

**A COMPARATIVE STUDY ON THE PRESS FREEDOM IN MALAYSIA AND THE
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Abstract

This research is about a comparison of press freedom between Malaysia and UK. In these new era, world of journalist in Malaysia become more complex and dilemma to deal with too many restriction and interference of government give the press a limited freedom in reporting news. This project is aim for the possibility to enforce UK law into Malaysia scenario does press can publish more news in public interest not only for certain political interest. This research did not touch about a sensitivity issues and political interest. This research about a press freedom generally. The aim of this research is to examine the scope and the limitation of Article 10 of Federal Constitution in Malaysia and Article 10 of European Convention of Human Rights incorporated with Section 12 of HRA. The writers also focus on the ground whether Government of Malaysia and UK is controlling their freedom.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Malaysia is a democracy country and has different races, religions, culture and language. A democracy means a participation of the people in the electoral exercise of choosing leaders. It requires people to live and informed interest in the process of government. Malaysia is one of the countries that practice freedom of press in the world. We live in harmony and actually practice freedom in our life. But it also includes the press freedom. Free press usually means the right to publish, a right to confidentiality of sources, and a right to access. As a press, they always have an issue or opinion to issue to the public. So they have right to get sources and information to publish it. But they must follow the rule or law before publish the issue to the public. It is important to see the press as part of a system of social control whereby relationship between individuals and social institutions are adjusts. The meaning of the press is newspaper and new magazines, journalist or photographers who work for newspaper.¹ Press is same with another citizen and they cannot be special, as law did not discriminate against press with another citizen. There is no authority given to them whether in works or in profession or daily life. So they cannot get any special authority because they just an ordinary person like other citizen. Based on the finding on the website in *Sans Frontiers*, which analyzes the press

¹ Macmillan English Dictionary for Advanced Learners (International Student Edition) 1st ed. (2002) at 1113.