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Your monthly update from ABU News

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Editor's note

Happy New Year, ABU members! 🎉

We hope 2026 brings you fresh stories, bold innovation, and smooth workflows in every newsroom.

Speaking of fresh starts -- this month marks one of our biggest moments of the year:

✨ The Asiavision Coordinators' Meeting returns on 21–22 January in Kuala Lumpur!

We're looking forward to reconnecting face-to-face, collaborating on stronger coverage, and building even closer bonds across our network.

As we dive into the year ahead, the big thinkers at [Nieman Lab have shared their annual forecasts for the future of journalism](#) -- and they're packed with energy:

- **Faster intelligence before the headlines** -- Newsrooms will increasingly rely on tools that help detect early signals and prepare deeper context before a story breaks.
- **Community voices are becoming power sources** -- Insights from everyday people, local networks, and group chats will grow even more essential to understanding events as they unfold.
- **Exclusive journalism will stand out** -- Unique stories and newsroom-owned scoops will be more valuable than ever in a crowded digital landscape.
- **Curiosity will drive tech adoption** -- AI isn't replacing the journalist -- it's empowering them to explore, verify, and tell stories with more imagination.

These predictions line up perfectly with our goals this year.

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stories for your audiences.

Thank you for everything you contributed to Asiavision in 2025 -- and get ready -- 2026 is going to be a game-changing year for cross-regional storytelling.

From the director: Thank you for 2025

As 2025 draws to a close, we find ourselves looking back on a year that can only be described as historic for Asiavision. Thanks to your unwavering commitment and collaboration, our network has reached new heights, proving that the spirit of news exchange in Asia is stronger than ever.

This year, Asiavision has been on a remarkable upward trajectory. We are thrilled to report that both content uploads and downloads have hit all-time highs.

These numbers are more than just statistics; they are a testament to how effectively you, our members, are utilizing and sharing high-quality content across the region. Whether it was the breaking news or the unfolding political shifts across the continent, your contributions ensured that our collective audience remained informed through a trusted, regional lens.

At Asiavision, we believe that staying stationary is not an option. Throughout 2025, we have implemented strategic changes to ensure we are doing more for our members every single day.

- **New Content Streams:** We have expanded our horizons by launching this very newsletter and significantly increasing our presence on social media. These platforms are designed to give your stories a second life and a broader reach.
- **Agile Improvements:** We have adopted a "learn-as-we-go" approach, making real-time adjustments to our systems based on your feedback to ensure the exchange remains seamless and efficient.

As we look toward 2026, the momentum shows no signs of slowing down. We are currently conducting an extensive review across several key operational areas. This review is aimed at refining our workflows and enhancing member benefits even further.

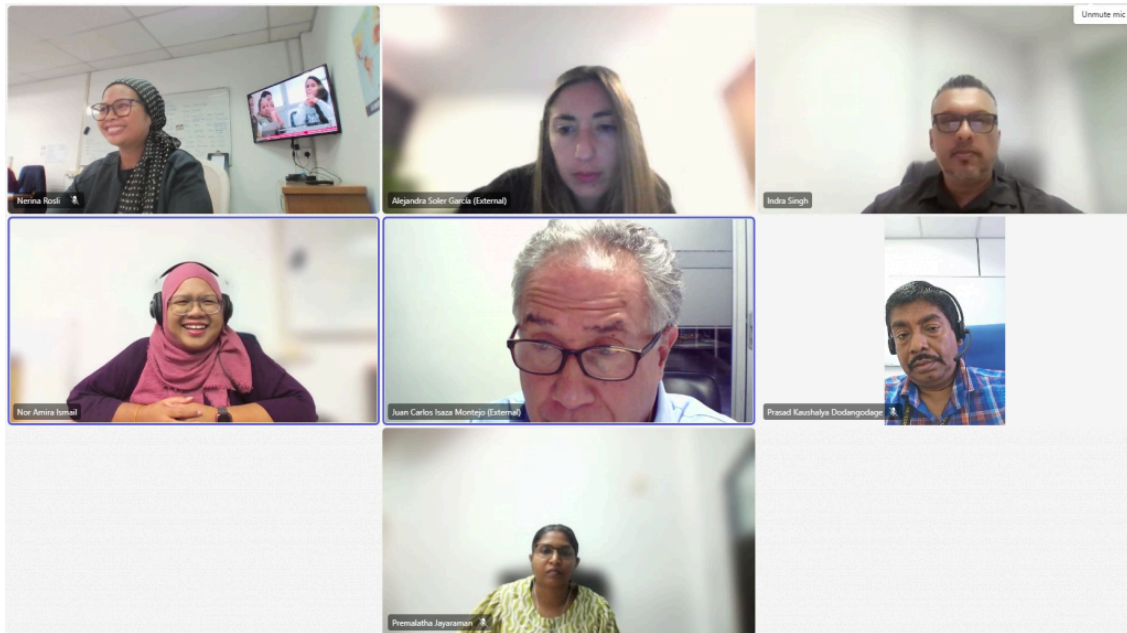
In the spirit of transparency and partnership, we will be presenting the findings of this review to our news group for consultation. We believe that no major implementation should happen without the insight of the people who use the platform every day. Your voice will be the final architect of our next phase of growth.

Finally, none of this would be possible without the journalists, editors, and technicians who make up the Asiavision family. Thank you for making 2025 a year for the history books. We are excited to continue this journey of growth, innovation, and storytelling with you in the coming year.

To a successful and united 2026!

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Monthly highlights



[Asiavision members, get ready for major content expansion!](#)

ABU News and our friends at Alianza Informativa Latinoamericana (AIL) are teaming up to unlock stronger, faster access to what's happening across Latin America. Think breaking news from Bogotá to Buenos Aires, all flowing straight into Asiavision.

Why this matters

More voices → more perspectives → better global storytelling.

And yes, more compelling visuals to boost your bulletins and digital platforms.

What's new?

- 💡 Daily coordination upgrades
- 📺 Better alerts when big stories break
- 🎥 Direct uploads from broadcasters = speed, speed, speed
- 🔔 More social content to keep everyone in the loop

ABU News Director Indra Singh put it simply:

"We want members to share more -- so everyone gains more."

Inside the collab meeting

In a recent online meeting, the teams swapped tips on editorial standards, content checks and keeping the conversation active with members (no ghosting allowed 🙅). AIL also showcased how they run their regional network and member awards -- very on-brand for celebrating great journalism.

Coming soon...

- 🔥 Even stronger coverage when global news pops



[Congratulations AVN Monthly Award winners!](#)

TVB Hong Kong is the winner for the Asiavision awards in November.

Coverage of: The devastating fire tragedy at the Wang Fuk Court apartment complex in Tai Po. The November 30 blaze claimed numerous lives and injured many, making it the deadliest fire in Hong Kong in 77 years. TVB Hong Kong promptly delivered breaking news coverage to Asiavision members and ensured timely and accurate information throughout the event.



[From Disaster to Heroism: Lessons from a tumultuous 2025](#)

2025 tested us with crises but revealed courage, solidarity, and the power of preparedness, everyday heroism, and clear communication, reminding us to build resilience, empathy, and a safer, more compassionate world. [Continue reading](#) this special report written by our news producer, Amira Ismail.

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Asiavision is growing again! With the inclusion of JSC Khabar Agency, Asiavision has 32 members to date!

About Khabar Agency

🎉 Celebrated 30 years in 2025

📺 Operates major national channels “Khabar” and “24KZ”

🌐 Foreign correspondents in **15 countries**

🏢 Member of ABU since 2017

We're excited to have Khabar's voice strengthening our shared news ecosystem.

Welcome aboard! 🌐 ✨



Welcome our new senior editor: **Prasad Dodangodage**

ABU News announces the appointment of **Prasad** as our new **Senior Editor**!

Prasad's appointment marks an important milestone -- **our ABU News editorial team is now fully staffed and ready for 2026.**

Prasad can be contacted at: prasad@abu.org.my



Behind the scenes of newsroom innovation

What if:

- Story insights appeared *before* news breaks?
- Data visualizations built themselves?
- Press releases turned into publishable drafts instantly?

This isn't the future -- it's happening now.

👉 [See how journalists are building the tools they need](#)

Training & opportunities

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2026 Future of News Report: Mental health and leadership in Newsrooms. This will be our third edition of its kind. It will be launched at the 2026 Global News Forum in Sydney, Australia. This is your opportunity to share your work to audiences across Asia, the Pacific and beyond. Read our previous reports The Future of News Report: [2025](#) | [2024](#)

Upcoming events



The 2026 AVN Coordinators' Meeting will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Theme: Bridging the Asia-Pacific: One Story, Many Voices

Dates: 21-22 January 2026

Venue: Perdana Kuala Lumpur City Centre hotel

[Click to register](#)



ABC Australia will host the 2026 GNF & News Group Meeting next September in Sydney.

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