

# Students' case set for hearing

By **NATION Reporter**

**THE** hearing of sedition cases against 14 Nairobi University students will start on March 28.

Chief magistrate Abdul Rauf yesterday fixed the date when the accused appeared before him. He said the hearing would be conducted on a day-to-day basis. Principal State Counsel Bernard Chunga earlier said that investigations were complete "and we are now ready for any hearing date".

The 14 students are facing separate charges of sedition under Section 57 (1) (A) of the Penal Code. They are: Frank Marango Ireri, Moses George Imbaya Andiko, Patrick Ouma Onyango, Evans Gavala Vitisia, James Mugo Komu, George Njoroge Mutoney, Peter Ciira Wabere,

Charles Weru Githui, Denish Oteko, Victor Ochieng Onyango, Samuel Owino Anyagah, William Nyakwada, Moses Samuel Ogweni and George Bethwel Ger Nyanjom.

The students had earlier appeared in court on January 3 for hearing. But the case was adjourned when the prosecution said investigations were incomplete. The students are in custody pending the hearing.

Another 20 students appeared before the same court for mention of their cases and were again remanded until January 29 for fixing of a hearing date.

Mr. Chunga told the court: "We are not in a position to take a hearing day now as investigations are still incomplete. I ask for another mention day with a view to fixing a hearing date." Mr. Rauf granted the

application and remanded the accused.

Mr. Rauf also rejected a student's bond application and said he could re-apply later.

The students are: Methusela Masasi Mute, Peterson Muriuki Waruiru, Noel Mwakudua Mwachofi, Timothy Kazungu Kionge, Fanuel Oduor Ongwen, Timothy Ondiek Manoah, Julius James Philip Ouma Ogutu, David Robert Ogol Kasera, Njoroge Nyathi Waweru, Justice Maurice Agony Adango, Watson Wahinya Bore, Caleb Isadia Ijeji, Harrison Herman Odondo, James Kilonye Muguzu, James Mburu Wachaga, Simeon Otieno Onyango, Joseph Nakodony ole Nkadayo, Francis Kadima Mulama Osundwa, Richard Nyaosi Bugei and Francis Odada Okech.