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Effort Of Habema Task Forces To Conduct Food Security In Mapenduma

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NDUGA- Task Forces of the Para Raider Infantry Battalion 432/Waspada Setia Jaya Kostrad, one of the military units under 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 Nduga Regency area, Papua Pegunungan Province. On Thursday, 15 August 2024, the 432 Task Forces, especially the Kotis Mapenduma Post, held a Territorial activity entitled Food Security. This activity is implemented by cultivating tomato plants as one of the vegetable needs for the Soldiers and the community living around the Post.

The Commander of 432 Task Forces, Lieutenant Colonel Zulfikar Akbar Helmi, stressed the importance of the soldiers' role and the need for the Task Forces to pay attention to the community's basic needs around the Post. Therefore, the Kotis Mapenduma Post has been observing the development of its area since the task began. The food needs factor, including vegetables, is one of the primary needs for Soldiers and the community around the Post.

For the past week, First Lieutenant Juniarta Malik led several Soldiers at the Kotis Mapenduma Post to conduct food security activities through the creation of a tomato garden. With the creation and maintenance of the Tomato Garden, it is hoped that there will be a tomato harvest later that will be beneficial for the Soldiers and the Mapenduma Village community who live near the Post. Welcoming the efforts of the Kotis Mapenduma Post, one of the Community Figures, Mr. Tomas Murib, said, "Hopefully, the 432 Tomato Garden will be successful, and later, we can harvest together. Amen".

"The 432 Task Forces' initiative to create a Tomato Garden as a form of Food Security in Mapenduma is the TNI's commitment to support the service of basic community needs to accelerate development in the Papua region", said Brigadier General Lucky Avianto, the HABEMA Commanding General, upon receiving the program report.

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