

## **Shahrizat's resignation 'is just theatrics'**

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Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng has labelled Shahrizat Abdul Jalil 'resignation' as a half-hearted decision to assuage public furore while plotting a comeback.

"It is clear, that would be the public perception," said Lim, who is also Bagan MP and DAP secretary-general, when asked about the women, family and community development minister's announcement to withdraw from the cabinet when her tenure as senator ends.

"She doing so because she feels she still can come back.... but we say she cannot do half-heartedly. If she wants to resign, (then) resign (from) all posts.

"Of course, she will not listen to the opposition voice, but I think she should listen to her own colleague, Umno Cheras division chief Syed Ali Syed Abas Alhabshee, who has used stronger words than me," Lim said.

Lim said if her intention to resign was genuine, Shahrizat need not wait until April 8.

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"So it is either you resign or you don't resign. Resigning her minister's post and not her Umno Wanita post shows this is a half-hearted resignation, no real remorse is shown.

"If Shahrizat (has) done nothing wrong, why (does) she (have to) resign? Don't resign at all! But by resigning, she (is) admitting something wrong," he added.

Shahrizat's family runs the National Feedlot Corporation (NFC ), which was heavily criticised in the Auditor-General's Report 2010 for having not achieving its target to reduce beef imports by at least 40 percent.

The NFC, which is owned by Shahrizat's husband Mohamad Salleh Ismail and their three children, was awarded the government contract to run the cattle-rearing project and given a RM250 million soft loan.

Since the report was published, PKR has revealed several documents to back its claim that the soft loan was abused for various dubious investments, including the purchase of prime land in Putrajaya and several luxury condominium units in Bangsar, Singapore and Kazakhstan.

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