



MEDIA STATEMENT

MCMC UPHOLDS INFORMATION INTEGRITY IN MALAYSIA UNDER CMA 1998

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In response to Reporters Without Borders (RSF) open statement titled 'RSF denounces arbitrary suspension of news websites critical of the government,' MCMC wishes to reiterate that action taken by MCMC is not to stifle freedom of the press. but to ensure that the dissemination of information is done responsibly and without the spread of slander or misinformation.

As the regulatory body for the communications and multimedia industry in Malaysia, MCMC operates under the provisions of the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 (CMA 1998). One of the key national policy objectives of MCMC is to provide the people of Malaysia with protection from the adverse effect of online harm, including misinformation and hate speech, as well as safeguarding integrity of constitutional monarch and democratic institutions with reverence and respect from any attempts to incite hatred or contempt.

One of the key responsibilities of MCMC is also to prevent the misuse of online platforms for committing offenses under Malaysian laws. With the increasing prevalence of online information, there has been a rise in irresponsible and inaccurate reporting. Some news outlets have been found intentionally spreading misleading information or publishing inaccurate content, which can harm community harmony.

To address these issues, MCMC has the authority and duty to take regulatory action against the spread of fake, offensive and menacing content. The Commission is open to dialogue and regularly engages with senior editors and journalists to address concerns and issues related to freedom of expression. MCMC aims to work hand in hand with the media fraternity to combat the rise of misinformation and malicious disinformation.

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