

**At Umno assembly, a small sign of discontent over NFC**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 2 — A delegate told the Umno general assembly today that the party's grassroots have been taking the heat for the misdeeds of leaders.

As proof of this, he cited the National Feedlot Corporation (NFC) scandal.

Pahang representative Datuk Wan Amizan Wan Abdul Razak appeared to surprise fellow delegates with his blunt remarks.

"If those at the top create trouble, those at the bottom have to answer. How are we going to answer?" he said during the debate on the Umno presidential address.

"Like NFC... I will leave it at that," he added.

This prompted Umno deputy permanent chairman Datuk Paduka Badruddin Amiruldin to remind Wan Amizan that time was running short.

Wanita Umno chief Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil has been under pressure from PKR to quit the Cabinet after a host of allegations emerged in recent weeks about the improprieties involving the NFC, a national cattle project managed by her family.

The NFC is being investigated for cheating or criminal breach of trust over its purchase of two luxury condominium units here with government funds. NFC executive chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mohamad Salleh Ismail is Shahrizat's husband.

Shahrizat has maintained that she had nothing to do with the company managed by her husband and children.

Instead, she said, PKR president Datuk Seri Wan Azizah Ismail should also quit over husband Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's criminal charge if she (Shahrizat) was forced to resign as minister.

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