

**Probe all agro ministers over NFC, says PKR**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 14 — PKR wants the police to investigate all agriculture ministers since 2006, including Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, over public funds disbursed to the National Feedlot Corporation (NFC).

The controversial RM250 million national cattle farming project was awarded to a company owned by Cabinet minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil's family in 2006, when Muhyiddin (picture) was agriculture minister.

Senator Saiful Izhah Ramli told a press conference today that Muhyiddin, who is now deputy prime minister, and his successors Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed and Datuk Seri Noh Omar should be hauled up by police over the project that has been repeatedly attacked by his party.

"The three ministers must explain how taxpayers' money was handed to NFC in 2008 when the agreement was only signed in 2010," he said, referring to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) findings last month that money had been given to NFC in 2008/2009 through a special account when the deal was only finalised last year.

Although Wanita Umno chief Shahrizat has been at the centre of allegations of power abuse, others such as Muhyiddin, Noh and even then prime minister Tun Abdullah Badawi have found themselves in the firing line.

Mustapa succeeded Muhyiddin as agriculture minister after the March 2008 general election and was replaced by Noh in a Cabinet reshuffle after Datuk Seri Najib Razak took power in 2009.

The NFC has been dogged by allegations of corruption and fund misappropriation after it made it into the pages of the Auditor-General's Report for 2010, which described the project "as a mess".

Among others, PKR has alleged that at least RM5 million was channelled to other companies owned by Shahrizat's family, as well as to buy two RM6.9 million luxury condominiums in Bangsar.

Although Shahrizat gained the support of both the Youth and her Womens' wings in the recent Umno general assembly, other leaders such as senior Sabah MP Datuk Bung Mokhtar Radin and former PM Tun Mahathir Mohamad have called for her to resign.