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TO ALL NEWS EDITORS

PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The National Union of Journalists Peninsular Malaysia (NUJM) is in solidarity with Malaysiakini in an unprecedented contempt of court decision against online news portal today.

This is a sad day for Malaysia's press freedom, not only will the decision have a tremendous impact on discussions of issues of public interest but it will also delivery a blow to the new media landscape, journalists and media owners.

It will also have a major impact on discussions of issues of public interest, bring about more venues for media censorship and delivers a distasteful impact on the media's continual campaign to fight corruption.

While we understand that contempt of court is a serious offence. However, openness to critical views is a sign of a strong and healthy institution.

NUJM calls on members, fellow comrades and the public to support Malaysiakini to help raise RM500, 000 that must be paid within 3 working days.

Those who wish to contribute to the "Defend Malaysiakini Fund" can do so at:

Account name: Mkini Dotcom Sdn Bhd

Account no: 5142 5351 6714 (Maybank)

Swift Code: MBBEMYKL

Branch address: Dataran Maybank, Level 1 Tower A, Dataran Maybank, 59000 Kuala Lumpur.

Alternatively, you may also donate using your credit card by calling us at +603 7770 0000.

On Behalf of the Executive Council,

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