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TO ALL NEWS EDITORS

NUJ PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Kuala Lumpur, 10 August 2022----The National Union of Journalists Peninsular Malaysia (NUJ) today condemns Pertubuhan Berita Nasional (BERNAMA) who deterred their former TV broadcast presenter Sydney Yap Xi Ni with unnecessary legal action over the accusation of defamation in manner which they claimed had affected the image and reputation of BERNAMA and the government.

NUJ is in the view that BERNAMA as a government news agency as well as authoritative media organization in the country should always pay extra attention to the welfare and wages of their employees, especially journalists and media workers in particular.

What Sydney Yap Xi Ni had narrated in her story on FB was her intention to merely speak out on what had happened to her with the principle of defending and fighting employees' rights. NUI doesn't see any motive to slandering the company.

Defending and employees' benefits is the fundamental right of every worker in any corporation and therefore the issue here to be accused of as slandering the reputation of BERNAMA doesn't exist.

As a trade union defending the rights of media personnel and working journalists, NUI expresses its deep concern over this incident and would like to suggest the related parties solve this issue amicably through correct channels and negotiation without intimidation while the benefits of journalists should be improved from time to time to ensure our colleagues are not underpaid.

On Behalf of the Executive Council,

CHIN SUNG CHEW

General Secretary, NUI Malaysia

