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To News Editors:

PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

President NUJ Mohamed Ha'ta Wahari will go through "due process" following his sacking.

As advised by NUJ lawyer, he will appeal against his dismissal.

He will file an application to the Industrial Relations Department to be reinstated.

Ha'ta has to do this within 60 days. The dismissal letter was dated April 21, 2011.

There will be reconciliation exercise by an industrial relations officer. If mediation fails, the officer will submit a report to the Human Resources Minister who will decide whether to refer the case to the Industrial Court.

We will call the minister to do so without delay as it involved the livelihood of an employee.

In the meantime, NUJ will call for an emergency meeting to obtain views from exco members on Ha'ta's dismissal.

Pending a decision by the council, he will remain as NUJ chief in line with a High Court ruling that an union officer could keep his post pending decision by the Industrial Court.

On behalf of the executive council.

V.ANBALAGAN General Secretary

