

NFCorp refuses to accept memorandum from NGO
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 31 — The National Feedlot Corporation (NFCorp) today refused to accept a memorandum from non-governmental organisation Jingga 13 demanding an explanation for spending amounting to RM593,500 in 2009.

The memorandum from the pro-opposition group was rejected by NFCorp's corporate communications manager Khaidir Jamal, who said the company was just a business entity and was not involved in politics.

"We are only conducting business, let the police take action and investigate, let the authorities decide," Khaidir told Jingga 13 head co-ordinator Fariz Musa when the latter tried to hand in the memorandum at NFCorp's headquarters here.

Jingga 13 wanted an explanation over the alleged abuse of public funds by the company run by senior minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil's family.

"Based on records, close to RM600,000 was spent by (the family) through four individual credit cards. However, payment was made from NFCorp's account," Fariz told reporters today at a press conference here.

"We want details. Was the money spent on the development of NFCorp or merely for individual use?" he asked.

Fariz named the four credit card holders as Shahrizat's husband Datuk Seri Mohamad Salleh Ismail, who is also executive chairman of NFCorp, and children Wan Shahinur Izran, Wan Izzana Fatimah and Wan Shahinur Izmir.

"We have every right to ask what the money is used for as it is the people's money," Fariz said, adding that NFCorp should reveal details of each transaction.

"The people are tired and frustrated over what has been done by (Shahrizat's) family."

Fariz urged the authorities to investigate immediately as it was in the nation's interest.

"The police should be fair and transparent when conducting investigations and must not have double standards simply because it involves a Cabinet minister," he said.

"If found guilty, (the family) must be charged and be made to pay back every single sen that was misused."

NFCorp had its assets frozen recently to facilitate investigations by the police and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) into allegations of breach of trust in the national cattle-farming project.

This came after a series of exposés by PKR, which claimed at least RM27 million was used

for land, property and expenses unrelated to cattle farming by Wanita Umno chief Shahrizat and her family.

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