

TNI: The Vanguard of Papua's Development and Security

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PAPUA- Amid the breathtaking yet challenging terrain of Papua, the **Indonesian National Army (TNI)** stands as the **vanguard** in accelerating regional development and ensuring stability. Carrying out the mandate of **Presidential Instruction (Inpres) No. 9 of 2020**, the TNI plays a crucial role not only as a **guardian of security** but also as a **facilitator of progress and a bridge between the government and the local communities**.

Under **Inpres 9/2020**, the TNI has **three key responsibilities** in Papua:

1. **Maintaining security and stability,**
2. **Supporting local governments in delivering essential services,**
3. **Fostering inclusive social communication.**

To fulfill these tasks, the TNI has deployed **task forces (satgas) across various regions in Papua**, actively contributing to **regional stability and community engagement**.

Security as the Foundation of Progress

Security remains the **fundamental prerequisite** for successful development in Papua. The **TNI fully understands this**, continuously working to create a safe and conducive environment for all. However, threats still persist, particularly from the **Armed Separatist Group (KSB)**—formerly known as the **Free Papua Movement (OPM)**.

One of the most **heinous attacks** was the **murder of Glen Malcolm Conning**, a **New Zealand pilot** working for **PT Intan Angkasa Air Service**, on **August 5, 2024**. This violent act not only threatened **regional stability** but also put **foreign nationals at risk**, despite their **contributions to Papua's development**.

Demonstrating **swift humanitarian response**, the **TNI successfully evacuated the bodies of Pilot Glen, healthcare workers, teachers, and toddlers** on **August 6, 2024**—without any formal request from the victims' families or the **New Zealand Government**. This operation was carried out solely as a **gesture of humanity and commitment to protecting all individuals in Papua**.

The **TNI's successful rescue mission of Susi Air pilot Captain Phillip Mark Mehrtens** on **September 21, 2024**, further showcased its **high-level capability and unwavering dedication** to security and humanitarian efforts, earning **wide appreciation and recognition**.

A Humanitarian Approach: Strengthening Bonds with the Community

Beyond military operations, the **TNI actively fosters community trust through social and humanitarian initiatives**. From **education and healthcare programs to infrastructure development**, the TNI ensures that **progress reaches every corner of Papua**.

"**Security is the foundation for the welfare of the Papuan people. The TNI and Polri are fully aware of this and remain committed to maintaining stability across Papua. Beyond dealing with separatist threats, the TNI actively builds relationships with the local communities through social and humanitarian programs. Through this approach, we hope to foster strong synergy in ensuring security and accelerating development in Papua,**" said **Habema Commander Major General TNI Lucky Avianto**, Wednesday (March

19, 2025).

With these **concrete actions**, the **TNI continues to prove its role not only as a national defender but also as a key driver of Papua's progress, unity, and prosperity.**

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