

No Shahrizat quit note yet, says Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 21 — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak today said he has not received a resignation letter from embattled minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abd Jalil.

"I have not received it," he said when asked if he was handed a resignation letter from Shahrizat.

When asked to comment on the National Feedlot Centre (NFC) controversy dogging the women, family and community development minister and her family, Najib declined by saying he will make his views known at a later date.

"When the time comes, I will respond," he said in a stern tone before promptly ending the press conference.

Shahrizat has been under intense pressure to quit over her links to the scandal-hit NFC, including from influential former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, after repeated attacks from the opposition over the project that was awarded to her husband and three children, who are directors in the firm.

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

Shahrizat's husband, Datuk Seri Mohamad Salleh Ismail, also told The Malaysian Insider earlier today he was no longer speaking to the media after PKR's latest round of allegations.

Yesterday, PKR alleged that RM10 million had been siphoned from the project's funds to purchase yet another luxury condominium unit, this time in Singapore.

It previously revealed the NFC as having purchased a luxury condo unit in Bangsar, which later turned out to be two units.

PKR secretary-general Saifuddin Nasution yesterday said the 2,282-sq ft condominium, one of the largest available at the posh Orchard Scotts Residences on Anthony Road, was purchased for RM10 million by Shahrizat's family members on January 27 last year.

Mohamad Salleh previously broke his family's silence on the earlier condominium purchase, insisting the two units at One Menerung, Bangsar purchased for RM6.9 million each were investments.

The police are investigating the allegations but have said they have not found elements of criminal breach of trust.

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