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TO: ALL NEWS EDITORS

PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The National Union of Journalists Malaysia (NUJ) expresses regret over the alleged assault and arrest by police on Stanley Tan, a photographer with Nanyang Siang Pau today.

Stanley Tan was assigned to cover the attempt by Perak Pakatan Rakyat elected representatives who wanted to enter the state assembly building to convene a meeting.

The photographer was merely carrying out his professional duty. The policeman who is said to have assaulted Stanley Tan should know that the photographer was wearing his press tag.

The policeman's highhandedness reflects that he has no respect for law.

The NUJ is also aware that the police are there to maintain law and order and the photographer was in no way a party to create trouble.

The NUJ calls upon the police to exercise restraint while carrying out their duty especially in an event where the media fraternity were also present to carrying out their function.

On behalf of the Executive Council,



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President