

**MACC must probe NFC fiasco, says PKR**  
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SHAH ALAM, Dec 21 — Following a series of exposés on the scandal-hit National Feedlot Centre (NFC) project, PKR today renewed demands for the country's graft busters to investigate the government-funded scheme for abuse.

The party's representatives lodged another report today at the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) office here, and submitted details of what it claims to be evidence of wrongdoing.

The MACC previously said it would not probe the allegations and instead passed the case to the police who are now conducting an investigation into possible criminal breach of trust.

"Our complaint is regarding the series of exposés over the past four weeks involving the National Feedlot Centre project, involving a RM250 million loan," PKR secretary-general Saifuddin Nasution Ismail told reporters after lodging a report here.

"We believe this feedlot scandal has corruption elements because of the Umno Wanita chief's position as a minister who has interests through ties with her husband and children."

PKR first latched onto the issue after the RM250 million federally-funded cattle project made it into the pages of the Auditor-General's report for 2010, which described the NFC as "a mess".

Since then, the party has made several revelations related to the scandal, including the NFC's purchase of twin multi-million luxury condominium units in Bangsar, the alleged use of project funds to finance Datuk Seri Shahrizat Jalil and her family's personal expenses and trips abroad, the transfer of resources to unrelated companies in Singapore, as well as the purchase a Mercedes-Benz CLS350 for RM534,622 and two plots of land in Putrajaya's Precinct 10 for RM3,363,507.

"MACC had concluded that the complaint regarding the One Menerung condo purchase did not have elements of corruption but it involved other offences.

"So today, on behalf of PKR, I came forward to provide a more holistic, comprehensive and complete set of information to answer the basic issues in the complaint of this scandal," Saifuddin said.

The latest disclosure by PKR, which is made yesterday, alleged that some RM10 million was diverted towards the purchase of luxury condominium unit in Singapore for Shahrizat's family.

"The onus is on MACC to start the investigation," Saifuddin said when asked if there was a money trail linking the project funds to the condominium in Singapore.

PKR director of legal affairs Latheefa Koya, who accompanied Saifuddin, said today's report

was comprehensive, and covered the matter from the initial loan approval to the latest revelation of the Singapore property purchase.

"I think there are clear elements of corruption here and there shouldn't be any reasons or excuses by the MACC not to investigate," she told reporters.

Earlier today, Shahrizat sought to deflect away attention by stating she "is only the wife" of the national cattle farming project's chairman.

The women, family and community development minister said "legally and professionally, I am not involved in the NFC."

The Wanita Umno chief has faced growing calls to quit as minister from within Umno, including from influential former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, after repeated attacks from the opposition over the project awarded to her husband and three children, who are directors in the NFC.

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