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Task Force 323 Nourishes Hearts and Hopes with Free Lunch for Jigunggi Villagers

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PUNCAK- In a powerful demonstration of compassion and community care, the

Raider Infantry Battalion 323/Buaya Putih Kostrad Task Forces under the HABEMA Operational Command provided free lunch to residents of Jigunggi Village, Mageabume District, Puncak Regency, Papua Tengah Province, on Friday, November 29, 2024. This heartfelt initiative, led by First Lieutenant Caroko of the Pintu Jawa Post, highlights the Indonesian Armed Forces' (TNI) commitment to fostering unity, trust, and hope within the communities they serve.

Meals That Matter

As midday approached, a group of Jigunggi villagers paused near the Pintu Jawa Post for a break. Recognizing an opportunity to connect with the community, the Soldiers engaged them in a warm conversation and offered lunch to the weary residents. This simple yet profound act transformed an ordinary interaction into a memorable moment of kindness.

One of the recipients, Mina Waker, expressed her heartfelt gratitude, saying, *“Thank you, Commander 323, we are full. God bless you.”* Her words reflect the deep appreciation for the Soldiers' thoughtfulness and the profound impact of their actions.

Serving More Than Security

Lieutenant Colonel Tri Wiratno, Commander of Task Force 323, emphasized the importance of addressing the community's basic needs alongside their security duties. *“Caring for the people we protect is central to our mission. It strengthens bonds and supports the broader goal of fostering peace and development in Papua,”* he stated.

The free lunch initiative is part of the Post's Territorial Activities, which integrate social support into their daily operations. By combining security with humanitarian efforts, Task Force 323 reinforces its role as a pillar of stability and hope in the region.

Acknowledgment from Leadership

The HABEMA Commanding General, Brigadier General Lucky Avianto, praised the Soldiers' initiative. *“Task Force 323's efforts are a testament to TNI's dedication to ensuring both safety and well-being for the people of Papua. Such acts of compassion lay the groundwork for lasting trust and accelerated regional development,”* he remarked.

A Ripple Effect of Hope

Beyond feeding the hungry, this initiative symbolizes TNI's larger mission of uplifting communities through meaningful connections and tangible support. The smiles of the Jigunggi residents reflect not only full bellies but also hearts brimming with hope and optimism for a brighter future.

As Task Force 323 continues its mission, their actions inspire others to see the power of unity and service. These Soldiers remind us that even the smallest gestures—like sharing a meal—can forge unbreakable bonds and pave the way

for transformative change in Papua.

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