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KAMPALA. The Mwangi II Magistrate's Court yesterday released, on bail, eight boda boda cyclists who were charged with criminal trespass and malicious damage.

The cyclists appeared before Grade One Magistrate, Ms Esther Nyadoi, who ordered each of them to pay Shs500,000 and their sureties to execute a non-cash bond of Shs3 million each before regaining their freedom.

Among the bailed suspects include Mr Sula Lubega, 38, chairman of Century Boda boda Cooperative Society, who among other charges, is accused of being a rogue and vagabond after police allegedly arrested him while wondering in Bukesa within Kampala City in a manner that leads to a disorderly purpose.

The group is part of those who were arrested for allegedly torching offices of Boda Boda 2010 association in Bukesa, Wakaliga and Makindye, all city suburbs, following the arrest of the association's leader, Mr Abdullah Kitatta.

More suspects charged

Court on Tuesday charged three more boda boda riders for destroying Boda Boda 2010 property, bringing the number of suspects in the case to 11.

Boda Boda 2010: Court frees rival group members



Freed. Some of the suspects and members of Century, a boda boda association, appear at Mwangi II Court where they were granted Shs500,000 cash bail yesterday. PHOTO BY ABUBAKER LUBOWA

However, the accused, Mr Sperito Kibugu, 32, Mr Isaac Nkuda, 33, and Mr Fred Kitimba, 33, were denied bail after they failed to identify their sureties.

The others granted bail include Mr Farouk Muyomba, 28, Mr Godfrey Mubiru, 30, Mr John Bosco Yiga, 45, Mr Patrick Wamala, 31, Mr Hamza Kigundu, 23, Mr Saul Katongole, 24

and Mr John Bosco Ssebuufu, 32.

Prosecution stated that the group and others still at large on January 22, at Nateete, Wakaliga Road in Rubaga Division entered into the parking yard in the possession of Mr Kityo Kilimutale with intent to intimidate or annoy him.

It further stated that the group wilfully and unlawfully destroyed a fence, the property of Mr Kityo.

Mr Kitatta was arrested by the military following the murder of the Case Hospital accountant, Francis Ekalungar.

Ekalungar was kidnapped on January 2, on his way to bank the hospital's Shs15m.

His body was discovered by police in Kajjansi, on Entebbe Road burnt beyond recognition.

Military intelligence and investigations revealed that Ekalungar was trailed by men on three motorcycles that monitored him from outside the hospital premises on Buganda Road.