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Competitions And Lunch Together Between Habema Soldiers And Ilambet Residents To Commemorate The Indonesian 79TH Independence Day

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PUNCAK- Task Forces of the Raider Infantry Battalion 323/Buaya Putih Kostrad, one of the military units under the command of the Indonesian Armed Forces Operational Command HABEMA in Papua, is currently conducting mobile security at the border of Indonesia and Papua New Guinea, especially in the Puncak Regency area, Papua Tengah Province. On Friday, 23 August 2024.

The 323 Task Forces, especially the Kodim Persiapan/Preparatory Territorial Command Headquarters (Koper) Post led by Second Lieutenant Ramdhani, conducted security in Ilambet Village, Ilaga District. During their routine, the Post invited the Ilambet residents to participate in competitions and lunch together to commemorate the 79th Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia.

In his emphasis on the Soldiers, Commander of the 323 Task Forces, Lieutenant Colonel Tri Wiratno, he conveyed the importance of the Task Forces' attention to the community's basic needs around the Post. Due to this emphasis, 2LT Ramdhani has conducted Social Communication (Komsos) with Community Figures of the Village since the beginning of August, especially regarding the plan to commemorate Independence Day. Based on the results of the Komsos, it was agreed that the series of commemorations would be applied in various competitions among the community and lunch with HABEMA Soldiers.

Commencing the activity, 2LT Ramdhani expressed his gratitude for the residents' active participation in the Friday morning event. Once the series of activities was set, the Soldiers conducted a lottery to form the competition groups and unveiled the equipment for various competitions. The community, from children to adults, actively and enthusiastically participated in the competitions, which included the race of nail bottle, sack race, and marble race. After the activities, one of the residents, Mr. Anton Labene, said, "Thank you, Commander 323. We are delighted to celebrate Independence Day this year at this Koper Post. God bless". This expression of gratitude from the community towards the military leadership fosters a sense of appreciation and mutual respect.

Upon receiving the program report, the HABEMA Commanding General, Brigadier General Lucky Avianto, expressed his pride, saying, "The initiative of the 323 Task Forces to commemorate the 79th Independence Day with the Ilambet community is a shining example of the implementation of the results of the inclusive social communication with all parties to support the acceleration of development in the Papua region." This positive response from the military leadership not only reassures the event's success but also underscores its significant and positive impact on the community, fostering a sense of hope for the future.

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