

Shahrizat says not quitting over NFC scandal
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 2 — Datuk Seri Shahrizat Jalil today dismissed rumours she is resigning over the scandal surrounding her family's publicly-funded National Feedlot Centre (NFC), saying she would leave the matter to the prime minister.

The women, family and community development minister remains under pressure to relinquish her posts in the Cabinet and Umno, after the numerous revelations on the cattle-farming scheme operated by her husband and two children.

"It is not true. I had never handed in a resignation letter. There were merely rumours, something that the opposition wanted to happen. It's entirely up to the prime minister to decide on my position," she was quoted as saying by Bernama Online today.

Calls for her to step down have come primarily from opposition parties, but there are those within Umno — including influential former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad — who also have asked her to go.

PKR first latched onto the issue after the RM250 million project made it into the pages of this year's Auditor-General's Report for failing to meet production targets.

The opposition party has since made several revelations relating to the scandal, including NFC's purchase of two multi-million ringgit condominium units in Bangsar and alleged use of project funds to Shahrizat and her family's personal expenses and trips abroad.

It also claimed there was a 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.

The latest disclosure by PKR, made last Tuesday, further alleged that some RM10 million had been diverted towards the purchase of a luxury condominium unit in Singapore for Shahrizat's family.

Shahrizat tried deflecting attention by stating she's "only the wife" of the national cattle farming project's chairman and had nothing to do with the NFC.

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