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CLOSE RANKS: Wanita Umno members must continue supporting Shahrizat, says Najib

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil has made the right decision to vacate her ministerial post when her tenure as senator ends on April 8.

Although, at present, there was

no proof that she had violated the law, Najib said the women, family and community development minister had made the sacrifice after the National Feedlot Corporation issue turned into a controversy.

"She made the decision for the sake of the government and the party. I consider that she has made the right and appropriate decision," Najib said before joining a *tahlil* programme for his late father

and second prime minister Tun Razak Hussein at Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah mosque here last night.

The Umno president, however, advised all party members, particularly from Wanita Umno, to continue supporting Shahrizat as the movement's leader as she was elected to the post.

"She has said that she will give her full commitment to leading the movement and making it an im-

portant part of the party election machinery," he said, adding that it was Shahrizat's government post which had created issues and controversies.

On the candidate who will assume the vacant ministerial post, Najib said he would make the decision at the right time.

He also declined to say whether the post would be reserved for a leader from Wanita Umno.