NUJ Press Statement Mac 10, 2012

To all editors,

The National Union Of Journalists Malaysia (NUJ) highly condemns YB Menteri Besar Pahang Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob's insults towards three Chinese Daily reporters as describing them "a stupid reporter".

NUJ is deeply shocked and expresses regret over MB Pahang's action.

The MB, as a public politician should be more aware that the journalists were just carrying their duties over a public event. Such manner of reaction shown to the 3 particular journalists was uncalled for.

NUJ as a union body protecting 1,500 working journalists in the country also upholds press freedom in Malaysia as one of our objectives. Thus we would not tolerate such kind of insults to our members.

Any politician should be fully aware of their relationship with the media, including media workers. They should not be insulted for asking a sensitive question and to attack the press in such manner.

Either violence of speech or action to the press is an insult to media and its profession.

NUJ urges MB Pahang apologize to the 3 reporters within 24 hours, otherwise we have no choice but to make an official complaint to the YAB Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

President

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