

# News Release

## TNI Task Forces Initiated Communal Work With The Mumugu Citizens To Build Jew Traditional House Of The Papuan Asmat Tribe

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NDUGA-The Task Forces of the Para Raider Infantry Battalion 503/Mayangkara Kostrad, one of the military units under the command of the Indonesian Armed Forces Operational Command (KOOPS TNI) in Papua, is currently carrying out the mobile security at the border of Indonesia and Papua New Guinea, especially in Nduga Regency area, Papua Pegunungan Province. On Saturday, 13 July

2024.

The 503 Task Forces inaugurated the Papuan Asmat Tribe Jew Traditional House in the Mumugu Village, Krepkuri District. The Jew Traditional House was inaugurated after the Soldiers initiated communal work with the Mumugu residents.

The communal work was conducted due to Social Communication (Komsos) which was actively organized by the 503 Task Forces. According to the 503 Task Forces Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Gurbasa Samosir, the Komsos is a realization of the TNI's commitment to implementing inclusive social communication with all components of the community within the Papua region. Previously, the Batas Batu Post led by First Lieutenant Galih Widiharyo met and communicated with Mr Daniel Menjeh as Head of the Asmat Tribe in the Krepkuri District. Through the meeting, they agreed to plan the construction and location of the Jew Traditional House in the Mumugu Village. Furthermore, territorial development was well established between the Soldiers and the Mumugu Village Officials and Community Leaders. Due to the territorial development, there was an implementation of communal work which ran safely and smoothly and involved many parties who were able to speed up the process of building the Traditional House.

The Jew Traditional House is a traditional house of the Asmat Tribe which means "Soul" or "Spirit". For the Asmat Tribe, it means soul or spirit which will move and liven up life together. The Asmat people who live in the Mumugu Village have long wanted the Jew Traditional House to be built. Eventually, it was the first time that the House could be established through communal work between the Soldiers and all components of the community. Responding to the establishment of the Jew Traditional House, a Papa Papua who was respected by the community, namely Papa Primus Firkom enthusiastically said, "Thank you for the kindness of Commander 503. The Jew Traditional House is already standing in Mumugu. God bless all Army Soldiers."

Upon receiving the program report, the KOOPS TNI Commanding General, Brigadier General Lucky Avianto, said, "The initiative of the 503 Task Forces inviting the community to work together to build a Jew Traditional House in the Mumugu Village is the TNI's realization of conducting inclusive Social Communication with all stakeholders to support acceleration of development in the Papua region."