

# NFC probe back with cops

## Khalid: A-G wants more information

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The investigation papers on the National Feedlot Corporation (NFCorp) have been returned to the police, Deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk Seri Khalid Abu Bakar said.

He said the Attorney-General ordered for further investigation to be carried out.

"We will follow the recommendations and instructions given by the A-G before re-submitting the investigation papers," he said after witnessing the closing ceremony and certificate-handing ceremony for the Investigative Science Diploma programme at the Police Training College in Cheras yesterday.

Last week, the police submitted the investigation papers for the second time, recommending that NFCorp directors be charged with criminal breach of trust and cheating over the RM250mil cattle venture issue.

Police began investigating the corporation shortly after the scandal hit the headlines following the Auditor-General's 2010 Report highlighting the failure of NFCorp's National Feedlot Centre to meet the annual beef production target set by the Government.

Set up in 2006, NFCorp was supposed to produce 38,600 heads of cattle in 2010 but fell short as the Entrepreneur Development Programme, involving 130 satellite farms, had not been implemented.

The police initially concluded their investigations into the possible criminal breach of trust

and cheating by NFCorp and submitted the investigation papers to the Attorney-General in mid-January. However, the A-G returned the papers on Jan 17.

NFCorp is being investigated by both the police and Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) simultaneously.

The MACC is looking into possible misappropriation of funds and abuse of power. The commission is also looking into the possibility of corrupt practices in the awarding of loans.

The NFCorp executive chairman is Datuk Seri Dr Mohamed Salleh Ismail, the husband of Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil, while its chief executive officer is her son Wan Shahinur Izmi.

Meanwhile, DAP publicity chief Tony Pua asked NFCorp to explain the use of more than RM80mil as loans to the company directors.

The loans, which have no fixed term of repayment, were recorded as "other receivables and deposits" in the company's 2009 financial statement.

The financial statement, which had been obtained from the Companies Commission of Malaysia, states that the receivable amount was "due by companies which are associated with certain directors of the company".

"However, based on the report, NFCorp does not have any subsidiary companies," he said yesterday.