

S'gor Wanita Umno backs Shahrizat
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Umno sec-gec Tengku Adnan: Kamilia's statement personal

SHAH ALAM: Selangor Wanita Umno wants Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil to remain as their chief.

State Wanita Umno chief Datuk Raja Ropiah Raja Abdullah she was unhappy after reading reports of Wanita Umno deputy chief Datuk Kamilia Ibrahim urging Shahrizat to step down.

"That is her own perception. She does not speak for all.

"Tomorrow (Friday) when we meet the Prime Minister, we will tell him that we will always stand by Shahrizat," she told a news conference here Thursday.

Meanwhile, Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said there was no need to pressure Shahrizat to quit as Wanita Umno chief, Bernama reported.

"She was elected to the post, so why is this (calling her to quit) being raised," he said.

Tengku Adnan said the statement by Kamilia was more of a personal nature.

"By right, such a statement should not have come about because the matter has been discussed and a decision taken that Shahrizat will continue to be Wanita Umno chief until the next term," he stressed.

On March 11, Shahrizat announced she would step down as Women, Family and Community Development Minister when her term as Senator ends on April 8, but would continue to helm Wanita Umno and Wanita Barisan Nasional.

Her quitting as minister came in the wake of controversies plaguing the National Feedlot Centre, a cattle rearing project in Gemas managed by NFCorp, of which Shahrizat's husband Datuk Seri Dr Mohamad Salleh Ismail is the executive chairman.

The project was aimed at helping the country reduce beef imports. The Government had provided a RM250mil soft loan for the project.

The Auditor-General, in his 2011 report, had stated the centre had not met its scheduled beef production targets.

In a related event, on March 12, Mohamad Salleh was charged in the Kuala Lumpur Sessions Court with two counts of committing criminal breach of trust involving a total of RM49.7mil and two counts of violating the companies act.

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