

Declare salaries if innocent, DAP tells Shahrizat's kin
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DAP has challenged the family members of minister Shahrizat Abdul Jalil to declare their true salaries to counter allegations that they are drawing excessive paychecks as National Feedlot Corporation's (NFC) top executives.

NONEParty supremo Lim Kit Siang (right) today blasted the family for remaining elusive over various allegations that have been levelled against the company.

In particular, he noted that while they have denied allegations that the family members' total salaries amount to RM215,000 a month, they have failed to come forth with the actual figures.

"It is significant that after being dragged over the coals for over three months, Shahrizat's family members who run the NFC had failed to clear themselves of the many allegations of abuse of power and misuse of public funds which have been made against them despite several attempts on their part to meet up with 'friendly' bloggers and NGOs.

"What is the reason for this shocking failure of Shahrizat and her family to clear their name in the court of public opinion?" said the Ipoh Timur MP in a statement today.

On Jan 16, NFC issued denials that the four members of Shahrizat's family had drawn RM215,000 a month as salaries from the company: husband Mohammad Salleh Ismail drawing RM100,000 as NFC chairperson, 31-year-old Izmir (RM45,000) as executive director, another son Wan Shahinur Izran (RM35,000) as CEO while 25-year-old daughter Wan Izzanah Fatimah (RM35,000) as the other director.

NFC has been mired in scandal since revelations that a RM250 million government soft loan for a cattle project had been used to purchase luxury condominiums and other allegedly unrelated expenses.

The auditor-general has admitted that there are "weaknesses" in the project.

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