

HABEMA Soldiers Bring Hope and Nourishment to Faitmayaf Village with Free Food Distribution

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<u>PAPUA</u>- In a heartwarming act of kindness, the Para Raider Infantry Battalion 501/Bajra Yudha Kostrad Task Forces, under the HABEMA Command, spread joy and support to the residents of Faitmayaf Village, Aifat District, Maybrat Regency, Papua Barat Daya Province. On Monday, November 18, 2024, during their routine security patrol, the Task Forces took time to distribute free food packages to the villagers, delivering not just nourishment but also a message of solidarity.

The initiative was led by Second Lieutenant Puji Handoko from the Kamat Post, who ensured that the food packages were prepared and ready before the patrol began. The gesture aimed to foster stronger relationships between the soldiers and the local community, demonstrating the Indonesian Armed Forces' commitment to supporting the everyday lives of the people they serve.

As the soldiers distributed the food packages, smiles spread across the faces of the recipients, many of whom expressed their deep gratitude. One elderly woman, Mama Maria Fatemyo, beamed with happiness, saying, "Praise God, Commander 501. Thank you for sharing this food with us. God bless TNI."

The simple yet powerful gesture has made a significant impact, helping the local residents and showing that the military's role goes beyond security; it extends to caring for the well-being of the community. This act of kindness exemplifies the humanitarian side of the Indonesian Armed Forces as they work to build trust and cooperation in Papua's remote areas.

The HABEMA Commanding General, Brigadier General Lucky Avianto, praised the initiative, emphasizing the importance of such efforts:

"The 501 Task Forces' free food distribution is a shining example of how the TNI is committed to supporting the community and driving forward development in Papua. It's a testament to the positive impact that the military can have on the lives of the people."

The 501 Task Forces' initiative serves as a reminder that through small acts of generosity and care, the military plays an essential role in enhancing community relations and contributing to the broader development of Papua.

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