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Kamat Residents Embraced The Opportunity To Participate In Community Service With Habema

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PAPUA- 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 501/Bajra Yudha Kostrad, is currently conducting mobile security at the border of Indonesia and Papua New Guinea, especially in Maybrat Regency, Papua Barat Daya Province. On Thursday, 3 October 2024, the residents of Kamat Village, Aifat Timur Tengah District, with the soldiers of the 501 Task Forces, engaged in community service. This service aims to implement Social Communication (Komsos) activities with community figures of the Kamat Village to clean their environment and maintain environmental health. This implementation of community service commemorates the 79th anniversary of the Indonesian Armed Forces (TNI).

Underlining the Soldiers' role, the Commander of the 501 Task Forces, Lieutenant Colonel Yakhya Wisnu Arianto, underscored the importance of the Task Forces' focus on the community's fundamental needs around the Post. Therefore, the soldiers of Kamat Post, led by Second Lieutenant Puji Handoko, conducted Social Communication with Community Figures of the Kamat Village, about the plan of community service. After discussion, they agreed that the cleaning time would be Thursday (3/10).

As preparations began, a palpable sense of unity and shared responsibility filled the air. The active participation of Kamat community members and the Soldiers on duty in Papua was a testament to their enthusiasm and engagement. The cleaning activity covered the whole area of the village, its road, and the public facilities. After the activity, Mr. Matius Waymbewer, one of the Community Figures, said, "Thank you, Commander 501, the village is cleaner now. God bless". This sense of unity and shared responsibility, coupled with the community's enthusiasm and engagement, makes everyone, from the Task Forces to the Kamat community, feel included and part of the collective effort.

Upon receiving the activity report, the HABEMA Commanding General, Brigadier General Lucky Avianto, commended the 501 Task Forces' initiative to conduct community service with Kamat residents. His words: "The 501 Task Forces' initiative is a testament to TNI's commitment to conduct inclusive Social Communication to support the acceleration of development in the Papua region." This recognition from the highest authority in HABEMA is not just a commendation but a testament to 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, valued, and respected for their efforts. It gives everyone a sense of hope and optimism about the region's future development.

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