**Ugandans cite** Aids **in plea**

By NATION Reporter

Two Ugandan refugees charged

with threatening to beat a United

Nations High Commissioner for

Refugees official, have pleaded

for leniency, saying the are HIV

positive.

Mr David Musisi and Mr James

Luwalira denied the charges

when they appeared before Mombasa

Chief Magistrate Joseph

Kanyi and were remanded. They

are accused of behaving in a manner

likely to cause a breach of

peace on August 7 at the UNHCR

office in Nyali, where they allegedly

threw away files and chairs

and threatened to beat Ms Elizabeth

Anne Mpyisi.

The suspects said they staged a

demonstration to protest "tribal

and political bias".

The ruling will be on Monday.

David Musisi and James Luwalira

are led to the cells after they denied

creating a disturbance and

threatening to beat a UNHCR official. They pleaded for leniency,

saying they are HIV positive.

Mombasa Resident Magistrate Joseph

Kanyi will rule on the case

on Monday. (Picture by TITUS

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