

NFC ex-consultant charged with cheating cabbie

KLANG: A former consultant of the controversial National Feedlot Corporation (NFC) has been charged with two counts of cheating.

Datuk Shamsulbahrin Ismail, 46, was charged at the ward of the Hospital Tengku Ampuan Rahimah where he was admitted three days ago. He has four blockages in his arteries.

He pleaded not guilty to cheating a taxi driver into investing RM90,000 in a non-existent company on March 24, 2010.

Magistrate Hurman Hussain allowed Shamsulbahrin a bail of RM9,000 and fixed Feb 27 for mention.

Shamsulbahrin, clad in purple hospital garb, looked calm when the charges were read out to him.

He was represented by lawyers M. Surendran and Latheefa Koya. Also present was Ampang MP and PKR Wanita chief Zuraida Kamaruddin.

He also claimed trial to another charge of cheating an individual of RM13,000 by promising to deliver domestic helpers but failed to do so.

Shah Alam magistrate Noor Kamilah Aziz allowed Shamsulbahrin a bail of RM2,000 and fixed March 3 for mention. The content of the

second charge was not made available to reporters.

Surendran said the charges read upon his client were irrelevant to NFC.

On Dec 10, 2011, Shamsulbahrin was charged at the Kuala Lumpur Sessions Court with two counts of cheating NFC's chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Salleh Ismail of more than RM1.7mil.

He was allowed bail of RM300,000 and surrendered his passport.

The NFC issue made headlines when the Auditor-General's 2010 report cited the corporation's failure to meet the annual beef production target set by the Government.