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Sukma, Mior and Azmin to be charged with giving false evidence

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KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's adopted brother Sukma Darmawan Saasmitaat Madja, his former private secretary Mohd Azmin Ali and fashion designer friend Mior Abdul Razak Yahya are to appear in court today to face charges of giving false evidence.

While Mohd Azmin is to be charged with giving false evidence to a magistrate, Sukma and Mior are expected to be charged with giving false evidence in sworn documents.

Mohd Azmin was arrested on Sept 16 and remanded by a magistrate for seven days to facilitate police investigations into the book *50 Dalil Mengapa Anwar Tidak Boleh Jadi PM* (50 Reasons Why Anwar Cannot Become PM).

Sukma, who pleaded guilty on Sept 19 to allowing Anwar to sodomise him, has appealed against the conviction.

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Lawyers: Sukma, Mior will be present in court

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tion and sentence, stating in his supporting affidavit that he was coerced.

Mior, who was arrested on Sept 19, filed a suit in February against the police and the Government for the arrest, and made a statutory declaration in which he accused the police of intimidating him into admitting that he had allowed Anwar to sodomise him.

When contacted, Mohd Azmin's lawyer C.V. Prabhakaran confirmed that a warrant of arrest had been served on his client to face a charge of giving false evidence to a magistrate when he was produced in

court on Sept 22.

One of Sukma's lawyers, Gobind Singh Deo, confirmed that there was a warrant of arrest for his client.

On whether it had been served, Gobind Singh, who will be appearing with Karpal Singh for Sukma, said: "We told them that Sukma needs no warrant of arrest. He'll present himself in court tomorrow (Friday)."

Mior's lawyer Jerald Gomez also confirmed there was a warrant for his client but said police had agreed to let Mior go to court voluntarily.

It is understood that the three will be charged under Section 191 of the Pe-

nal Code, which deals with giving false evidence. The punishment for Section 191 comes under Section 193.

Section 193 provides two different penalties, depending on whether the offence was committed in relation to a judicial proceeding or otherwise:

● A person convicted of intentionally giving false evidence to the police, a magistrate or in a trial faces a jail term which may extend to seven years and a fine; and

● A person convicted of giving false evidence in any other situation faces a jail term which may extend to three years and a fine.