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PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The statement is in reference to the positive case of COVID-19 among MPs and Cabinet ministers as well as an increase in daily cases reaching more than 3,000 since last week.

Due to the rising cases of Covid19 the National Union of Journalists of Malaysia (NUJM) calls on all press conferences involving both government and private agencies to be done online and restrict activity of face-to-face press conferences.

However, at the same time, NUJM requests the good intentions of all parties to provide cooperation to the media workers when contacted for any comments and explanations involving any issues.

NUJM also requests the cooperation to be given to the media staff in making coverage in public places and events and to be given special exemptions by the authorities when going through roadblocks.

These needs to be done with cooperation from all parties to ensure the spread of infection can be curbed among media workers and at the same time allow the media workers to carry out their duties.

It should be noted that media personnel are among the most vulnerable to the risk of COVID-19 infection when carrying out their duties. Unfortunately, their roles and safety are often side-lined.

With the number of media practitioners currently on duty is dwindling, they not only have to make coverage involving the COVID-19 news but also the present flood coverage, politics, courts and even crime.

Therefore, it is the duty of NUJM to ensure the safety and welfare of media personnel are protected so that the latest and accurate information can continue to be channelled to the public.

NUJM would also like to remind all media personnel to always take the necessary precaution when on assignments and comply with all the standard operating procedure (SOP) practices set by the government.

Any media worker having the COVID-19 symptoms is advised to go immediately to hospital for screening tests and if infected to adhere strictly to the mandatory quarantine instructions.

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On Behalf of the Executive Council

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