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Not only have the regional police [Polri] of Jayawijaya, Papua, thwarted a Papuan separatist group military training, but they have also managed to foil the secret meeting to inaugurate the separatists' new para-military headquarters named Recuit Markas Kordap XI Yali held in Alibarek village, Yalimo Regency.

According to the police chief of Jayawijaya district, Grand Commissioner Adjutant Yan Pieter Reba, there are as many as 240 people involved in their one week training.

Mentioning that the group had also planned to hold another training in Yahukimo and in Bintang hill, he said Friday (31 August) that the police arrested three leaders of the group and confiscated their flag, two laptops, one camera, documents and military costumes.

It was reported that during the police's assault, the group offered no significant resistance.

He also explained that the police had to do their job, protecting the people who had expressed their being restless and worried about the actions conducted by the group. He believed and hoped that now there would be peace and security stability established in Yalimo.

Expecting that there would be no more actions politicizing the case, the regional military (TNI) chief, Lieutenant Colonel Lukas Sadipun, said that both TNI and Polri would like to extend their gratitude to the people who had reported such a para-military activities to them. He also said that most people (240) recruited had admitted that they had been forced to participate in the training.

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