

## **Gov't insists Gani removed as AG on health grounds**

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PARLIAMENT The government has reiterated that Abdul Gani Patail's service as attorney-general was terminated on July 27 because of health reasons.

"Gani's service as AG was terminated due to health reasons.

"However, he continued to serve as a judicial and legal services officer until his mandatory retirement on Oct 6," de facto Law Minister Nancy Shukri said in a written parliamentary reply.

Nancy (photo) answered on behalf of Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak to a question from Sivarasa Rasiah (PKR-Subang) as to the reason behind Gani's dismissal as attorney-general.

"What was the government's rationale to terminate Gani as the AG in a rushed manner on July 27 when he was already supposed to retire on Oct 6?" Sivarasa asked.

Gani is said to be suffering from an illness that has affected his kidneys and requires dialysis treatment.

He was removed as AG just a day before Najib reshuffled his cabinet and dropped Muhyiddin Yassin as deputy prime minister and also dismissed another minister, Mohd Shafie Apdal, who is an Umno vice-president.

It has been speculated that Gani was removed because he was getting close to wrapping up investigations into the scandals concerning 1MDB and RM2.6 billion deposited into Najib's personal banks accounts.

Najib has denied any wrongdoing and claimed he has never taken 1MDB funds for personal use.

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