

NFCorp tender sought

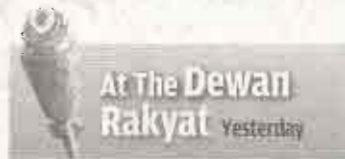
Govt to invite new operator to take over project, says Noh

THE Government will invite tenders from companies interested in taking over National Feedlot Corporation (NFC), the beef cattle rearing project, said Agriculture and Agro-based Industries Minister Datuk Seri Noh Omar.

He said the Government was serious to ensure that the project could go on as proposed.

He added that the proposal to invite other companies to carry on the project had been announced by the Prime Minister previously and his deputy Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin had been asked to ensure that the project was continued.

"We have appointed an independent audi-



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tor because we are serious (to see that the project continues). We are also in the second stage of the process, that is to invite tenders for the project to be continued by any company that is interested," he said when reply-

ing to points raised during the Royal Address debate on his ministry.

The issue on the NFC, which was headed by Datuk Seri Dr Mohamed Salleh Ismail, cropped up when it was alleged to have misused the government allocation of RM250mil for the beef cattle rearing project.

On March 12, Dr Mohamed Salleh, the husband of Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil, pleaded not guilty at the Sessions Court here to two counts of criminal breach of trust involving RM49.7mil with regard to the purchase of two condominium units and two other charges under the Companies Act.