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Dear Dalia,

I am sure you saw me hesitating for a moment to tell you why exactly I wanted Umut to be out of this project immediately. Since he has now sent an email writing in capital blocks and in bold that this has nothing to do with a particular colleague, I have nothing to remain silent about anymore.

The hacker hacked Umut's account on Sunday to post these two posts I am attaching to this email. Out of Umut's 4800 facebook friends it was only my name and my surname that was mentioned there. The hacker then contacted me, telling me he was protecting me. He then started threatening me, not to make a complaint and to cause Umut to lose his job. Umut also paid the hacker \$1000 after the hacking incident (and he reported this to the police as well) explaining he did this "because I panicked and I wanted to protect you".

Just to make things clear, I have no intention of accusing Umut about this. HOWEVER, I feel worried, harassed that it was only my name that was up there from 4800 other people on Umut's facebook account. I wanted to know who was behind this, I need to know it was not Umut for sure, which is unfortunately not an easy task. I reported the issue to Lund University Security officer and the police. I am trying to contact people working at facebook.

As this incident was a rare case, I did some google research and saw an article saying sometimes when you hire a hacker the hacker turns sides and blackmails you. Please see the attached screenshot from that article.

Under these circumstances, I do not want to work with Umut until his innocence is proved. I am very VERY SORRY that he deals with this while my dear Luca is going through such a difficult time. My heart goes with Luca, his mother, his family.

Kind Regards,
Pinar Dinc