## **News Release**

## Habema Hold Competitions To Commemorate The Indonesian 79TH Day Independence Day And Welcomed Happily By The Wuloni Residents

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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 Wednesday, 21 August 2024.

The 323 Task Forces, especially the Wuloni Post led by Captain Honest, conducted security in Wuloni Village, Ilaga District. During their routine, the Post invited the Wuloni residents to participate in competitions 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, Captain Honest has conducted Social Communication (Komsos) with Community Figures of the Village since the beginning of August, especially regarding the plan to commemorate Independence Day. The results of the Komsos, it was agreed that the series of commemorations would be applied in various competitions among the community.

Commencing the activity, Captain Honest expressed his gratitude for the residents' active participation in the Wednesday 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 participated in the competitions, which included the sack race and pole climbing competition. After the competitions, one of the residents, Mr. Natanius Labene, expressing his gratitude, said, "Thank you, Commander 323. We are delighted to celebrate Independence Day this year. God bless us all". 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 Wuloni 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 optimism.

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