

'No need for NFC to overreact'

> Up to AG whether or not to accept recommendation to charge Mohd Salleh: Bukit Aman

KUALA LUMPUR: There is no need for the National Feedlot Corporation (NFC) to overreact to a preliminary police recommendation to charge its chairman for criminal breach of trust, Bukit Aman commercial crimes investigation director Datuk Syed Ismail Syed Azizan said.

He said it was up to the AG to decide on the next course of action. "If they're not satisfied, it's up to them. We'll carry on with our duty; why else did we investigate?" Bernama quoted him as saying when contacted here yesterday.

Syed Ismail said it was the norm for police to include recommendations in investigation papers sent to the AG.

The NFC expressed shock in a statement on Monday at the recommendation to charge

its executive chairman Datuk Dr Mohamed Salleh Ismail, who is the husband of Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil, saying it was premature as investigations were ongoing. It further questioned the lack of caution by police in making the recommendation, describing it as unfairly pre-empting the AG's decision on the matter.

The NFC issue came to light when the Auditor-General's Report for 2010 last October stated that the company had failed to meet its objectives.

It became the subject of a heated debate when the Opposition alleged that the NFC had also used a RM250 million loan from the government to purchase properties.