

Table NFC audit report in Parliament, says PKR
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 19 — Putrajaya must table the results of the audit into the scandal-hit National Feedlot Corporation (NFC) at the next Parliament sitting in March, PKR said today.

Party strategic director Rafizi Ramli (picture) said this was to ensure the auditor's results and conclusions will be made public so the people can decide for themselves the extent to which federal funds had allegedly been misused.

The trained accountant also urged the government to give auditors sufficient scope to probe the publicly-funded company, which has been a source of controversy for the Najib administration ever since it made it into the Auditor-General's Report last year for failing to meet production targets.

This includes reviewing the minutes of government meetings "at the highest level" to determine if the project was awarded to federal minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Jalil's family without political interference, Rafizi said.

Auditors must also look into every single purchase made by the women, family and community minister as well as her family to ensure funds earmarked for the NFC were not misused, he added.

"I believe this... will give the public a chance to decide for themselves the extent of embezzlement within the NFC," Rafizi said in a statement.

"It will also test if Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin was truly sincere in investigating the embezzlement when he announced yesterday that an audit firm had been appointed."

He added that PKR would press for the formation of a royal commission of inquiry to look into the NFC, as mooted by the DAP and PAS, if the government did not agree to the scope laid out by him.

The publicly-funded project, which hit national headlines following the Auditor-General's Report last year, has continued to hog the limelight after it was linked to Shahrizat's family.

Shahrizat's husband, Datuk Mohamad Salleh Ismail, runs the NFC together with their children.

PKR has since made several revelations relating to the scandal, including NFC's purchase of two luxury condominium units in Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur, and the alleged use of project funds to pay for Shahrizat and her family's personal expenses.

The opposition party has also alleged that Shahrizat's family used nearly RM600,000 from the NFC project funds to settle their credit card bills in 2009.

But NFC's management has maintained that the credit card expenses were solely for

business purposes.

It has also denied allegations that funds from the RM250 million government loan were channelled into its accounts before the loan agreement was signed.

Shahrizat applied for three weeks" leave from her duties last week after new allegations of bribery surfaced in the NFC project."

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