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**TO: ALL NEWS EDITORS**

**PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The National Union of Journalists Malaysia views the move by Parliament to restrict the access to media as a move that will be counterproductive and possibly lead to the media not giving full coverage of Parliament happenings.

The action is unprecedented and appears to be an affront which will hinder journalists and media practitioners from carrying out their journalistic duties.

We call upon those responsible to remove the restriction immediately and restore the freedom of movement to our colleagues covering the Parliament beat.

As the Parliament is the symbol of democracy, the action by its administrators appears to be puzzling and irrational.

Effective 10am today, Parliament has barred the press from the lobby area and limiting more than 100 representatives from various media organisations to operate in a small corner where press conferences are normally held.

On behalf of the Executive Council



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