INJURED STUDENT ON RIOT CHARGE

By NATION Reporter

A STUDENT from the University of Nairobi yesterday appeared before a Nairobicourt with broken arms and a head wound, charged with taking part in a riot.

John Chila, who hails from South Sakwa in Nyanza Province, denied a charge alleging that on March 2, jointly with others not before the court, he took part in a riot.

Chila also pleaded "Not Guilty" to an alternative charge alleging that, jointly with others not before the court, he behaved in a manner likely to cause a breach of peace by throwing stones at passing cars.

Acting chief magistrate Mr. Pritam Singh Brar asked the accused if he would call witnesses. He replied: "I will have two your honour. And I will send for them to attend the hearing."

Chief Insp. Pius Malala, prosecuting, said that it was likely the accused's case would be joined with another, in which six other students were facing the same charge.

Mr. Brar fixed hearing for March 23 and 24, with mention on March 17. "This is to allow the police to get enough time to consolidate the cases," he said.

Chila sat quietly under police guard after listening to the magistrate. He had two big wounds on the left side of the head. His plastered arms were in slings across the chest. He was heavily guarded as he was led away to be remanded in custody.

Chila is the seventh student charged with the offence relating to March 2.