



The National Union Of Journalists Malaysia

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Journalists in Malaysia are concerned at increasing controls on press freedom as they advocate for reforms to protect media workers from political power changes. The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) together with its Malaysian affiliate, the National Union of Journalists Malaysia (NUJM), today launched the media advocacy campaign #MYMediaMatters to highlight challenges faced by journalists in Malaysia.

The IFJ and NUJM campaign is the key launch action out of a major multi-year media development project in the country, funded by the European Union, called [Strengthening Malaysia's Media for Change](#). The aim of the five-year project is to strengthen the capacity of media organisations to instigate and lead sustainable media development in Malaysia, undertake national industry consultation and engagement, support media innovation and media reforms including the development of the country's first press council.

As part of the #MYMediaMatters campaign journalist are sharing their insights on media reform and encourage further discussion. Among them: Alyaa Alhadjri, a senior reporter at Malaysiakini, says archaic legislation and government controls continue to restrict press freedom; journalist Chin Sung Chew, who also leads NUJM as its general secretary, laments press freedom's historic control at the whim of Malaysia's ruling governments; broadcast journalist Tehmina Kaoosji argues for commitment towards removing both censorship and self-censorship of the media through abolishing repressive laws and addressing the harassment of journalists; and journalists Farah Marshita, Wong Lee Kim and Noor Hayati highlight the need to strengthen public trust in media and to support journalists to perform the vital role of informing and supporting a democratic and open society.

The Malaysia media project comes as media workers globally are facing increased job insecurity and legal restrictions under the Covid-19 pandemic that is further challenging their ability to inform the public and hold the powerful to account. In the first year, the project will examine the impacts of the health crisis on media workers in Malaysia and address concerns arising from the pandemic through capacity building programs.

Please answer the questionnaire below and attach your photo to be included in the Visibility Campaign which will be posted in the IFJ face book and the European Union Website.

Please send to Ms Farah Marshita, President NUJ Malaysia at fmarshita@yahoo.com or General Secretary NUJ Malaysia Mr Chin Sung Chew at chin_sungchew@yahoo.com.tw and to nujmsia@gmail.com

Thank you.

On Behalf of the Executive Council,

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#MYmediamatters

In conjunction with Press Freedom Day 2020

Name:

Designation:

Publication:

1. What does it mean to be a journalist of media worker in Malaysia?

2. Do you see Media Freedom In Malaysia moving forward?

3. What can we do to be better?

4. What can we do to ensure media freedom?

Thank You!!!!

(Please include your photo)

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Date, Time, Person Responsible for Posting	Instagram	Facebook	Twitter	Photo
<p>Thursday May 12, 2020 4 pm – Jakarta time</p> <p>Ratna</p>	<p>Alyaa Alhadjri, a senior reporter at Malaysiakini, describes the situation for journalists in Malaysia as part of the #MYMediaMatters campaign. This campaign launches a media strengthening program in Malaysia, run with the support of the European Union.</p> <p>(link)</p> <p>#MYMediaMatters #Malaysia #JournalismMatters #Journalismisnotacrime #Pressfreedom</p>	<p>#Malaysia: With the support of the European Union, IFJ along with our partners is running a media strengthening program in Malaysia. To kick off the program, we are launching the #MYMediaMatters campaign. Senior journalist Alyaa Alhadjri from Malaysiakini talks about the challenges facing journalists in Malaysia.</p> <p>(link) @EUinMalaysia</p> <p>#MYMediaMatters #JournalismMatters</p>	<p>With the support of @EUinMalaysia, IFJ and our partners in #Malaysia have launched a #MYMediaMatters campaign. Read what Alyaa from @MalaysiaKini says about #pressfreedom (link)</p>	<p>Graphic Alyaa</p>
<p>Monday May 18, 2020 4 pm</p> <p>Ratna</p>	<p>Radzi Razak is a journalist with the Malay Mail. As part of the #MYMediaMatters campaign, supported by the European Union, he emphasises the importance of being part of a journalist fraternity that values truth.</p> <p>(link)</p>	<p>#Malaysia: With the support of the European Union, the IFJ along with our partners is running a media strengthening program in Malaysia. To kick off the program, we hear from journalists in Malaysia as part of the #MYMediaMatters campaign. For Radzi, #MediaMatters because you are</p>	<p>#Malaysia: Radzi Razak is proud to be part of the journalist fraternity that values truth. #MYMediaMatters</p> <p>(link)</p> <p>#JournalismMatters #Journalismisnotacrime</p>	<p>Graphic Radzi</p>

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<p>Thursday, May 21, 2020 4 pm Ratna</p>	<p>Wan Noor Hayati Wan Alias is an award winning journalist and union activist who writes for a number of publications including the Malaysia Gazette. She takes an honest look at the role of journalists, publishers and government in this interview that is part of the #MYMediaMatters campaign, supported by the European Union</p> <p>#PressFreedom #MediaFreedom #JournalismMatters #Journalismisnotacrime</p>	<p>#Malaysia: Wan Noor Hayati is an award winning journalist and union. She takes an honest look at the role of journalists, publishers and government in this interview that is part of the #MYMediaMatters campaign, supported by the @EUinMalaysia and our partners in Malaysia</p> <p>#PressFreedom</p>	<p>With the support of @EUinMalaysia, IFJ and our partners in #Malaysia are running a #MYMediaMatters campaign. Read what Wan Noor Hayati says about #pressfreedom</p> <p>(link)</p>	<p>Wan Noor Hayati photo</p>
<p>Monday May 25, 2020 4 pm Ratna</p>	<p>Independent broadcast journalist Tehmina Kaoosji is an advocate for gender equality and social justice. As part of the #MYMediaMatters campaign she sees a critical need for journalists to be better protected so they can continue to uphold</p>	<p>#Malaysia: Independent broadcast journalist Tehmina Kaoosji is an advocate for gender equality and social justice. As part of the #MYMediaMatters campaign she sees a critical need for journalists to be better protected so they can continue to uphold democratic</p>	<p>#Malaysia: @TehminaKaoosji is a leading broadcast journalist and gender equality advocate. As part of our #MYMediaMatters campaign she tells us why journalism is critical to uphold democratic processes.</p>	<p>Graphic Tehmina</p>

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	<p>democratic processes. This campaign is part of a media strengthening project in Malaysia, supported by our partners and the European Union.</p> <p>Link #PressFreedom #MediaFreedom #JournalismMatters #Journalismisnotacrime #equality #gender #socialjustice</p>	<p>processes. This campaign is part of a media strengthening project in Malaysia, supported by our partners and @EUinMalaysia #pressfreedom</p> <p>Link</p>		
<p>Thursday , May 28, 2020</p> <p>4 pm</p> <p>Ratna</p>	<p>SS Yoga is a freelance editor and reporter, and committed media freedom advocate. He outlines the challenges facing journalists in Malaysia as part of the #MYMediaMatters campaign. He says that commercial concerns of the media must not override journalist ethics and the code of conduct.</p> <p>#MYMediaMatters #Malaysia #JournalismMatters #Journalismisnotacrime #Pressfreedom</p>	<p>#Malaysia: Freelance editor and reporter SS Yoga outlines the challenges facing journalists in Malaysia as part of the #MYMediaMatters campaign. This campaign is part of a Strengthening Media in Malaysia project, supported by @EUinMalaysia</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>#Malaysia: Freelance reporter SS Yoga outlines the challenges facing journalists as part of our #MYMediaMatters campaign</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>Generic photo</p>