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MEDIA STATEMENT
ON THE VIOLATION OF STANDING ORDER 85
RELATING TO PAC PROCEEDINGS ABOUT THE PROGRESS REPORT
OF THE SECOND-GENERATION PATROL SHIP PROJECT - LITTORAL
COMBATANT SHIP (LCS)

- 1) The PAC takes seriously the article in Utusan Malaysia dated 12 June 2023 entitled, “**Kurangkan kapal LCS jimat kos – Saksi**” which stated that the Government decided to reduce the construction of littoral combat ships (LCS) from six to five for cost-saving reasons."
- 2) This article clearly violates Standing Order 85 of the Dewan Rakyat (SO 85) which clearly states that *"The evidence taken before any Select Committee and any documents presented to such Committee shall not be published by any member of such Committee, or by any other person, before the Committee has presented its Report to the House."*
- 3) I am very concerned about the article because it clearly can interfere with the investigation, conclusion and recommendation of the PAC for this proceeding.
- 4) I have written a letter to the H. E Tan Sri Dato' Johari bin Abdul, the Speaker of the Dewan Rakyat to inform him about the violation of SO 85 and request his ruling regarding this issue.
- 5) At the same time, I urge all parties, especially the mass media, to respect PAC proceedings and to obtain official statements from the PAC itself.

6) As I have mentioned during the PAC press conference on 8 June 2023 that the PAC will hold a weekly press conference every Thursday during the Dewan Rakyat session to report the progress of the PAC proceedings.

Thank you.

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