

ROSITA Initiative: TNI 503 Kostrad Boosts Local Economy, Inspiring Hope in Papua

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NDUGA- In a remarkable display of service beyond duty, the Para Raider Infantry Battalion 503/Mayangkara Kostrad has become a beacon of hope for the people of Nduga Regency, Papua Pegunungan Province. Through their initiative, **ROSITA (Buy Up Farming Products)**, soldiers are not just protecting the nation's borders but also uplifting local livelihoods and building strong community bonds.

On Thursday, November 21, 2024, soldiers from the Quarry Bawah Post, led by First Lieutenant Febri Rahma Triana, turned their routine security patrol into a moment of empowerment for residents of Sralala Village. Using their own funds, the soldiers purchased locally grown produce to support the farmers' economy, embodying the TNI's commitment to serving the people.

A Morning of Smiles and Gratitude

Mrs. Marta Tabuni, a local farmer, expressed her heartfelt gratitude after selling her harvest to the soldiers. "Thank you, Commander 503, for buying my farming products. God bless," she said with a broad smile. The income she earned that morning brought joy and hope to her family.

Lieutenant Colonel Gurbasa Samosir, Commander of Task Forces 503, highlighted the importance of such initiatives. "Our mission extends beyond security. It's about addressing the challenges faced by the people in our operational areas. Supporting their welfare is our priority," he affirmed.

Acknowledgment from the Top

The program earned high praise from Brigadier General Lucky Avianto, Commander of HABEMA. "The 503 Task Forces' initiative demonstrates the TNI's dedication to supporting the people's economy and accelerating development in Papua. This action reflects the synergy between security and humanity, fostering a brighter future for the region," he remarked.

Empowering Papua, One Step at a Time

The ROSITA initiative has proven that small actions can create a ripple effect of positivity. By interacting directly with the community, the soldiers strengthened trust and showcased the TNI's role as protectors and partners in development.

With programs like ROSITA, the TNI demonstrates its vision of being professional, responsive, and adaptive while fostering unity and progress in Papua. This is more than a mission—it's a movement to bring prosperity and hope to the land of Papua.

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