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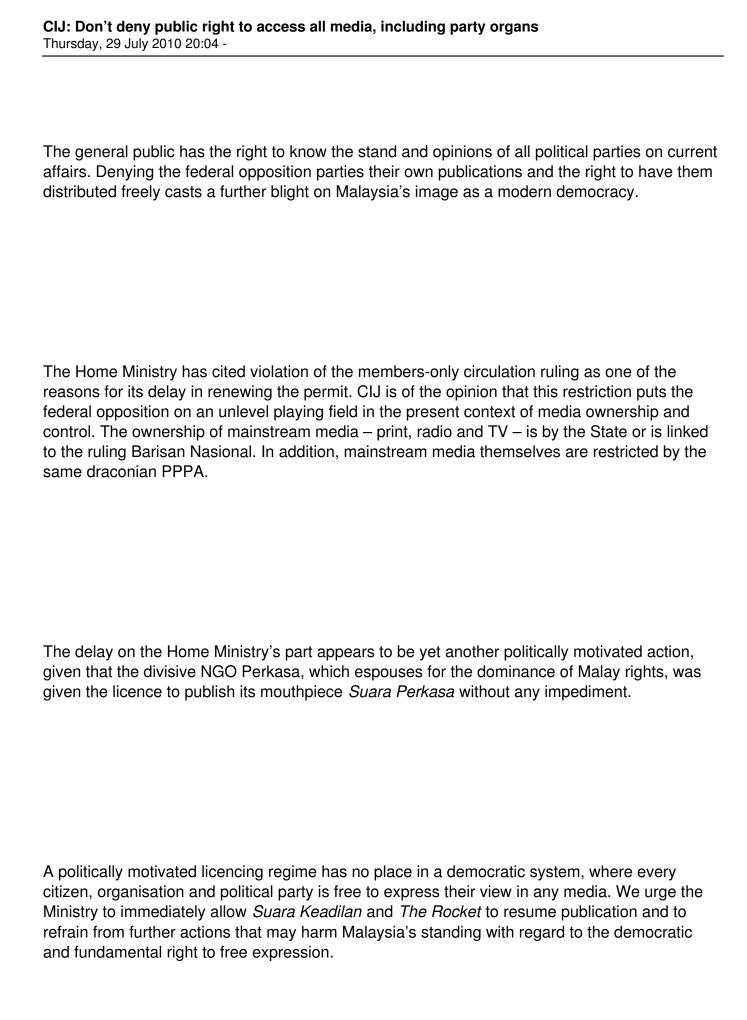
The Centre for Independent Journalism (CIJ) view with concern the recent delay in the renewal of the licences of three main federal opposition parties' organs, *Suara Keadilan, The Rocket* and

Harakah

, under the Printing Presses and Publications Act (PPPA). These licences have yet to be resolved except for  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{PPPA}}$ 

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For the longer term, CIJ reiterates its call to Parliament for media law reform, so that together Malaysians can realise Prime Minister Najib Razak's vision to free media, which he shared with journalists soon after taking office in 2009: "If we are truly to build a democracy that is responsive to the needs of all the people, we need a media – both old and new – that is empowered to responsibly report what they see, without fear of consequence, and to hold governments and public officials accountable for the results they achieve or do not achieve."

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