



OPM Kalenak Murib's Sadistic Rampage: Buildings Torched, Civilians Brutalized in Kelemame

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PUNCAK- The Free Papua Movement (OPM), led by Kalenak Murib, has once

again unleashed a wave of violence, terrorizing the residents of Kelemame Village, Sinak District, Puncak Regency. On Thursday, February 6, 2025, the armed separatist group carried out an anarchic attack by setting fire to multiple buildings and brutally assaulting innocent civilians. This latest act of terror adds to the long-standing pattern of violence that continues to destabilize the region and threaten the lives of Papuans.

According to eyewitness accounts, the OPM group **intentionally set fire to key community structures**, including homes, public facilities, and businesses, reducing them to ashes. The destruction not only inflicted severe material losses but also left many families homeless and robbed of their livelihoods.

"We were terrified. They came armed, burned down our homes, and we had no choice but to flee into the forest to save our lives," said a local resident, who wished to remain anonymous for safety reasons.

Beyond arson, OPM Kalenak Murib's group **mercilessly attacked civilians, leaving several with severe injuries**. Men who were suspected of not supporting the separatist movement were specifically targeted, while women were subjected to similar brutal treatment. Reports indicate that **OPM militants kicked, struck, and even pointed firearms at helpless residents, using sheer violence to instill fear**.

Victims with serious injuries were rushed to nearby medical facilities, while local authorities and security forces swiftly intervened to **evacuate survivors and restore order**.

Authorities Respond: Crackdown on Separatist Atrocities

In response to this horrifying attack, local security forces have **stepped up patrols and launched operations** to track down and apprehend the perpetrators. The **TNI and police forces** are working tirelessly to stabilize security conditions in Kelemame and prevent further acts of violence.

Meanwhile, the **Puncak Regency Government** has strongly condemned the attack and pledged full support to affected residents. Emergency aid, including food supplies, clothing, and temporary shelter, has been mobilized to help those who lost everything in the fires.

"We will not tolerate such brutal acts against innocent civilians. The government is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all Kelemame residents. Together with security forces, we will work to restore peace and stability in this region," stated a local government official.

Call for Unity: Securing Papua's Future

This tragic incident underscores the **urgent need for a unified effort to combat separatist threats** and secure lasting peace in Papua. Residents are now left in

trauma, struggling to rebuild their shattered lives. **The people of Kelemame call on the government to intensify security measures and prevent similar atrocities in the future.**

Adding insult to injury, **OPM Kalenak Murib has shown no remorse** for the destruction and suffering caused. Instead, the separatist group has issued threats against **any residents who dare to demand compensation for their losses.**

This **heinous act of terror** serves as a grim reminder that the presence of separatist groups in Papua not only disrupts peace but also **hinders progress, development, and the well-being of the local population.** It is now more crucial than ever for all parties to unite against this menace and work towards **a Papua that is safe, stable, and prosperous for all. (1922)**