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**PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The National Union Of Journalists Malaysia (NUJM) strongly condemns the leader of the Red Shirt group over his threat towards the Malaysiakini news portal organisation.

We urge the police to conduct an investigation over the matter promptly. The Red Shirt leader Datuk Jamal Md Yunos' recent statement does fall under criminal intimidation under 503 of the Penal Code.

In his meeting with Malaysiakini's top management, Jamal demanded that Malaysiakini explain the alleged allegations of receiving funds from the Open Society Foundation (OSF).

Jamal gave a dateline for the explanation by this Saturday noon, failing which he will lead his group to hold a mass protest of "making sure part of the Malaysiakini office building is torn down" on that day.

NUJ Malaysia is appalled to hear of this threat especially in a democratic country like ours. The laws of this country clearly states that no one, group or organisation can take the law into their own hands, especially towards media practitioners who are held by the code of ethics for journalists.

On behalf of Executive Council  
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