DPM: Wait for NFCorp probe result

KUANTAN: Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin urged all parties to be patient and wait for the investigations into the National Feedlot Corporation (NFCorp) issue to be completed.

He said yesterday the Attorney-General's Office would announce the results of the

investigation.

"I do not want to make any specific comments on the NFCorp issue because the investigations have not been completed. It is best we be patient," he told reporters after a closed door meeting with the Pahang Umno liaison committee here.

The deputy prime minister was commenting on former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's advice to Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil to "not love your post so much that you refuse completely to part with it".

"That is the former prime minister's opinion, he must have his reasons for making such a statement and we need to respect his views," said Muhyiddin.

Muhyiddin said he would not want to make

any assumption and Shahrizat would be able to make her own decision once the investigation is completed.

"We cannot jump the gun and make any assumption because we do not have privileged information, the matter is still under investigation," he said.

On Wednesday, Mahathir had said Shahrizat, who is also Wanita Umno chief, must take the best form of action for the benefit of the party.

He said the party must be given priority

when making any decision.

The NFCorp controversy arose after the 2010 report of the Auditor-General released last October stated that the National Feedlot Centre, which it runs, had failed to achieve its target.

The issue heated up after opposition politicians alleged irregularities over the RM250 million government loan to NFCorp, headed by Shahrizat's husband Datuk Seri Dr Mohamed Salleh Ismail.

The National Feedlot Centre in Gemas, Negri Sembilan, was set up to boost the production of beef to reduce dependence on imported beef. – Bernama