

PM Denies Receiving Shahrizat's Resignation Letter
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 21 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today denied that he had received a resignation letter from the Minister of Women, Family and Community Development Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil.

"No, I have not received the letter, but I will make a comment in due course," he said when asked on the rumour that Shahrizat had submitted her letter of resignation.

However, the rumour did not specify whether Shahrizat had resigned from her government or political post.

Najib, who is also the Finance Minister, said this to reporters after launching the Financial Master Plan and the new series of Malaysian currency, here Wednesday.

The Auditor-General's Report 2010, which was released in October, had stated that the National Feedlot Corporation (NFC), whose executive chairman is Shahrizat's husband, Datuk Seri Dr Mohamad Salleh Ismail, had failed to fulfill the objective of its inception as well as claims by the opposition that government funds of RM250 million channelled to the NFC had purportedly been misappropriated.

The NFC is the 'Meat Valley' project in Gemas, Negeri Sembilan aimed at raising the production of local meat and reducing dependency on imported meat.

Meanwhile Shahrizat, at a gathering, 'Karisma', with voluntary organisations here today, said that she knew what she had to do, and was capable of making her own decision.

"No need for anyone to pressure me. I know what needs to be done," she said when asked on the call by several Barisan Nasional leaders who wanted her to resign following the NFC case.

Shahrizat said: "I am only the wife of the NFC chairman, and legally and professionally, I have nothing to do with it (NFC case)."

Among those who had made the call for Shahrizat to step down following the NFC issue were Kinabatangan Member of Parliament Datuk Bung Moktar Radin, Kalabakan Member of Parliament Datuk Abdul Ghafur Salleh, and MCA Youth deputy secretary Loh Chew Jun.

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