

# 'EX-PM HAD CHANCE TO EXPLAIN DOCUMENTS'

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Najib did not address allegations when quizzed by MACC, witness tells court

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**D**ATUK Seri Najib Razak had numerous chances during investigations by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to address allegations against him.

MACC senior officer Nur Aida Arifin said the commission recorded Najib's statement by interrogating him in a narrative format.

She said this when testifying under cross-examination by Na-

jib's lawyer Wan Azwan Aiman Wan Fakhruddin before the High Court yesterday.

Nur Aida was the prosecution's key witness in Najib's corruption trial for misappropriating millions of funds belonging to 1Malaysia Development Bhd.

She said investigators did not ask specific questions when taking Najib's statement.

"But when we referred to the documents, we would ask Najib to provide a full explanation, in-



cluding actions and matters related to the issue," she said.

"We asked questions and recorded them in a narrative manner, and he was given the opportunity to explain in detail.

"I believe there were questions posed (to Najib) when the documents were shown to him."

Wan Azman had earlier suggested that Nur Aida, the investigating officer in the case, had only shown documents without revealing any specific criminal allegation while interrogating the former prime minister.

Nur Aida disagreed with this assertion.

Najib, 70, 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.