

Rosita Program by TNI's 509 Battalion Boosts the Economy of Mamba Village

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INTAN JAYA- Soldiers from the **509th Raider Infantry Battalion/Balawara Yudha Kostrad**, under the **HABEMA Operational Command**, launched the **“ROSITA” (Buy Up Farming Products)** program on **Monday, October 28, 2024**, in **Mamba Village, Sugapa District, Papua Tengah**. This initiative not only strengthens the local economy but also fosters closer relationships between the military and the community.

Led by **First Lieutenant Wanianto** from the **Holomama Post**, the soldiers purchased vegetables, fruits, and other farm products from Mamba residents using their **personal funds**. Commander of the **509 Task Force, Lieutenant Colonel Dian Dessiawan Setyadi**, emphasized that **assisting communities** is as crucial as safeguarding security.

The Rosita program allowed the soldiers to **engage directly with local farmers** and support their livelihoods. Despite having limited budgets, the soldiers voluntarily used their own money to purchase local products, which were then used as daily provisions. This gesture demonstrated the **soldiers' commitment and empathy** toward the community's well-being.

“Through this initiative, we want the villagers to feel appreciated. Their smiles and gratitude show that our presence here makes a difference,” said **First Lieutenant Wanianto**. One of the villagers, **Mrs. Ria Japugau**, expressed her happiness: “Thank you, Commander 509. God bless you,” she said after her produce was bought by the soldiers.

The positive impact of the Rosita program earned praise from **Brigadier General Lucky Avianto**, Commander of HABEMA. “This initiative by the **509 Battalion** reflects **TNI's dedication not only to securing the region but also to improving the welfare of the people**. It aligns perfectly with the government's mission to accelerate development in Papua,” said Avianto.

The program strengthens **trust between the military and local communities**, providing a **sense of hope and cooperation** that is essential for sustainable growth in the region. With **security and community engagement working hand-in-hand**, the development of Papua is expected to progress smoothly.

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