

**Muhyiddin Extends Condolences To Family Of Killed Bernama TV Cameraman
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 3 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and his wife, Puan Sri Norainee Abdul Rahman Saturday extended condolences to the family of a Bernama TV cameraman who was killed in a shooting incident in Somalia.

Muhyiddin said the sad news of the death of Noramfaizul Mohd Nor would tug at the heartstrings of all Malaysians, particularly the local media fraternity.

"I am sure that the death of Noramfaizul is felt not only by his family but also by the media fraternity which has lost a colleague who was not only dedicated and hardworking but also courageous in facing the challenges that came with the task entrusted to him," he said in a statement.

Muhyiddin said that besides members of the security forces, journalists also sacrificed a lot in the course of their work, especially during festivals when they had to be away from their family and loved ones.

"Often, their sacrifices go unnoticed. It is time that we show some appreciation for these people and pray for their safety," he said.

Noramfaizul, 39, died after he was hit by a stray sniper bullet when covering the humanitarian aid mission of the Putera 1Malaysia Club for victims of the Somalia famine in Mogadishu, Friday.

"We hope the family of Noramfaizul will be able to face the loss with fortitude. We hope that Allah (God) will grant his soul repose," Muhyiddin said.

The deputy prime minister appealed to the rest of the mission in Somalia to exercise greater caution in view of the volatile situation in that African country.

He said the foreign ministry would help Malaysians there to return.

"I understand that the journalists covering the aid mission are returning Sunday, and hope that they come back to Malaysia safely," he said.

Noramfaizul was one of the 55 volunteers who were in the humanitarian aid mission of the Putera 1Malaysia Club which provided assistance to victims of the drought and famine in Somalia.

His body was being flown back to Malaysia in a C-130 aircraft of the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF).

All the other members of the mission were also flying back Saturday and were expected to arrive at the RMAF airbase in Subang at about 9 am Sunday.

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