

JABATAN KEHAKIMAN,
MAHKAMAH TINGGI,
BANGUNAN SULTAN ABDUL SAMAD,
JALAN RAJA,
50508, KUALA LUMPUR.

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Hakim,
Mahkamah Sesyen,
Semenanjung Malaysia.

Penolong Kanan Pendaftar,
Mahkamah Tinggi,
Semenanjung Malaysia.

Majistret,
Mahkamah Magistret,
Semenanjung Malaysia.



Y.B. Dato'

Tuan/Puan,

Registrar's Circular (A) No. 1 of 1987

Press Statement

I am directed by His Lordship the Chief Justice Malaya to draw your attention to General Order 17 of the Public Officers (Conduct and Discipline) (Chapter "D") General Orders 1980, which reads as follows:-

Prohibition of public statement. 17.(1) An officer shall not, either orally or in writing or in any other manner, make any public statement relating to any policy, programme or decision of the Government nor shall he circulate any such statement whether made by him or any other person except with the prior written permission, whether of a general or a specific nature, of the Minister responsible for the ministry or the department in which he is serving:

Provided that the Head of Department or any other officer authorised in writing by him, whether of a general or a specific nature, may make public statement either orally or in writing or in any other manner for the purpose of -

- (a) providing any factual information relating to his Department; or
- (b) providing any clarification in respect of any incident or report relating to his Department,

or circulate any such statement, whether made by him or any other person.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) or the proviso thereto an officer shall not, either orally or in writing or in any other manner, make any public statement which is detrimental to any policy, programme or decision of the Government or which may embarrass the Government or make any comment on the merits or demerits of any policy, programme or decision of the Government or circulate any such statement whether made by him or any other person:

Provided that the foregoing provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any public statement or the circulation of any statement the text of which had been approved by a written permission under paragraph (1) or by a written authorisation under the proviso to paragraph (1).

(3) For the purpose of this General Order, "public statement" includes the making of any statement or comment to the press or to the public or in the course of any public lecture or speech or any broadcast by sound or vision. / Sub. by PU(A) 58/85 - 7 - "

His Lordship further directs that this General Order is to be strictly adhered always.

"BERKHIDMAT UNTUK NEGARA"

Saya yang menurut perintah,

(S.C. AUGUSTINE)

D.p. Pendaftaran,

Mahkamah Tinggi Malaya.

- s.k.
- 1) Y.A.A. Ketua Hakim Negara Malaysia
 - 2) Y.A.A. Hakim Besar Malaya
 - 3) Y.A.A. Hakim Besar Borneo
(Untuk makluman Y.A.A.)
 - 4) Y.A. Hakim-Hakim Mahkamah Tinggi Malaysia
 - 5) Ketua Pendaftar
 - 6) Timbalan Pendaftar,
Mahkamah Tinggi,
Kuala Lumpur.