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ROSITA Program: Task Force 509 Lights the Path to Economic Growth in Buwisiga

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INTAN JAYA- In an inspiring act of service beyond duty, the Indonesian Armed Forces' Raider Infantry Battalion 509/Balawara Yudha Kostrad, under the HABEMA Operational Command, has extended a helping hand to the farmers of Buwisiga Village, Sugapa District, Intan Jaya Regency, Papua Tengah Province.

On Friday, November 29, 2024, soldiers from the Holomama Post, led by First Lieutenant Wariato, carried out the groundbreaking ROSITA initiative “Buy up Farming Products” while conducting their area security patrol.

When Security Meets Economic Empowerment

ROSITA, an acronym that resonates with hope, showcases the TNI’s innovative approach to securing peace while promoting prosperity. This initiative enabled the Soldiers to purchase locally grown farming products directly from the villagers, infusing much-needed income into the community.

Task Force Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Dian Dessiawan Setyadi, emphasized the significance of this effort, stating: *“We are here to protect, serve, and uplift the communities we are tasked to safeguard. Supporting their economy is as crucial as ensuring their security.”*

Acts of Kindness That Spark Joy

The Soldiers, driven by empathy and determination, used their own funds to buy these farming products, which they incorporated into their daily meals. This simple yet profound gesture brought smiles and hope to the farmers.

Mrs. Rani Japugau, a farmer from Buwisiga, could hardly contain her gratitude: *“Thank you, Commander 509. God bless you and your team.”* Such heartfelt responses underline the importance of TNI’s presence in fostering not just safety but also trust and economic resilience.

A Beacon of Optimism for Papua

Upon hearing about the ROSITA program, Brigadier General Lucky Avianto, Commanding General of HABEMA, lauded the efforts of Task Force 509. *“This initiative exemplifies TNI’s unwavering dedication to inclusive growth and development in Papua,”* he remarked.

The ROSITA program reflects TNI’s role as not just protectors but also partners in progress, working hand-in-hand with communities to pave the way for a brighter future.

Hope, Unity, and Progress

As Task Force 509 continues its mission, the ROSITA initiative serves as a powerful reminder that true service lies in uplifting others. Through innovative programs like this, TNI is transforming challenges into opportunities and fostering a spirit of unity in Papua.

The smiles of Buwisiga’s residents are a testament to the enduring impact of compassion-driven leadership. The ROSITA program isn’t just about economics—it’s about building bridges of trust, empowering local communities, and fueling optimism for Papua’s development journey.

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