

PKR to 'greet' Shahrizat's return with more exposes

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Embattled cabinet minister Shahrizat Jalil, who is scheduled back at work next week, is set to be 'greeted' with more exposes on misappropriation allegations involving her family, said PKR.

According to party chief of strategy Rafizi Ramli, the party will make more revelations on property bought by the women, family and community development minister's family next Wednesday.

NONE However, it is not immediately clear if the purchases are linked to the National Feedlot Corporation (NFC), the family-owned company at the heart of the scandal.

"Shahrizat (left) is returning this week so maybe we'll greet her with something...We are pursuing more properties which could have been bought by the family. We should be able to nail one next week," he told Malaysiakini.

PKR had previously revealed that the family owns a luxury condominium worth about RM10 million in Singapore, but was unable to present evidence that NFC funds went towards the purchase.

The family has remained silent on the matter but earlier had admitted that they had used part of the RM250 million government soft loan to buy two luxury condominium units in Kuala Lumpur under NFC's name.

NFC preparing media blitz?

In a dialogue with NGOs last week, CEO Wan Shahinur Izmir Salleh reiterated that the One Menerung, Bangsar units were investments bought at a time when the feedlot project was temporary halted for a viability study.

In an interview yesterday, Rafizi said that "more" such exposes are in the pipeline because the anonymous tip-offs "keep coming".

He added that the stream of information from anonymous sources also come at a time when NFC appears to be "doing things behind the scenes".

Having somewhat written off the opposition supporters, Rafizi said, NFC is likely to be cleaning up its backyard in preparation for a media offensive.

NONE "They are concerned about their own supporters, so I think they would want to make sure everything in order so they can start a new media campaign.

"To say, 'look, these are all lies and that in terms of company structure they are all accountable to government, these are not private companies etc'. It's not like they're lying idle," said the chartered accountant by training.

NFC had recently engaged a public relations company to handle its media relations and have held at least two dialogue sessions with Malay-centric NGO to explain their side of the story.

The NGOs, however, claim that the sessions were on their own initiative.

Malaysiakini's three-part interview with Rafizi will be published next week.

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