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Better luck next year



Perhaps the biggest event of 2020 in Czech business, other than a few large deals and of course covid-19, was the replacement of Petr Rafaj at the ÚOHS antitrust office. This was both good news and bad for the "real businesspeople" that Pres. Miloš Zeman spoke about in his [Christmas address](#). They probably have a better chance now of getting a fair shake at the competition office, but it also means that if they're looking for special attention, they might have to visit the Castle instead of the office of a certain Prague lawyer. Rafaj's career ended ignominiously, in line with what Zeman said about [puppeteers and their puppets](#) when he spoke with Jaromír Soukup on Oct. 4, 2018. "We've already had several puppeteers here," he said. "I remind you of Dalík, who is in prison. I remind you of - damn, what's his name? - Pokorný, who isn't in prison yet. And you all know how those who were led by these puppeteers ended up." Well, Rafaj isn't in prison yet either, but there's always 2021.

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