## PUBLIC ADVISED TO VERIFY THE AUTHENTICITY OF STATEMENTS LINKED TO SYED MOKHTAR ALBUKHARY WITH THE ALBUKHARY FOUNDATION

The Albukhary Foundation wishes to advise the public to authenticate any news and statements shared on social media with the Foundation. This advise was first shared in 2015, stemming from false statements circulated via social media, allegedly issued by Founder and Chairman of the Albukhary Foundation, Syed Mokhtar Albukhary. Despite a clear statement from the Foundation in 2015 refuting the false statement, this irresponsible act has recently resurfaced, linking our Chairman to certain political interests.

The act of the writer impersonating and using our Chairman's name is deceitful and illegal, and may result in defamatory action. We wish to highlight that our Chairman rarely issues any public statement and advise the public to authenticate the validity of any statement allegedly issued, with the Albukhary Foundation. To date, the Chairman of the Albukhary Foundation has never authored anything published on the Internet, let alone circulate messages on Whatsapp and social media platforms to express his thoughts.

Moving forward, the only valid communication channel between our Chairman, Syed Mokhtar Albukhary, and the general public, is through the Foundation's official website: <u>www.albukharyfoundation.my</u>. All statements issued by our Chairman, Syed Mokhtar Albukhary, whether in relation to business, philanthropy or his personal thoughts, will only be disseminated through the Albukhary Foundation's official website.