

**Shahrizat: Opposition out to destroy me and Wanita Umno**  
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KUALA LUMPUR: Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil said attacks against her over the RM74mil National Feedlot Centre (NFC) issue are a clear political agenda to destroy her and Wanita Umno.

"I see it as an attempt by the Opposition to weaken our spirit as well as that of Wanita Umno.

"We are not that easy to be destroyed nor are we that soft," she told reporters after officiating *Rajaah: Art, Idea and Creativity of Sulaiman Esa* at the National Visual Arts Gallery.

Shahrizat said her family members did not deserve such flak from the Opposition, adding that they worked very hard.

"I am ashamed that there is a Malaysian woman like the Wanita PKR chief," she said, referring to Ampang MP Zuraida Kamaruddin who claimed that the NFC had failed despite being given a soft loan of RM250mil and a 5,000-acre plot of land.

The Auditor-General's Report released last month had criticised the NFC, pointing out that it was now in a mess.

The report said production in 2010 was only 3,289 head of cattle or 41.1% of the target set.

PKR has alleged that funds meant for the NFC were siphoned off to associated companies owned by Shahrizat's family.

Shahrizat said Agriculture and Agro-based Industries Minister Datuk Seri Noh Omar had given a clear and detailed answer that the project was a success.

Meanwhile, Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin said the RM81.2mil given by NFC to its associate company National Livestock & Meat Corporation Sdn Bhd (NLMC) was justified.

He said the feedlot project served many objectives and was not just to produce raw meat.

The project's other aims were to develop infrastructure for livestock rearing and to boost the industry by adapting new technology as well as conduct research and development.

"NLMC was in charge of building a demand chain and market for feedlot products. At the same time, it also plays a role in developing the logistics and delivery system for NFC as a high quality beef producer," he told a press conference at the Parliament lobby.

The NFC project, located in Gemas, is aimed at reducing beef imports and making the country a centre for beef production.

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