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TNI's 501 Battalion Strengthens Community Bonds in Sabah Village Through Social Communication

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PAPUA- Soldiers from the **501st Para Raider Infantry Battalion/Bajra Yudha Kostrad**, under the **HABEMA Operational Command**, visited **Sabah Village** in **Aifat Selatan District, Papua Barat Daya Province**, on **Monday, October 28, 2024**, to conduct **Social Communication (Komsos)**. This initiative is part of their mobile security operations along the **Indonesia–Papua New Guinea border**, with the goal of fostering **security and social harmony**.

The Commander of the **501 Task Forces, Lieutenant Colonel Yakhya Wisnu Arianto**, highlighted the importance of **addressing the people's** needs alongside maintaining regional security. During the **Komsos session**, the soldiers learned about the **daily challenges faced by the residents** and discussed ways to improve the security conditions in the area.

The **soldiers' presence was met with joy and enthusiasm** from the villagers, strengthening the bond between TNI personnel and the community. Through open conversations and a friendly approach, the soldiers showed **their dedication to both protection and public welfare**.

One of the residents, **Rio Mujizau**, expressed his gratitude: *"Praise God, thank you, Commander 501. God bless."* Such responses reflect the community's appreciation for the soldiers' efforts and highlight the **trust being built between the military and local residents**.

The positive impact of the Komsos session received **high praise from Brigadier General Lucky Avianto**, the Commanding General of HABEMA. "The initiative of the **501 Task Forces** to engage with the residents reflects TNI's **commitment to fostering inclusive communication** with all stakeholders," he said. "This plays a vital role in **supporting the acceleration of development** in the Papua region."

Such initiatives are critical to building a **safe and collaborative environment**, where **both security and community growth go hand-in-hand**. By **listening to the people** and working together, TNI fosters **hope and trust**, which are essential for the long-term development of Papua.

The soldiers' efforts not only promote **peace and security** but also **inspire optimism** for a brighter future for the people of **Sabah Village and beyond**.

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