

# Regulatory Framework to Counter Fake News in Malaysia

## Communications and Multimedia Act 1998

Fake news via online platform are punishable under s.211 and s.233 CMA and include any communication that is deemed obscene, indecent, fake or offensive.

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## Penal Code

The Penal Code has provisions dealing with the dissemination of false information which cause public alarm, under s.124I and s.505(b) PC..

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## Sedition Act 1948

Any form of speech, words or publication including online speech deemed seditious is punishable under s.3 and s.4 SA.

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## Printing Presses and Publications Act 1984

PPPA prohibits the use of printing presses for unlawful purpose, and s.8 PPPA makes it an offence to publish false news

## Anti-Fake News Act 2018

The Anti-Fake News Act was introduced in 2018 but was repealed a year later by the newly elected government.

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## Emergency Ordinance (Essential Powers) (No.2) 2021

The Emergency Ordinance 2021 specifically has made it a criminal offence under s.4(1) and s.5 EO, to create, publish or spread false news related to COVID-19 or the proclamation of emergency in the country

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