

Shahrizat Applies For Leave From Ministerial Duties
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 12 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil said today she has applied for three weeks' leave from tomorrow from her duties as women, family and community development minister.

She said in a statement that she had put in the leave application to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

"I hope the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) will be able to undertake the investigation to determine whether I was associated with or not in any of the decisions made by the Government on the National Feedlot Corporation (NFC) in which my husband, Datuk Seri Dr Mohammad Salleh Ismail, is the executive chairman," she said.

The NFC issue cropped up after the 2010 Auditor-General's Report issued last October said the corporation's cattle-breeding project in Gemas, Negeri Sembilan, to boost production and reduce import of beef had failed to meet its target.

The issue heated up following allegations by the opposition political parties of irregularities in the government allocation of RM250 million to NFC.

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