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## 'Dr M behind plot to oust Najib as PM'

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**KANGAR:** "I have no doubt at all that it was Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad who plotted a move to topple Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak."

This was the response of Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein to Dr Mahathir's recent allegation that Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi had schemed to force Najib out of office two years ago.

Hishammuddin, who is also defence minister, said he had no doubt at all that Zahid would never do the thing alleged by Dr Mahathir.

In fact, he claimed that it was Dr Mahathir who had been behind a plot to force Najib's resignation, which Zahid had nothing to do with.

"I have no doubt at all that the person who wants to topple the prime minister is Dr Mahathir. Datuk Seri Zahid is the latest victim of (Dr Mahathir's) scathing attack on (Umno) leaders.

"I believe that I am the next target, followed by other cabinet



*Datuk Seri  
Hishammuddin  
Hussein*

ministers, to be attacked by him," Hishammuddin said after opening the Kangar Umno division delegates' meeting at Dewan Wawasan 2020 here yesterday.

Hishammuddin said the attacks against Zahid and other Umno leaders were expected, as Dr Mahathir wished to cause a split in the party leadership in the lead-up to the general election.