

Soldiers find cannabis farm

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Troops make discovery following arrest of man carrying five packets of marijuana

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SOLDIERS discovered a plot of land filled with marijuana plants following the arrest of a man in Keerom, Papua, recently.

Members of the Indonesian Military Infantry Division 126/Kala Cakti Border Security Task Force made the arrest and seizure, according to the Tempo.co portal.

Battalion commander Lieutenant Colonel Dwi Widodo said the plants were grown along KM139 of the Trans Papua Road.

The area was in the Jayapura-Wamena route in the Waris district, he said.

"Twenty-one marijuana trees between three and five metres tall were found and they were ready to be harvested."

"The evidence has been handed over to the Keerom police for destruction," said Dwi.

Members of the battalion were on vehicle-inspection duty when they encountered a man on a motorcycle carrying five packets of marijuana, he added.

Investigating further, they were led to the area where the marijuana was planted, said Dwi.

He said the success of the operation was a result of cooperation with the community.