

Threads of Hope: TNI's 323 Task Forces Warm Misimaga Hearts with Free Clothes

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PUNCAK- A routine patrol turned into a moment of joy and connection in Misimaga Village, Puncak Regency, Central Papua Province, on Sunday, December 1, 2024. The Gome Post team of the Raider Infantry Battalion 323/Buaya Putih Kostrad, led by First Lieutenant Galang, combined their security mission with a touching act of generosity, distributing free clothes to residents they met along their route.

Carrying out Commander Lieutenant Colonel Tri Wiratno's directive to use their

duties as an opportunity for positive impact, the Soldiers took an innovative approach to foster trust and solidarity with the community. During the patrol, they engaged in warm conversations with locals, sharing stories and laughter before surprising the children with new clothes.

The sight of joy-filled children and grateful parents underscored the significance of this gesture. A local mother, Ria Otimuka, expressed her appreciation with heartfelt words: *“Thank you for the free clothes for our children, Commander 323. God bless.”*

This initiative reflects the broader vision of the Indonesian Armed Forces (TNI) to integrate social outreach with security operations, aligning with the government’s mission to accelerate development in Papua. Brigadier General Lucky Avianto, Commanding General of HABEMA, praised the effort, stating, *“The 323 Task Forces’ initiative highlights TNI’s dedication to fostering inclusivity and building bridges of trust, essential for Papua’s growth and progress.”*

Through simple yet meaningful actions like these, the 323 Task Forces exemplify how compassion and service can inspire hope, strengthen bonds, and pave the way for a brighter future in Papua.

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