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A Meal to Remember: 323 Task Forces Strengthen Bonds with Wako Villager

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Puncak – A simple act of sharing a meal turned into a memorable moment of connection and gratitude in Wako Village, Gome District, on Friday, November 22, 2024. The Raider Infantry Battalion 323/Buaya Putih Kostrad, under the Indonesian Armed Forces Operational Command HABEMA, extended their support to the local community by offering free lunches, exemplifying the spirit of service and unity in Puncak Regency, Papua Tengah Province.

The initiative, led by First Lieutenant Anggun at the Kodim Persiapan/Preparatory Territorial Command Headquarters (Koper) Post, reflected the Task Forces' unwavering dedication to the well-being of the people. While patrolling and ensuring security, the Soldiers took a moment to interact with villagers resting near the Post. Recognizing it was lunchtime, they invited the villagers to share a meal, turning an ordinary day into a heartwarming encounter.

“Thank you, Commander 323. God bless you,” said Mina Uamang, a villager whose gratitude encapsulated the positive impact of this thoughtful gesture.

Lieutenant Colonel Tri Wiratno, Commander of the 323 Task Forces, emphasized the importance of fostering goodwill and addressing basic needs as part of their mission. “Our presence here is not only about security but also about building trust and supporting the community in any way we can,” he stated.

The initiative earned recognition from Brigadier General Lucky Avianto, Commanding General of HABEMA, who commended the 323 Task Forces: “Their actions are a shining example of TNI’s dedication to not just safeguarding the region but uplifting its people. Small acts of kindness can create lasting bonds and pave the way for progress.”

This moment underscores how the simplest gestures, like sharing a meal, can strengthen relationships and instill hope. The 323 Task Forces’ commitment to service and empathy is a beacon of positivity, reflecting their role in shaping a brighter future for Papua.

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