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TO ALL NEWS EDITORS

PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

KUALA LUMPUR: The National Union of Journalists of Peninsular Malaysia (NUJ) takes seriously the actions of politicians who are alleged to have attacked and threatened Tamil portal journalists.

We are deeply concerned for the safety and well-being of the journalists involved in this incident, namely P. Puvaneswaran and M. Pavalam, as well as the entire Tamil journalist community.

We also want to express our solidarity with our comrades, the Malaysian Indian Journalists Association (MIJA) who are planning to hold a meeting with the Minister of Communications, Fahmi Fadzil after some Tamil portal journalists are said to have been victims of defamation attacks by leaders and politicians.

We call on the Minister of Communications Fahmi Fadzil to take note of this matter and take immediate action to stop any form of personal attacks on journalists.

Media freedom and the safety of journalists must be protected to ensure that fair and independent news reporting can continue.

We also urge all parties to respect the investigation process being carried out by the police and expect a fair and just process to be given to our comrades for the incident that happened to them.

NUJ will continue to monitor this development and provide full support to the affected journalists.

Let us together ensure that journalistic integrity and media freedom in Malaysia continue to be preserved.

On behalf of the NUJ Executive Committee,

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