

# Najib 'relaxed' over US\$700m transfer to Jho Low's firm

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➤ Former premier never showed concern or took action after he was met several times, court told

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Former finance minister II Datuk Seri Ahmad Husni Mohamad Hanadzlah told the High Court yesterday that if he had been the prime minister, he would have taken action after US\$700 million belonging to 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) was transferred to Good Star Ltd, owned by fugitive businessman Low Taek Jho or Jho Low, *Bernama* reported.

Ahmad Husni, 70, said he would have taken immediate action, claiming it would have affected the financial position of the government.

The 20th prosecution witness said when he got to know that the

money was transferred to Good Star Ltd, and not directly to PetroSaudi International, he asked Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak about it, but the former premier kept quiet and did not react or take any action.

"If I were the top leader, I would have been shocked and I would have taken action. *Tapi dia relax je* (he was just relaxed)," he said when cross-examined by Najib's lead counsel Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah at Najib's trial on the misappropriation of RM2.3 billion in funds from 1MDB.

Previously, the court was told that the US\$700 million was transferred on Sept 30, 2009 to Good Star Ltd.

The trial got off to a fiery start, with the former premier's lead counsel and Ahmad Husni getting into a heated argument over how the latter dealt with documents related to 1MDB.

The exchange began when Ahmad Husni repeatedly answered that all 1MDB documents were handled by Najib and he was just following orders.

The veteran lawyer, who was clearly displeased by the witness's answer, asked him to explain what he meant.

**Ahmad Husni:** That is what I have explained to you ... you listen carefully. All 1MDB letters went to the minister. I just have to sign ... *saya yang menurut perintah* (I'm just following orders) ... what else can I do? These two projects, namely 1MDB and SRC International Sdn Bhd, did not follow the standard operating procedures for companies under the Ministry of Finance. It all came from the top ... you didn't work

there, you don't know anything.

"Datuk Seri Najib (Razak) never worried about that matter. I met him several times, but no action was taken by him."

**Muhammad Shafee:** As a PM, without the engagement of the company, how could he have taken action?

**Ahmad Husni:** He can call the management, can remove them (management). But no action also. *Tapi dia relax je.*

Apart from that, the witness also testified that Najib had the power to decide on everything related to 1MDB, including the approval of investments.

Najib, 68, is facing four charges of using his position to obtain bribes totalling RM2.3 billion from 1MDB funds and 21 charges of money laundering involving the same amount.

The trial before Judge Datuk Collin Lawrence Sequerah continues today.