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Habema Task Forces With Eromaga Residents Unfurled A Giant Indonesian Flag

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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 Tuesday, 20 August 2024.

The 323 Task Forces, under the leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Tri Wiratno, conducted security in Eromaga Village, Omukia District. During the activity, LTC Tri directly led the unfurling of a giant Indonesian Flag on Cakra Hill, part of Eromaga Village. This activity was carried out to commemorate the 79th Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia.

Prior to the implementation, the Territorial Section Officer of the 323 Task Forces, Second Lieutenant Dani, had conducted Social Communication (Komsos) with Community Figures of Eromaga Village, especially regarding the activity of unfurling the Flag on Cakra Hill. The positive response from the Community Figures, particularly Mr. Darius Murib's words, "Commander 323, we are happy that TNI Soldiers unfurl the Indonesian Flag on Bukit Cakra. God bless", reflects the strong connection and involvement of the community in the planned activities.

Despite Bukit Cakra's classification as a vulnerable area and its frequent disturbances from the Free Papua Movement Organization (known as OPM), the soldiers' courage in unfurling the giant Flag as a symbol of the sovereignty of the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia in Papua is commendable. The 15 X 12 Meter Flag, prepared before the assignment, was unfurled on Bukit Cakra by the 323 Task Forces for the first time, showcasing their bravery and commitment.

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 unfurl the giant Indonesian Flag on Bukit Cakra, Eromaga Village, in the context of the 79th Anniversary of the Republic of Indonesia's Independence, 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 reassures the event's success and underscores its significant impact on the community.

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