

Clear air on NFC, A-G told

Disgruntled ex-staff to blame for the controversy, says Perkasa

KUALA LUMPUR: Perkasa chief Datuk Ibrahim Ali has called on the Auditor-General to provide a clearer picture over the controversial National Feedlot Corporation (NFC) issue.

He said NFC executive chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mohamed Salleh Ismail had written to the A-G about a week ago to clarify the company's matters and senior officials there had privately acknowledged that the company's dealings had been above board.

Ibrahim alleged that the NFC whistle-blower, who was a former NFC marketing executive, had leaked the company's financial records to PKR after he was caught embezzling RM2.7mil from the company.

"It's not in a mess. Everything is in order. We want the Auditor-General to be fair to everybody and come out with a public statement on whether his office has received a response from NFC," he told reporters after a two-hour briefing by Dr Mohamed Salleh and NFC officials here yesterday. Ibrahim said the former staff "has an axe to grind" with the company.

"It is believed this person had passed on information via a thumb-drive to PKR strategic director Rafizi Ramli.

"However, the information was merely part of NFC's dealings and did not explain the true nature of their dealings," he said yesterday.

Ibrahim, speaking on behalf of Perkasa and 11 other Malay-based non-governmental organisations, the representatives of which attended the meeting, said they wanted all parties concerned to



Seeking a closure: Ibrahim speaking to reporters after attending the briefing on the NFC issue at a hotel in Kuala Lumpur yesterday as leaders of the NGOs listen.

be treated fairly "as the issue has led the public to have a very negative perception of NFC".

However, he stressed that a conclusion could only be reached after full investigations were completed.

"I want to make it clear that we are not defending NFC and we will stand by the findings of the MACC and police," he said, criticising the Opposition for playing up the issue for nothing more than political mileage.

The Auditor-General's Report revealed that NFC

had failed to reach its target on its large-scale cattle breeding project although it received a RM250mil Government loan.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak announced that NFC's assets had been frozen pending a full investigation.

Women and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil — the wife of Dr Mohamed Salleh — has taken a three-week leave from her ministerial duties beginning Jan 12 to facilitate the probe.

Ex-employee under probe over RM2.7mil CBT

KUALA LUMPUR: Police are investigating a former employee of a subsidiary company of the National Feedlot Corporation (NFC) for criminal breach of trust after it was revealed that he had illegally siphoned off up to RM2.7mil from the main company.

The man, believed to be a marketing executive, was dismissed after the embezzlement of funds was discovered.

NFC executive chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mohamed Salleh Ismail had allegedly lodged a police report against the man in July 2011 and a probe was launched.

Federal Commercial Crime Investigations Department (CCID) director Comm Datuk Syed Ismail Syed Azizan confirmed that police were looking into the case.

It is learnt that the man, who was in charge of collecting cash payments from the company's clients, allegedly stole between RM10,000 to RM20,000 daily before his actions were exposed.

The latest Auditor-General's Report revealed that the corporation had failed to reach its cattle-breeding target although it received a RM250mil Government loan.