

Shahrizat 'is ready to be investigated'

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He said the decision would allow both agencies to investigate whether she was involved in the issue.

"She discussed it with me and told me she was prepared to be investigated. What happens after this will depend on the outcome of the investigations," he said after declaring open the National Farmers, Breeders and Fishermen Day here.

Shahrizat had on Thursday issued a statement that she was taking a break from her ministerial duties to facilitate MACC and police investigations into her possible involvement in the NFC case.

Her husband, Datuk Seri Dr Mohamed Salleh Ismail, is executive chairman of NFC and their children are directors of the company.

The controversy surrounding NFC started after the Auditor-General's 2010 Report described the project as "messy" and having failed to meet government targets.

In December 2007, the government approved a soft loan of RM250 million, with an annual interest of two per cent for a 10-year period, for NFC to start a national feedlot centre in Gemas, Negri Sembilan, to help

reduce beef imports.

The initial target was to produce 60,000 head of cattle a year.

MACC has so far confirmed that it was finalising its investigation papers on the case before making recommendations to the Attorney-General's Chambers.

Police are carrying out a separate probe on NFC for cheating and criminal breach of trust.

Later, in **Kangar**, Muhyiddin said the government would soon announce measures to handle the NFC issues. He said he had met with Noh and they would soon chart a solution before briefing Najib.

Speaking on a separate issue, Najib said Barisan Nasional (BN) was not rattled by the so-called roadshows being undertaken by opposition leaders.

He said such sessions were part of the democratic process and different parties had their own strategies to garner support.

On claims by deputy Pas president Mohamad Sabu that BN members were helping the opposition topple the ruling coalition, Najib said: "He can say all sorts of things. This is the same person who claimed he was knocked down by a police car (which

was proven untrue), so it is not surprising."

On another matter, Najib said the government's strategy to ensure food security in the country was to help farmers increase productivity as there were no plans to expand agricultural areas here.

He said those involved in the sector needed to transform their mindsets and focus on increasing output besides finding ways to add value to their produce to increase their income.

This, said Najib, meant farmers should not just be producers, but also involve themselves in the supply chain processes.

Earlier, the prime minister and his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, visited Taiping, where more than 4,000 people turned up at the Esplanade field to exercise with them at the 1Malaysia exercise event.

The couple were accompanied by Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir and his wife, Datin Seri Saripah Zulkifli, at the event before leaving for breakfast at Taiping market.

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