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To: All Chief News Editors

PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The National Union of Journalists Malaysia is aware that journalists and photographers have been sent to make coverage on the Japanese Encephalitis outbreak at the infected areas.

We would like to thank the media organisations which have already provided protective clothing and vaccination to those assigned for the job.

However, we would like to stress that they must be given proper protection against the disease.

Media organisations should pay serious attention in providing safety, health and insurance protection. We believe that prevention is better than cure.

Journalists and photographers themselves should also ensure that they have proper protection before they enter the infected areas.

We understand that media organisations are to provide their readers with the best coverage on the outbreak but we must stress that the safety and welfare of those assigned should not be compromised.

Thank your for co-operation

On behalf of the NUJ Executive Council,

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President