

Students on sedition charge

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TWO former student leaders at the University of Nairobi appeared in court yesterday on a charge of sedition.

Moses Samwel Ogweno Ongo and Patrick Ouma Onyango alias Paddy Onyango were not required to plead to the charge as consent to prosecute had not been received from the Attorney-General's office.

Ongo is from Karabondi Sub-location in South Nyanza and Onyango is from Konya Sub-location in Kisumu District. Both appeared before chief magistrate Abdul Rauf charged under Section 57(1) (a) of the Penal Code.

They are charged separately that on August 1, this year in Nairobi, they took part in a demonstration the purport of which was to excite disaffection against the

Government of Kenya as by law established.

The court cautioned the two, who were unrepresented, not to say anything at the moment as consent was needed from the office of the Attorney-General and as the prosecution had stated that investigations were still going on.

The two were remanded in custody until October 1, when their case will be mentioned.

Onyango is a former secretary-general of the Student's Organisation of the Nairobi University (Sonu). Ongo was a member of the union.

Early this week, 22 university students, some of whom were members of Sonu, appeared before the same court charged with taking part in a riot during the August 1 attempted coup against the Kenya Government.

The 22, who included sons of a Cabinet Minister, an Assistant Minister and a Public Service Commission official, denied the charges. They were then remanded in custody until September 30 when their case will be mentioned.

All the 22 were unrepresented when they appeared in court on Tuesday and Wednesday.



#ONGO (left) and Onyango leaving court yesterday.

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