

**Punishment.** The judge ruled that the convicts' action was putting many lives in danger.

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**KAMPALA.** Six butchers were yesterday convicted and sentenced to eight months in jail for spraying harmful chemicals on meat and fish as a preservative.

City Hall Court's presiding Grade One Magistrate, Ms Beatrice Khainza, said the actions of the convicts put the lives of the masses in danger.

Ms Khainza said the custodial sentence was to act as deterrent to other would-be offenders.

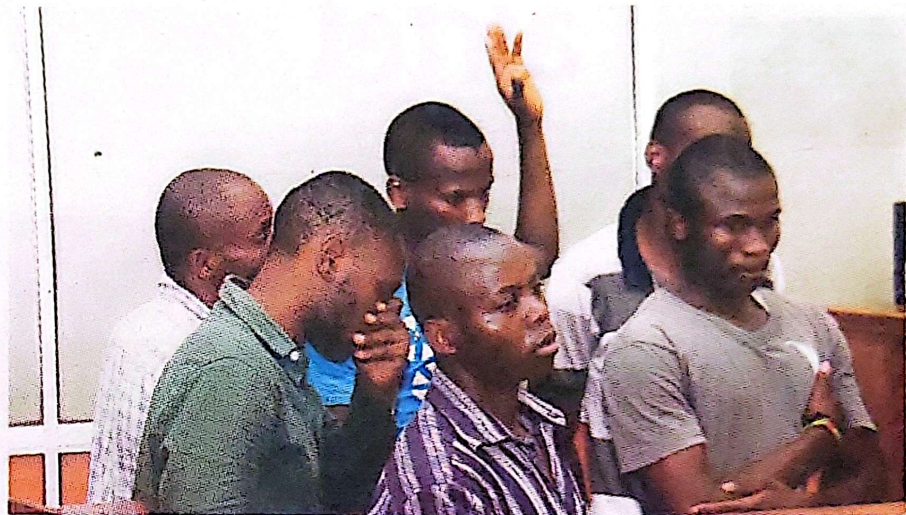
The convicts are; Erias Kafumba, Isa Ssenoga, Isma Mutebi, Umar Kalyango, Baker Mulondo and Ibrahim Ssekitto.

However, Ms Khainza advised them to appeal against her decision if they were dissatisfied with it before the High Court.

Upon their arrest last Friday, the convicts pleaded guilty to the charges but were remanded to Luzira prison, awaiting sentencing.

However, when they showed up on Wednesday, they wanted to change their plea but their request was blocked by both the prosecution and State, saying it was a wastage of court's time.

## Six get eight months in jail for spraying meat with chemicals



**Guilty.** The six butchers who were sentenced to eight months in prison yesterday.

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In a related development, Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) has been tasked to explain why majority of the butcheries are operating in the city without clearance from the authority's directorate of public health services and environment.

"How come the reports about preserving meat with chemicals were first reported in the media yet we have a full directorate of public health? Does KCCA even supervise how these animals are slaughtered

### BACKGROUND

The convicts were arrested in various butcheries across city suburb markets of Nakasero, Nankulabye and Ntinda during an operation by Kampala Capital City Authority health and law enforcement officers. They were found with unidentified chemicals that they spray on the meat and fish.

and the different butcheries they are taken to for sale?" Mr Erias Lukwago, the Lord mayor, asked.

Mr Lukwago's query was made on Wednesday during a council meeting following a presentation on the status of meat in Kampala by the acting director of public health, Dr Daniel Okello.

Dr Okello had earlier told the council that KCCA will continue cracking down on butcheries that use harmful chemicals to preserve meat.