

Now student cases to be heard in May

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SEVENTEEN University of Nairobi students facing sedition charges will appear in court on May 3 for hearing of their cases.

Senior resident magistrate T. Aswani yesterday told the students and their defence counsels that the cases would be heard daily for about 10 days beginning May 3.

He said he hoped investigations into the alleged cases will have been completed by that time and that the new Attorney-General will have had sufficient time to acquaint himself with the particulars as the prosecution had requested.

Mr. Aswani said this after the defence advocates asked him to make a court order to the effect that the prosecution would not apply for an adjournment again.

Mr. Aswani said the cases will be mentioned on February 9.

Mr. Kamau Kuria a defence counsel sought to have the cases heard at the earliest date. Mr. Collins Omondi said: "We would like the date to be as early as possible."

The small courtroom was jammed tight with friends and relatives of the accused who had come to listen to the fixing of hearing dates.

The students were remanded in custody. Among the 17 are: John Mochere, Josphat Kimaita, Ken Kidawa, Francis Ongole, Jeff Anthony Mwangi, Stephen Mondiri Oludhe, Naftali Peter Kibisu, Shem Odongo Ochuodho, Ephantus Kinyua, Manson Oyongo, Maina Njoroge, Wachira Waruru Kanja, Ngotho Kasyoki, Johnson Kitui Simiyu, Thomas Musyoki Mutuse and Harrison Mugatsia.