

Habema Task Forces Heal and Serve: Aiwesa Village Experiences Compassion in Action

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PAPUA- In a remarkable display of service and compassion, the Indonesian Armed Forces (TNI) continued their mission to improve lives in Papua. On Sunday, November 17, 2024, the Para Raider Infantry Battalion 501/Bajra Yudha Kostrad Task Forces, under the operational command of HABEMA, conducted a vital security patrol in Aiwesa Village, Aifat Timur Tengah District, Maybrat Regency. What began as a routine patrol quickly turned into an act of profound care for the local community when residents approached the team with medical

concerns.

The villagers, enduring sickness for several days without improvement, were met with immediate support from the TNI's medical personnel. Led by First Lieutenant Puji Handoko from the Kamat Post, the Task Forces responded swiftly, providing on-site medical treatment to the residents. After the consultations, the medical team generously distributed free medication and vitamins to aid in their recovery over the next few days.

The compassion shown by the TNI did not go unnoticed. One local resident, Rino Tabuni, expressed his gratitude with heartfelt words: "Thank you, Commander 501. I am happy that the TNI is always helping the people. God bless." This simple but powerful statement from Rino reflects the profound impact of the Task Forces' presence in Aiwesa Village and the positive bond forged between the military and the community.

The 501 Task Forces' actions reflect the guidance of Lieutenant Colonel Yakhya Wisnu Arianto, the unit's commander, who emphasized the importance of the military's role in addressing the basic needs of the people they serve. By tending to the health concerns of the local population, the Task Forces reinforced the Indonesian Government's efforts to accelerate welfare development in the Papua region, showing that their mission goes far beyond security.

Brigadier General Lucky Avianto, the Commanding General of HABEMA, recognized the 501 Task Forces' dedication, stating: "The 501 Task Forces' initiative is a shining example of the TNI's commitment to supporting the health needs of the community, ultimately contributing to the acceleration of development in the Papua region." This recognition highlights the significance of such efforts in shaping a brighter future for the people of Papua.

The Task Forces' actions in Aiwesa Village demonstrate the power of empathy, solidarity, and support in building lasting partnerships between the TNI and local communities. With each act of care, they pave the way for a healthier, more prosperous Papua, where the spirit of togetherness and hope thrives.

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