

## Habema's Greetings Establish Relationship With Dim Residents

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NDUGA- One of the military units under the command of the Indonesian Armed Forces Operational Command HABEMA, the Task Forces of the Para Raider Infantry Battalion 503/Mayangkara Kostrad, is currently conducting mobile security at the border of Indonesia and Papua New Guinea, especially in Nduga Regency, Papua Pegunungan Province. On Tuesday, 17 September 2024, the 503 Task Forces, especially the Pelabuhan Amor Post led by Second Lieutenant Edi Purnomo, conducted Social Communication (Komsos) with residents of the Dim Village, Kenyam District while performing the areal security patrol.

In his emphasis on the Soldiers, LtCol Gurbasa Samosir, Commander of the 503 Task Force, conveyed the importance of the Task Force's attention to the basic necessities of the community around the Post. Therefore, on that Tuesday, the Soldiers took advantage of their task by interacting and communicating with some Dim residents who work as craftsmen of Papua's characteristic traditional weapons. The interaction occurred when the 323 Patrol Team passed by the location of traditional weapon crafting.

While maintaining their focus on security, the Soldiers took the opportunity to communicate in harmony with the craftsmen. In this communication, the craftsmen also conveyed the security situation updates in the Dim village, which is still relatively safe and conducive. The craftsmen also felt happy with the concern of the Soldiers who stopped by the crafting location. One of them, Markus Tabuni, described his impression by saying, "Thank you, Commander 503. God bless", a powerful testament to the strong bond between the community and the Task Forces. This heartwarming response from the residents underscores the impact of the Task Forces' efforts, as well as the unity and support in the assigned area.

After receiving the activity report, the HABEMA Commanding General, Brigadier General Lucky Avianto, acknowledged the 503 Task Forces' initiative to communicate socially with craftsmen of Papua's characteristic traditional weapons in Dim village. His words: "The 503 Task Forces' initiative is a testament to TNI's commitment to conduct inclusive social communication with all stakeholders to support the acceleration of development in the Papua region." This acknowledgment from the highest authority in HABEMA underscores the significant impact of such initiatives on the region's development. It instills profound hope and optimism about their potential to shape the region's future positively. It makes the Task Forces and the community feel recognized and appreciated for their efforts.

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