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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,

**FARAH MARSHITA ABD PATAH**

NUJ President