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The group acted violently by pushing the company's security personnel, brandishing sharp weapons, assaulting security officers, and vandalizing the security post gate (portal) leading to the company's concession area, where eucalyptus harvesting activities were underway. During the incident, the group also threw stones at the company's security personnel, causing injuries to one security officer, who suffered a bleeding head wound. The injured officer has been taken to Parapat Hospital for medical treatment.

At the location, TPL is conducting harvesting activities within its concession area in accordance with the General Work Plan (RKU) and the Annual Work Plan (RKT) approved by the government. The harvesting process is essential to ensuring a stable raw material supply for the factory. Prior to these activities, TPL had already conducted socialization efforts with relevant stakeholders. Additionally, part of the area is being restored as a Protected Forest Function Recovery effort, where non-timber forest products (Multi-Purpose Tree Species – MPTS), such as palm sugar trees, petai, and jengkol, will be planted to benefit the community.

TPL operates legally based on government-issued permits, including operational, investment, and forestry licenses.

As a publicly listed company, TPL has also published the latest updates regarding its operations on its official website. The company has noted that the reduced supply of wood raw materials from certain operational areas of its PBPH (Business Use Forestry Permit) is due to land claims by certain community groups.

To address raw material shortages, in 2024, TPL is focusing its work in the Aek Nauli Sector concession area, including Nagori Pondok Buluh, Dolok Panribuan District, Simalungun Regency, in accordance with the company's PBPH permit, based on Minister of Forestry Decree No.

493/Kpts-II/1992, in conjunction with the Minister of Environment and Forestry Decree No. SK. 1487/Menlhk/Setjen/HPL.0/12/2021.

TPL proactively supports local communities through its **Community Development (CD) / Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** programs, focusing on developing village entrepreneurship and improving sustainable agricultural systems.

One successful example of this initiative is the chili harvest from an **intercrop program** implemented by the **Dolok Parmonangan Forest Farmers Group (KTH)** in March 2024. Through this approach, local communities not only improve agricultural land productivity but also receive guidance on optimizing harvests, accessing market opportunities, and increasing household income. This program reflects the company's commitment to empowering local communities, fostering economic independence, and equipping them with skills that can be passed down to future generations.

TPL continues to strengthen partnership models to ensure that surrounding communities benefit from the company's presence. The company remains committed to prioritizing open dialogue for peaceful solutions to social issues, without resorting to actions that could be detrimental to any party.