

County News



Mountain bongos at Fairmont Mt Kenya Safari Club in Nyeri in July 2019. JOSEPH KANYI | NATION

County in partnership to bring back rare bongos

The Nyeri County Government has entered into a partnership with the Fairmont Mt Kenya Safari Club to bring back the mountain bongo, a critically endangered antelope. The partnership aims to protect the antelope's habitat and ensure its survival. The bongo is found in the forested areas of Mt Kenya and is known for its distinctive red coat and white underparts. The club has been instrumental in the conservation of the bongo and other rare species in the area.

Bursary cheques of Sh3m uncollected

The Nyeri County Government has announced that it has not received the bursary cheques of Sh3m from the Ministry of Education. The cheques were issued to the county government as part of a bursary scheme for students. The county government is currently following up with the ministry to ensure that the cheques are received and distributed to the intended beneficiaries.

VALLEY

Tourism players want airport works completed

Tourism players in the Nyeri area are urging the government to complete the works at the Nyeri Airport. They argue that the airport is a key gateway for tourists to the area and that the current state of the airport is a major barrier to tourism. The players want the government to prioritize the completion of the airport works to boost the local tourism industry.

Sugoi Girls watchman killed in dawn attack

A watchman at the Sugoi Girls' School was killed in a dawn attack by armed assailants. The attack occurred early in the morning, and the assailants targeted the watchman who was on duty. The school is currently under a state of high alert, and the police are investigating the attack. The school principal has expressed deep concern for the safety of the students and staff.

Nyeri

County signs partnership on electrical waste with recycling company

BY IRENE MUGO

The county government has partnered with Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) in an initiative to recycle and dispose of electrical waste. This is aimed at reducing health risks and environmental hazards associated with careless dumping of such waste. Speaking at the launch of the electrical waste collection centre, Public Service Executive Ndirangu Gachunia said electrical and glass waste posed a health risk to residents.

"They contain heavy metals such as lead and damage the soil and water bodies," Mr Gachunia said, adding that the county was committed to educating residents on the best methods of disposing electrical waste.

Kenya National Chambers of Commerce and Industry Nyeri branch chair Ibrahim Ndegwa said bringing the private sector on board will help counties and the national government develop capacity to buy and sell waste.

"I would want to encourage the county government to come up with waste bays where we can also benefit from exporting waste," he said.

Dr Thomas Musili, the founding director of WEEE, lauded the county government for accepting to partner with the organisation, saying it was the first devolved administration to come on board to such an agreement.

The collection centre will gather the waste from dumping sites for recycling. It will also accept electrical waste from individuals and organisations.

"We are going to compensate the people who will be engaged in the exercise of collecting the waste from dumping sites," Mr Musili said.

The organisation also has branches in Nakuru, Mombasa, Meru, Kisumu and Nanyuki.

Association of Medical Councils of Africa meets in Nairobi



Delegates during Association of Medical Councils of Africa annual workshop at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Nairobi. The three-day workshop focused on 'Strengthening Governance in Health Regulation' with numerous interventions.

Sanctions

Nominated MCA loses seat after petition

A nominated Member of County Assembly (MCA) has lost their seat after a successful petition. The petitioner argued that the nominated MCA was not eligible for the seat. The court ruled in favor of the petitioner, and the seat was declared vacant. The county government is now looking for a new candidate to fill the seat.

Taita-Taveta Squatters also want to be granted access to their

Gicheha Farm evictees to file petition in Parliament

The farm, owned by the Nanyuki family, donated land for settlement of squatters.

BY LUCY WACHIRA

Thousands of people evicted from the Gicheha Farm in Taita-Taveta County are planning to file a petition in the National Assembly.

In March 2018, over 2,300 families were evicted from the 2,300-acre property owned by the Nanyuki family.

In a petition to be filed by their MP John Bura, they demand that they had lived on the farm since 1974 and that the government assume responsibility for them. The squatters say they have been living on the farm for generations and that the Nanyuki family has been exploiting them.

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The evictees are demanding that the government take responsibility for them and provide them with alternative land and housing. They also want the government to investigate the Nanyuki family for alleged illegal activities. The petition is expected to be filed in the National Assembly in the coming weeks.