

Putrajaya invites bids to run NFC
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 27 — Putrajaya is to invite bids to take over the National Feedlot Centre (NFC) from the National Feedlot Corporation (NFCorp), whose chairman is facing charges for misusing part of a RM250 million soft loan for the project.

Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Datuk Seri Noh Omar (picture) said the government was serious in ensuring that the project could go on as proposed previously, Bernama Online reported.

He said the proposal to invite other companies to carry on the project had been announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak previously and his deputy, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin had been asked to ensure that the project was continued.

“We have appointed an independent auditor because we are serious (to see that the project continues).

“We are also in the second stage of the process, that is to invite tenders for the project to be continued by any company that is interested,” he said when winding up the motion of thanks on the Royal address for the Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry at the Dewan Rakyat.

NFC hit the headlines when the Auditor-General reported it had missed its targets while the project managers, NFCorp chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mohamed Salleh Ismail was alleged to have misused the government allocation of RM250 million for the cattle rearing project.

On March 12, Dr Mohamed Salleh, the husband of Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil, pleaded not guilty at the Sessions Court here to two counts of criminal breach of trust involving RM49.7 million with regard to the purchase of two condominium units and two other charges under the Companies Act.

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