

'Slash RM215,000 salary of NFC top executives'

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The temporary freeze on the assets of the National Feedlot Corporation (NFC) will be meaningless if no attempt is made to curb the extravagant salaries of top executives, said veteran legislator Lim Kit Siang.

NONE In particular, the DAP's Ipoh Timor MP said, their salaries - collectively amounting to RM215,000 - should be slashed by two-thirds to about RM71,000 each month.

This is the least Malaysians expect, Lim (right) said in a statement that identified the chairperson, executive director, CEO and another director as those who should take a paycut.

"Will this be discussed in the cabinet tomorrow? Which minister would dare broach this subject (at the cabinet (meeting) tomorrow?" he posed.

Lim claimed that Mohammad Salleh Ismail - the husband of Women, Family and Community Development Minister Shahrizat Abdul Jalil - draws RM100,000 salary monthly as NFC chairperson.

Their son Wan Shahinur Izmir, 31, is said to be paid RM45,000 as executive director, while another son Wan Shahinur Izran, 27, earns RM35,000 as chief executive officer.

azlan Their daughter Wan Izzana Fatimah, 25, is claimed to draw RM35,000 a month as the other director.

Shahrizat had applied for three weeks' leave in view of a multi-agency probe into NFC, while Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak has announced that the NFC's assets have been frozen pending investigations by various authorities including the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission and the police.

However, Wan Shahinur Izran has announced that it is "business as usual" at the NFC and that its operations are uninterrupted.

'Questions unanswered'

Najib's announcement, said Lim, has offended the "most elementary sense of right and wrong of decent Malaysians".

NONE "When were the assets of NFC frozen? Who froze the NFC assets and who has the authority and what are the circumstances to unfreeze the NFC assets?"

"Can Najib (left) specifically answer the many questions about the 'temporary freeze' of NFC assets - the who, when, where, how and what assets have been frozen and what value?"

He pointed out that, by announcing it is "business as usual", Izmir Wan Shahinur had indicated that gross abuse of public funds is continuing, as seen in the extravagance with which Shahrizat's family-members are paying themselves each month.

"Ordinary Malaysians are outraged that, more than six months after the revelations and strictures by the auditor-general about the NFC 'mess', nothing has been done by the cabinet or NFC to put things right," Lim added.

"What is worse, there is complete absence of remorse or admission of grave wrong and injustices in the gross misuse of NFC funds."

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