

Student leader in mercy plea

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AN appeal for mercy by Nairobi University student leader Titus Adungosi, who is serving a ten-year jail term for sedition, is to be heard by the High Court on January 24.

The appeal by Adungosi, unrepresented, was yesterday mentioned before Mr. Justice J.H.S. Todd, who fixed the hearing date. The State is represented by Principal State Counsel Bernard Chunga.

In his memorandum of appeal, Adungosi said in part: "I am aware of the extent of my guilt and of the court's rightful displeasure over it, yet I appeal to this honourable court so that in its justice it may remember mercy and so without prejudice to the unfortunate incident, to sympathetically and mercifully reduce my prison term sentence. I hope and believe my appeal will be considered favourably by this honourable court, even beyond my wildest dreams and something good come of it."

Adungosi was convicted by chief magistrate Abdul Rauf on his own plea of "Guilty" on a charge of sedition and taking part in a demonstration against the Government during the August 1 coup attempt.

Adungosi, a third-year design student at the Faculty of Architecture, admitted that on August 1, 1982, in Nairobi with seditious intention, he took part in a demonstration to excite disaffection against the Government.