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Empowering Local Economy: 509 Task Forces' "ROSITA" Initiative in Mbilusiga Village

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INTAN JAYA- A remarkable act of compassion and dedication unfolded on Sunday, January 12, 2025, in the Intan Jaya Regency, Papua Tengah Province. The Raider Infantry Battalion 509/Balawara Yudha Kostrad, a military unit under the Indonesian Armed Forces Operational Command HABEMA, demonstrated its unwavering commitment to community welfare during their border security mission in Indonesia-Papua New Guinea.

As part of their routine patrols, the Holomama Post, led by First Lieutenant Wanianto, launched the “ROSITA” initiative—an effort to buy up agricultural products from local residents of Mbilusiga Village in the Sugapa District. This initiative directly supports the local economy by purchasing and utilizing farming produce for the Soldiers’ daily needs.

A Mission Beyond Duty

Under the guidance of Lieutenant Colonel Dian Dessiawan Setyadi, Commander of the 509 Task Forces, the Soldiers have been encouraged to prioritize community assistance alongside their security responsibilities. The ROSITA program exemplifies this ethos. Using their own personal funds, the Soldiers went beyond their call of duty to purchase crops from local farmers, including Mrs. Rita Japugau, a resident of Mbilusiga Village.

The joy was evident as Mrs. Japugau expressed her gratitude, saying, “Thank you, Commander 509. God bless.” Her heartfelt words highlight the tangible impact of this initiative on the lives of local residents, who often face economic challenges in the region.

Recognition from Leadership

The HABEMA Commanding General, Brigadier General Lucky Avianto, applauded the 509 Task Forces for their efforts, stating, “The 509 Task Forces’ initiative is a testament to TNI’s commitment to support the local economy and accelerate development in the Papua region.” His acknowledgment underscores the broader significance of such programs in fostering development, goodwill, and optimism within communities.

This act of kindness and responsibility strengthens the bond between the armed forces and the people, showcasing a model of service that goes beyond traditional military duties. By supporting local farmers, the 509 Task Forces are not just securing the land—they are nurturing the lives and aspirations of its people.

Building Hope for Papua’s Future

Initiatives like ROSITA serve as a beacon of hope for the Papua region, inspiring collective efforts to build a brighter future. Through these actions, the Indonesian Armed Forces demonstrate professionalism, responsiveness, and adaptability while leaving a lasting legacy of care and commitment to the communities they serve.

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