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Bringing Light to Ainod: TNI's Solar Initiative Transforms Village Nights

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PAPUA- Ainod Village in Aifat District is now glowing with newfound brightness

thanks to an impactful initiative by the 501 Task Forces of the Para Raider Infantry Battalion 501/Bajra Yudha Kostrad under the Indonesian Armed Forces Operational Command HABEMA. The program, “Papua Terang (Bright Papua),” brought solar-powered lighting to the village’s homes and public areas on Friday, October 25, 2024, transforming once-dark roads and spaces and ensuring safer, more vibrant village life.

The lighting project, led by Lieutenant Colonel Yakhya Wisnu Arianto, underscores the TNI’s dedication to meeting the basic needs of local communities while prioritizing security. Understanding that safe, well-lit public spaces are essential, especially in remote areas, the Task Forces worked with village leaders and community members to determine the most beneficial spots for solar lamp installations. The program’s success was made possible through close collaboration with Ainod residents, who contributed their energy and enthusiasm to the installation effort.

The installation marked a new chapter for the community, with local leader Mr. Waipan Murib expressing heartfelt gratitude: “Praise God, thank you Commander 501. We are delighted that our Honais and roads are no longer dark. God bless TNI.”

HABEMA Commanding General Brigadier General Lucky Avianto praised the 501 Task Forces’ initiative, calling it a “shining example of TNI’s commitment to the people.” “This initiative goes beyond lighting; it’s about accelerating development and fostering hope for the future of Papua,” he remarked.

With “Papua Terang,” TNI’s impact is unmistakable, highlighting the power of community-driven initiatives to uplift and transform.

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