

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Top Stories of the Week

A visual roundup of the Eswatini Observer's leading stories across news, business, opinion, entertainment and sport.

In this edition: Eswatini–Taiwan relations, transport costs, banking performance, economic growth, a choral title, and a historic chess milestone. Article photographs have been included to make the digest easier to browse.

NEWS

25 SEPTEMBER – 2 OCTOBER



01 NEWS · 2 OCTOBER

Eswatini, Taiwan pledge next 58 years of partnership

Eswatini and Taiwan celebrate 58 years of bilateral ties, with strategic investments in fuel reserves, industrial parks, health and education highlighted.

<https://www.eswatiniobserver.com/eswatini-taiwan-pledge-next-58-years-of-partnership/>

02 NEWS · 2 OCTOBER

Bus fares recommended to rise by 25%

A report on a recommendation that could see commuters paying more for journeys.

<https://www.eswatiniobserver.com/bus-fares-recommended-to-rise-by-25/>

03 NEWS · 1 OCTOBER

ESCCOM engages journalists on cybersecurity, scams

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<https://www.eswatiniobserver.com/esccom-engages-journalists-on-cybersecurity-scams/>

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

THREE LEADING REPORTS



01 BUSINESS · 1 OCTOBER

Nedbank Eswatini profit improves by 16.6%

Nedbank Eswatini reported headline earnings of E73.7 million for the first half of 2026, with lower impairments and digital growth contributing to the result.

<https://www.eswatiniobserver.com/nedbank-eswatini-profit-improves-by-16-6/>

02 BUSINESS · 30 SEPTEMBER

Hilton Group on Royal Swazi Spa: It's a done deal – Tibiyo MD

A business update concerning the Hilton Group and Royal Swazi Spa.

<https://www.eswatiniobserver.com/its-a-done-deal-tibiyo-md/>

03 BUSINESS · 29 SEPTEMBER

Growth forecast to slow to 3.5% in 2027

Coverage of the growth outlook for 2027.

<https://www.eswatiniobserver.com/growth-forecast-to-slow-to-3-5-in-2027/>

FEATURES & OPINION

THREE LEADING REPORTS



01 FEATURES & OPINION · 27 SEPTEMBER

The economy is growing. can you feel it?

An analysis of Eswatini's 5.3% growth forecast and why a headline figure may not translate into immediate income for small businesses and households.

<https://www.eswatiniobserver.com/the-economy-is-growing-can-you-feel-it/>

02 FEATURES & OPINION · 27 SEPTEMBER

Lessons from Madlanga

An opinion piece by Mbongeni Mbingo.

<https://www.eswatiniobserver.com/lessons-from-madlanga/>

03 FEATURES & OPINION · 26 SEPTEMBER

Is it fair to date because she's all that your wife ain't?

A relationship-focused opinion column.

<https://www.eswatiniobserver.com/is-it-fair-to-date-because-shes-all-that-your-wife-aint/>

ENTERTAINMENT & LIFESTYLE

CLOSEST AVAILABLE STORIES

Editorial note: No Entertainment articles were listed on the site for 25 September–2 October. The three most recent available Entertainment stories are included below for consistency and are labelled accordingly.



01 CLOSEST AVAILABLE · 22 SEPTEMBER

HMCS retains Ntjilo-Ntjilo crown

His Majesty's Correctional Services Choir retained the Ntjilo-Ntjilo Choral Competition title at UNESWA.

<https://www.eswatiniobserver.com/hmcs-retains-ntjilo-ntjilo-crown/>

02 CLOSEST AVAILABLE · 17 SEPTEMBER

Sino Msolo, Russell Zuma for Simunye Fest

A Simunye Fest line-up report.

<https://www.eswatiniobserver.com/sino-msolo-russell-zuma-for-simunye-fest/>

03 CLOSEST AVAILABLE · 14 SEPTEMBER

Miss Eswatini waits as pageant world moves on

A feature considering Miss Eswatini within the wider pageant world.

<https://www.eswatiniobserver.com/miss-eswatini-waits-as-pageant-world-moves-on/>

SPORTS

THREE LEADING REPORTS



01 SPORTS · 30 SEPTEMBER

'Santi' makes chess history

Eighteen-year-old Santiago 'Santi' De Nobrega became Eswatini's first-ever FIDE Master at the Chess Olympiad in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

<https://www.eswatiniobserver.com/santi-makes-chess-history/>

02 SPORTS · 1 OCTOBER

Did minister lie to Parly?

A sports report concerning the Sihlangu head coach position.

<https://www.eswatiniobserver.com/did-minister-lie-to-parly/>

03 SPORTS · 29 SEPTEMBER

MulaSport NFD off to a flying start

Coverage of the opening weekend of the second edition of the MulaSport NFD.

<https://www.eswatiniobserver.com/mulasport-nfd-off-to-a-flying-start/>

Editor's pick: *Eswatini, Taiwan pledge next 58 years of partnership* leads this week's selection, alongside reports on the domestic economy and a landmark achievement for Eswatini chess.

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