

'Shahrizat's family swiped RM600,000 from NFC'
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In an effort to pressure Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak to accept responsibility for the National Feedlot Corporation (NFC) scandal, PKR today made another expose on the alleged abuse of NFC funds.

Four family members of Women, Family and Community Development Minister Shahrizat Abdul Jalil, spent a total of RM593,500 in 2009 with credit cards, with the money coming from the NFC funds, PKR strategy director Rafizi Ramli claimed today.

Rafizi, who is in charge of the party's expose on the NFC, said the four family members who hold management posts in NFC had swiped the credit cards that are charged to NFC for expenses of between RM122,402 and RM182,525 each.

The four are Shahrizat's husband Mohammad Salleh Ismail, who is NFC chairman, their 31-year-old son Wan Shahinur Izmir (chief executive officer), another son Wan Shahinur Izran aged 27 (executive director) and 25-year-old daughter Wan Izzanah Fatimah (director).

"Our expose will continue until Najib takes action to indicate that he and his colleagues in cabinet accept full responsibility for the abuses that have taken place in NFC," said Rafizi (right) in a statement today.

He revealed that PKR activists led by its central leadership council member Fariz Musa will make another police report against the credit card expenditures at Dang Wangi police station at 2pm tomorrow.

On Izmir's statement yesterday that NFC is still doing "business as usual" despite Najib's announcement on Saturday that its assets have been frozen pending investigation, Rafizi questioned whether Najib made an empty announcement or NFC had gone against the freeze order.

He noted that Izmir's statement revealed Shahrizat's family as being free to utilise NFC funds and operate the company, which should be prohibited if a freeze order was issued.

He stressed that freeze order should include:

1. Freezing any expenditure, apart from paying the salaries of employees in charge of cattle farming (as stipulated by the government agreement);
2. No decision making on matter related to the operations, finance, human resource or other important decisions of the company by the current management comprising Shahrizat's family members;
3. An immediate halt to any transfer of funds from NFC, including the salary payments and expenditures of other companies owned by Shahrizat's family;
4. No implementation of any decision related to the assets or structure of the company and its investments in order to prevent any asset transfer.

Rafizi also demanded that in line with good corporate governance, Najib suspends Shahrizat's family members from their posts and bans them from entering the NFC premises before appointing a corporate administrator to take charge of the company.

Should the premier fail to do so, Rafizi threatened to expose more NFC irregularities that are in the possession of PKR.

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