

Rafizi fears NFC going after whistleblower
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PKR director of strategy Rafizi Ramli is concerned the impending legal action by the National Feedlot Corporation (NFC) may have grave impact on the whistleblower, the unknown individual who leaked the embattled company directors' personal banking details.

"I feel NFC wants to get back on the whistleblower. It is fine if they pick it up with me but going against the whistleblower is below the belt," he told Malaysiakini yesterday.

Rafizi said the party had discussed the issue internally and has agreed not to reveal the identity of the whistleblower.

He added there may be a stage where the party may "come public with the whistleblower's identity" so that he can be protected.

'We will not be intimidated'

Rafizi, whom the NFC said will also be sued, said the company is trying to paint him as "selfish (for having) victimised the whistleblower" but this will not stop the string of exposes.

NONEHe also believes that legal action will not deter more people from leaking information on NFC and its directors.

"We will not be intimidated. People have come forward with more bullets for PKR, and no longer on an anonymous basis.

"The trick for us is to play around with the (leaked information) to conceal the whistleblowers. The suit won't scare people, but it is instead likely to enrage the public," he added.

As for the police report against him and the bank for contravening banking laws, Rafizi said he will leave it to police to investigate and fight the matter in court if the need arises.

Banking details revealed

Rafizi had allegedly disclosed NFC directors' personal banking information and credit ratings during a press conference on March 7, exposing the directors' personal purchase of eight KL Eco City units.

NONEIn doing so, NFC executive chairperson Mohamad Salleh Ismail (left in photo) accused Rafizi of exposing banking details and credit ratings of the company and associate companies National Meat and Livestock Corporation, Real Food Company, Agrosience Industries and the directors and shareholders.

The politician had then raised suspicion the directors had used their control of NFC funds as leverage to obtain loan for the purchases.

The Banking and Financial Institutions Act bars the disclosure of personal banking information to third parties without authorisation, and prohibits anyone who has this knowledge to pass the information to someone else.

