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- The Minister of Home Affairs stated **the government would revise the formula of the calculation for special allocation funds (DAK) next year, to better uphold the fairness principle**. The formulation would take into account the population size, the size of a region, the proportion of sea and land areas, and indicators concerning typology of the geography. In 2017, the total government transfers to regions and villages reached IDR 764.9 trillion, comprising of IDR 704.9 trillion transfers to regions and IDR 60 trillion in village funds.
- The Director General of Regional Finance Reydonnyzar Moenek state the **government is considering a proposal from the Regional Representative Council (DPD) on an additional allocation fund to *kelurahan*** (urban village headed by a *lurah*, a civil servant appointed by the local government).
- **A verification by the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) Deputy of approximately 400 reports concerning the allegation of DD corruptions showed that a considerable portion of them were caused by the poor knowledge among village heads and officials**. In this reporting period, the media reported the arrest of village heads (three in West Java and one in East Java) for their involvement in the corruption of the village budget and illegal levies.
- Meanwhile, the Minister of Villages stated that DD corruption cases indicate a lack of participation of villagers and poor monitoring. **The Ministry calls for the public to report allegations on the DD corruption to the Call Center 1500040**.
- Village head elections have been held in 75 villages in East Kalimantan and East Nusa Tenggara (NTT). **Authorities in these provinces have identified five peaceful**.
- The implementation of the social forestry program would carefully consider both livelihood and sustainability issues. **The government has employed 4,700 local facilitators with the aim to strengthen the capacity of recipients of the social forestry program**, including the indigenous peoples. Currently the government is reviewing proposals to grant the status of customary forests in seven locations.

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