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administrative officer, tipped him that Bala had brought a dangerous witch doctor to eliminate him through charms.

He said he reacted on the basis of what he was told by Abok and ordered guards to search the bag and pockets of the suspected witch doctor who was seated under a tree next to his office.

"When this person was searched, he was found with some wild fruits and an assortment of dust wrapped in papers," Ochieng said.

He said he had strong belief that the two employees might have conspired with an objective of harming him.

Hearing continues



ALL FOR BEAUTY: Tourism, Trade and Industry Minister, Mr Nicholas Biwott (seated second right), is surrounded by contestants in the Miss Tourism-Kenya competition when he received a cheque from Cussons Ltd Managing Director, Mr Christos Giannopoulos (seated left). The money will sponsor the event to be held on May 25 at the Carnivore.

— Picture by Maarufu Mohammed

ism, says Biwott

By Njue Lloyd

ourism and village tourism are the new concepts gaining currency in the country. He was speaking in his office when he received sponsorship cheques for Miss Tourism-Kenya beauty pageant. The contest, organised by the Ministry and Vera Beauty College, is intended to boost tourism by creating awareness of the varied of tourist activities in the country.

KQ hostess conned me of Sh0.2m, officer testifies

By Alphonse Mung'ahu

A KIBERA court yesterday heard how a Kenya Airways air hostess stole Sh200,000 from a police officer.

Constable Lawrence Nyingi Gikonyo attached to Buru Buru police division told Resident Magistrate Mary Mwai that the money was meant to purchase a Nissan matatu for him from Dubai.

He was testifying in a case in which Susan Wambui, an air hostess and Jean Wanjuki, a businesswoman, have denied stealing the money which had been entrusted to them by the officer to allegedly buy him a vehicle.

They are said to have commit-

ted the offence on July 21, 1997 in Nairobi.

The accused are represented by lawyer C. Miller while the prosecution is led by Inspector Stephen Wambua.

Gikonyo said he was told to wait for a month to get the vehicle but it was never delivered. After one year, he became suspicious and reported the matter to the police. The hearing continues.

Meanwhile, the High Court yesterday reduced to 10 days imprisonment the sentence imposed on two teachers found guilty of dangerously

hanging on a matatu.

Nairobi Judge, Samuel Oguk, ordered the immediate release of Jairus Ombima and Obedi Sylvanus. The two were on April 9 jailed for two months each by a Migori magistrate.

Revising the jail-term imposed on the two teachers, Oguk said the end of justice in the cases would have been served best through the imposition of a non-custodial sentence such as a fine.

He said the teachers had sufficiently been punished for the offence which did not deserve the imposition of a custodial sentence.

Three charged over Sh0.6m theft

By Grace Mulruri

THREE people were yesterday charged with stealing building materials worth Sh617,800.

Peter Murage, 27, Peter Ndivo, 65 and James Murige, 55, appeared before a Makadara court accused of stealing the materials between last April 7 and 11.

They appeared before Principal Magistrate Charles Rinjeu charged with stealing air

valued at Sh617,800. The stolen property belonged to Kenya Railways Corporation.

Another man, Ramadhan Abdalla, was also charged with stealing a sewing machine, 20 shoe soles, cash and other goods worth Sh119,650 from a leather shop.

3 to vie in Rangwe

RANGWE — Three candidates will oppose Dr Shem Ochuodho for the Rangwe parliamentary seat in the next General Election. The Director of Rangwe Academy, Mr Everest Otieno Okambo, who over the weekend defected from NDP to Kanu, was the latest candidate to declare his interest. Others are Coun

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