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The Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) will question Golkar Party chairman Setya Novanto in its investigation into a graft case centering on an electronic ID (e-KTP) project on Tuesday. KPK spokesman Febri Diansyah said Setya would also be interrogated with regard to the budgeting of the project at the House of Representatives and the implementation of the project after the government disbursed Rp 6 trillion for the project between 2011 and 2013, during which he served as a lawmaker. The project was allegedly rigged and awarded to particular companies favored by the House and its tender was allegedly plagued by corruption, including a markup that nearly doubled the project's worth. "We will dig further to find more information, including about the discussion of the project's budget at the House [during Setya's questioning]," Febri told The Jakarta Post on Monday. Setya has been implicated in the case since 2013, but not until 2016 did the KPK summons the politician. Since 1999, Setya has avoided being named a suspect in at least four graft cases in which witnesses claimed his involvement. Setya was alleged to have been involved in the 1999 Bank Bali scandal, which caused state losses of Rp 904 billion. In 2013, Setya was accused of soliciting a US$1 million bribe from an official in Riau in return for Golkar lawmakers approving construction projects for the National Games. The following year, Setya once again was named by witnesses as allegedly being involved in bribery and money laundering in a case that saw former Constitutional Court chief justice Akil Mochtar sentenced to life in prison. But no formal accusations have been made against him and he was appointed House speaker when a new batch of lawmakers were inaugurated in late 2014. Last year, he was embroiled in an alleged corruption conspiracy involving giant miner PT Freeport Indonesia that had forced him to resign from his post as House speaker. After winning the party's top post earlier this year, Setya slowly regained political clout and nurtured ties with President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo. Setya regained the speakership post at the House two weeks ago ahead of a rally pedalled by the country's conservative Islamic groups.