

# Najib fixed me up with sexual harassment accusations, says Husni

**KUALA LUMPUR:** It could have come straight out of a blockbuster thriller when a key prosecution witness testified yesterday how he was fixed up with a sexual harassment charge by ex-prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak after he raised issues concerning 1MDB in Parliament.

Former second finance minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah said his son was also sacked from a company bidding for a multibillion road contract.

He said all this happened to his family after he decided enough was enough and quit Najib's cabinet in June 2016.

The 67-year-old recounted how his speech in Parliament in October 2015 which touched on the problems faced by 1MDB led to the sexual harassment accusations against him.

He said one of Najib's aides vis-

ited him at his house the same night and told him that Najib wanted to see him straightaway.

"I told him that I was tired and I won't go.

"However, he told me that Najib wanted to see me.

"He said, 'Otherwise, tomorrow they attack you'."

Husni said he stayed home and true enough the attacks against him started the next day.

He related how his son, who worked with the "New Pantai Expressway (NPE) concessionaire, attended an Economic Action Council meeting and the minutes of what was discussed were uploaded on blogger Raja Petra Kamarudin (RPK)'s website almost immediately.

Husni said the blogger wrote that he (Husni) was angry NPE did not get a RM2.7 billion project the company was bidding for.

After that, he said, Umno-

owned *Utusan Malaysia* ran a story about an alleged scandal involving a former minister and so on.

"So you see, there was a sequence to it all. That is why I knew that Najib was behind it," he said.

Husni said he then messaged Najib and asked "what is all this".

Najib, he said, just told him to discuss it with Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz (also a former minister and Umno supreme council member).

"I did not get to talk to Nazri because he was overseas.

"However, the attacks stopped after that. So we can see who was telling them to attack."

Najib's lawyer Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah then questioned Husni if he was angry with Najib over what had happened.

**Husni:** No, I was not upset. In fact I still pray for him daily. I

pray Allah will open his eyes to the truth.

**Shafee:** How can you then continue making an assumption that Najib was behind all this?

**Husni:** I am not making an assumption...it is all based on evidence. The sequence of events shows it all.

Shafee then questioned Husni on his son's termination from NPE.

**Shafee:** Did NPE get the contract?

**Husni:** I don't know.

**Shafee:** I will tell you that the project was scrapped.

It was a RM1 billion project and because of that your son lost his job.

**Husni:** Yes, he lost his job a few days after that. He was dismissed because of RPK's story.

Shafee then questioned Husni about an alleged message which was sent to a former minister.

In the message, Husni had allegedly informed the minister that he would expose everything if "they" continued to create stories against him.

Part of the message read: "I have not opened my mouth yet...so far only one per cent of the story is out. I can release five per cent, 10 per cent, 30 per cent, 50 per cent, 75 per cent or 100 per cent. All the information is in my hands. So don't play foul with me... otherwise the whole story will be out."

However, Husni claimed he could not remember sending the message.

Husni, who is the 56th witness to be called so far, completed his testimony yesterday.

The prosecution is set to call its final witness — an investigating officer from the Malaysian Anti Corruption Commission — to take the stand today.