

# News Release

## Habema Soldiers Taught Bombam Children To Sing National Songs

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NDUGA- Task Forces of the Para Raider Infantry Battalion 503/Mayangkara Kostrad, part 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 Nduga Regency area, Papua Pegunungan Province. On Wednesday, 14 August 2024, the 503 Task Forces, especially the Soldiers of the Kotis Kenyam Post, carried out Territorial activity in the form of Social Communication (Komsos) with the children of Bombam Village, Kenyam

District. The Komsos activity was implemented as lessons on singing National Songs by Bombam children accompanied by guitar led by Private Chief Class Hendro, one of the Soldiers of the Kotis Kenyam Post.

The 503 Task Forces actively organized the Komsos to implement the lessons for the Bombam children. The 503 Task Forces Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Gurbasa Samosir, emphasized that the Komsos is TNI's commitment to implementing inclusive social communication with all components of the community within the Papua region. The ongoing Komsos by the Soldiers had successfully invited the Bombam children to visit the Post and learn to sing National Songs.

The Bombam children who came to the Post on Wednesday were on average elementary school age. The Soldiers found several children among them who still did not memorize the National Songs. With great patience, PCC Hendro taught them the lyrics of National Songs, often sung to welcome the Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Indonesia, especially the 79th anniversary in 2024. Responding to the Komsos, one of the children named Alex Menjeh enthusiastically said, "Thank you, Om Tentara (Soldier). I remember the National Songs again. Long live Indonesia." The children's enthusiasm and quick learning inspire hope for the future.

Upon receiving the program report, the HABEMA Commanding General, Brigadier General Lucky Avianto, expressed his pride, saying, "The initiative of the 503 Task Forces inviting the children to sing National Songs is the TNI's implementation of conducting inclusive Social Communication with all stakeholders to support acceleration of development in the Papua region." This positive response from the military leadership not only reassures the success of the event but also underscores its impact on the community.

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