



# **WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY 2022 VIRTUAL FORUM**

**JOURNALISM UNDER DIGITAL SIEGE**

**JUNE 8, 2022. 9.30am - 12.40pm**



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The digital transformation has had multifaceted impact on journalism, from facilitating mass and targeted surveillance of journalists to jeopardizing the economic viability of news media to reshaping the relationship with audience.

It has challenged the media to reinvent its operations and to contend with the decrease in public trust. The World Press Freedom Day 2022 conference in Malaysia will provide an opportunity to discuss these complex challenges and to also highlight the ways in which the media have adapted to the new reality.

The Forum will also enable to put into action the commitments made by all 193 UNESCO Member States through the Windhoek +30 Declaration, which recognizes free, independent, professional and pluralistic media as the prerequisite to guaranteeing information as a public good for the whole of humanity.

The Declaration also addresses the pressing issues regarding media viability, transparency of digital platforms, and media and information literacy.





# OBJECTIVES

Encourage the government to guarantee freedom of expression and access to information as mentioned in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the UN Covenant on Civil Liberties.

Work towards achieving SDG16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions specifically on goal 16.10 which is to ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms.

Raise awareness regarding the importance of freedom of the media and the right to information especially in digital media as well as combating fake news.

# FORUM SESSIONS

## **SESSION 1: CHALLENGES TO A DIGITAL SIEGE TO MEDIA FREEDOM**

This session will focus on impact of digital world to journalism and freedom of expression, combating disinformation, issues on privacy and regulation – bringing a multistakeholder view on the challenges and solutions in the era of the digital siege.

## **SESSION 2: FAST AND THE FACTUAL: ADAPTING TO A CHANGING AUDIENCE**

This session will focus on the convergence of media with the digital world, how journalism have adapted to the fast pace of the digital world and its constant transformation to engage with audiences.





## SESSION 1: CHALLENGES TO A DIGITAL SIEGE TO MEDIA FREEDOM

## SESSION 2: FAST AND THE FACTUAL: ADAPTING TO A CHANGING AUDIENCE



**Moderator:**  
Zurairi A.R, News Editor, Malay Mail

### OPENING SESSION



**Welcoming Address:**  
Karima El Korri  
UN Resident Coordinator for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam



**Opening Address:**  
Aart Jacobi  
Ambassador  
Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands in Malaysia



**Official Address**  
YB Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Annuar Haji Musa  
Minister of Communications and Multimedia

### KEYNOTE SESSION



Mohamed Djelid  
Director of UNESCO Regional Science Bureau for Asia and the Pacific and Representative to Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Timor-Leste

**9.30AM - 10.10AM**



**Speaker 1**  
Mastura Ahmad Mustafa  
Deputy Secretary General  
Ministry of Communications and Multimedia



**Speaker 2**  
Mediha Mahmood  
Executive Director  
Communications and Multimedia Content Forum of Malaysia



**Speaker 3**  
Wathshlah G. Naidu  
Executive Director  
Centre for Independent Journalism



**Speaker 4**  
Radzi Razak  
Spokesperson  
Gerakan Media Merdeka (GeramM)

**10.10AM - 11.10AM**



**Speaker 1**  
Ashwad Ismail  
Editor in Chief  
ASTRO Awani



**Speaker 2**  
Tan Lee Chin  
Group Chief Operating Officer  
(Group Strategy and Content),  
Media Chinese International Limited Malaysia



**Speaker 3**  
Zikri Kamarulzaman  
Assistant News Editor  
Malaysiakini



**Speaker 4**  
Leonard Alaza  
Deputy Chief Editor, Asia Times Pulse and Co-founder of Borneo Pulse

**11.20AM - 12.20PM**

### CLOSING SESSION



**Closing Remarks:**  
Niloy Banerjee  
Resident Representative  
United Nations Development Programme in Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam



**Closing Address:**  
YB Dato' Sri Dr. Hj. Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar  
Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Parliament and Law)

**12.20PM - 12.40PM**



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Sign Language (BIM) and  
Bahasa Malaysia Translation.

