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NUJ slams attacks on journalists covering vigils

GEORGE TOWN: The National Union of Journalists (NUJ) has condemned the attacks on journalists covering a series of candlelight vigils held to show solidarity for student activist Adam Adli Abdul Halim.

Adam was arrested last Saturday and charged yesterday with one count of uttering a seditious statement during a talk in Kuala Lumpur.

NUJ's general secretary Schave Jerome De Rozario said that police should act promptly against these groups as there was no reason for them to physically harm journalists.

“We will not condone such acts of violence of media workers being attacked while discharging their public duty.” he said.

Oriental Daily's reporter Ooi Chun Nam and Cheah Chin Liang from *Sin Chew Daily* were allegedly assaulted by the group when they tried to help the vigil's organiser Sean Ho from being run over on Wednesday. They have since lodged a police report.

“We also call on reporters and photographers, especially NUJ members covering public gatherings, to adhere to the guidelines in our safety handbook,” De Rozario added.