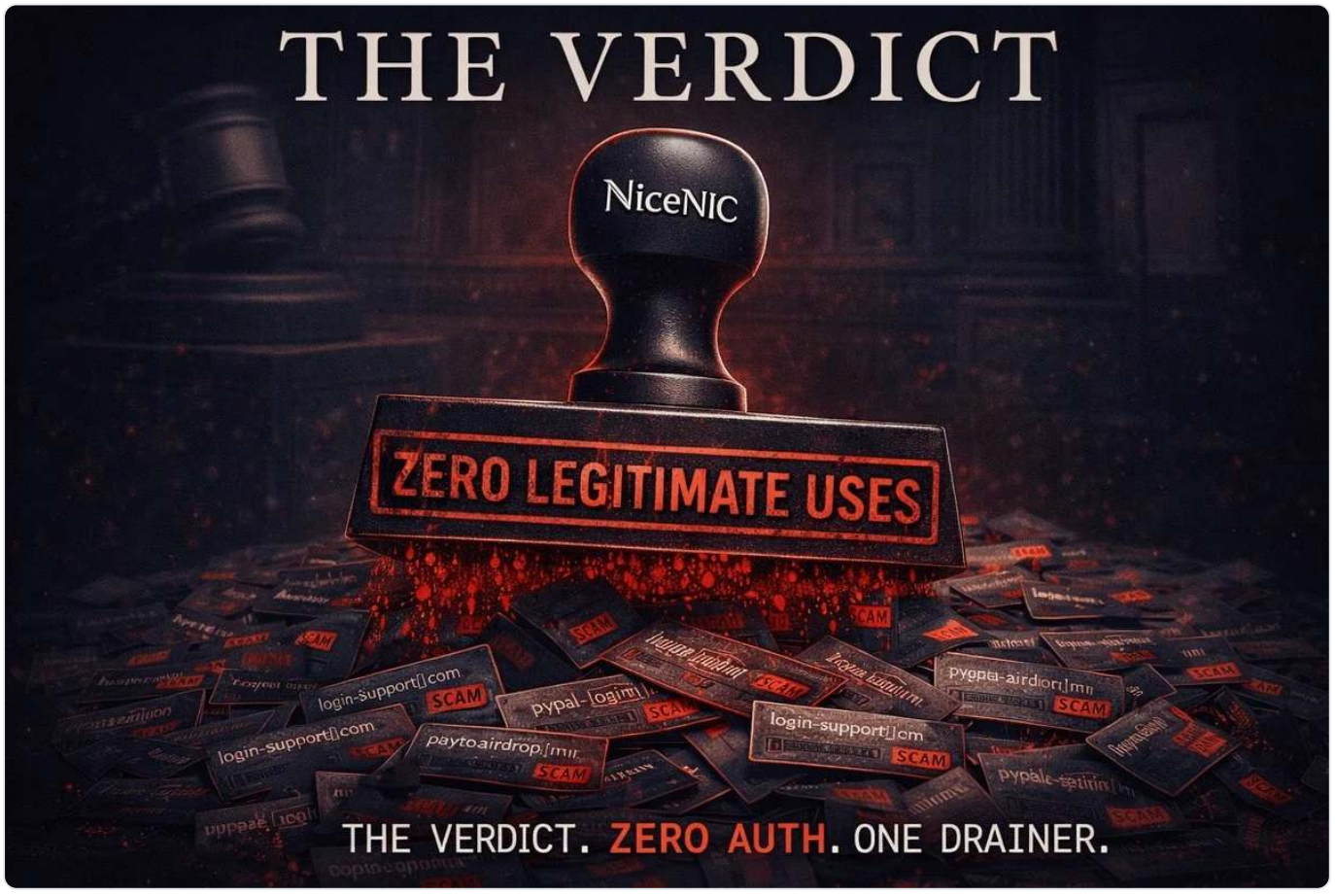

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NiceNIC Verdict: Every Domain Reviewed, Zero Legit Uses

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When Abuse Reports Go Nowhere — Registrar Response Failure