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We want to know how NFCorp project was awarded, says PAC

THE Public Accounts Committee will investigate the standard operating procedures (SOP) used by the Government when making its decisions on the National Feedlot Corporation (NFCorp) project. PAC chairman Datuk Seri Azmi Khalid said the committee would call officials from the Finance and Agriculture and Agro-Based ministries to its June 26 meeting. "Our focus will be on the Government's SOP for the project. It will not touch on the ongoing court case involving the NFCorp. So issues such as how the NFCorp disburses money and claims about the purchase of condominiums will not be discussed," he said at the Parliament building. Azmi said the PAC would investigate certain decisions made by the Government, including how the NFCorp project was awarded. The NFCorp came under scrutiny in the **Auditor-General's 2010 Report** which highlighted its failure to meet the annual beef production target set by the Government. Set up in 2006, the NFCorp was supposed to produce 38,600 heads of cattle in 2010 but fell short as the Entrepreneur Development Programme, involving 130 satellite farms, had not been implemented. On another matter, Azmi said the PAC would be calling officials from the Finance Ministry on June 27 for its investigation into 1Malaysia Development Bhd's (1MDB) RM3.5bil Petrosaudi International Ltd investment. The PAC had started investigating 1MDB's role and its partnership with the foreign firm. "For other cases such as KLIA2 and the out-of-court settlement of former Malaysia Airlines boss Tan Sri Tajudin Ramli, we will ask the **Auditor-General** to look into them first before starting investigations," he said.