

No need for royal inquiry panel on NFC, says Muhyiddin

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PUTRAJAYA: Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has brushed aside calls for the setting up of a Royal Commission of Inquiry into the National Feedlot Corporation controversy.

He said existing enforcement agencies such as the police and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission were capable of handling the matter.

Furthermore, he said the Government had appointed an accounting firm to conduct an audit on the company.

"I think these are sufficient to handle the matter," he said after visiting the Putrajaya Umno division office yesterday.

Muhyiddin had earlier said the audit would cover the project's finances, funds usage and management.

He said the Government had given a RM250mil soft loan for the project, of which RM181mil had been used.

In October, the Auditor-General's Report

indicated that the project had not met targets set by the Government.

Muhyiddin said the Government wanted all its projects including NFC to succeed.

"There are a few that have had problems and we will try to overcome them.

"Once we get to the bottom of the (NFC) matter, we will think of improvements to ensure it is viable," he said.

On another matter, Muhyiddin, who is Education Minister, said a secondary religious school would be built in Precinct 11 here.

He said the school would cater to the growing demand for Islamic education among Putrajaya residents.

The construction of the school, which would cost RM55mil, would begin this year under the Third Rolling Plan of the 10th Malaysia Plan.

"It will be a boarding school that can accommodate between 200 and 300 students," he said.

The religious school was actually opened in January last year but it is operating at SMK Putrajaya in Precinct 11. It has a total of 217 Form One and Form Two students.