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To News Editors:

PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PRESS CONFERENCE BY CONFEDERATION OF ASEAN JOURNALISTS VICE PRESIDENT OVER UTUSAN MELAYU'S DECISION TO HOLD A DOMESTIC INQUIRY AGAINST NUJ PRESIDENT HATA WAHARI

The Confederation of ASEAN Journalists (CAJ) Vice President Mr Benny Antiporda of the Phillipines National Press Club will be holding a Press Conference at the National Union of Journalists (NUJ) headquarters today at 1 pm.

The Press Conference is held in the light of NUJ President Mr Ha'ta Wahari's Domestic Inquiry (DI) over alleged misconduct by Utusan Melayu management.

Hata is facing eight counts of misconduct for issuing statements to news portals Malaysiakini, Malaysian Insider and Merdeka Review, and The Sun newspaper between Sept 21 and Oct 14 last year.

The company had earlier fixed the DI for Monday (Jan 17) but was callled off and later fixed it today Jan 25 (Tuesday).

For further inquiry, please contact NUJ General Secretary Mr V. Anbalagan at <u>012</u> 3881327.

On behalf of the executive council.

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