

## Whose coal conspiracy?

The government of Jan Fischer is beginning to win accolades, but it wasn't always smooth sailing. Shortly before it received confirmation on June 7, Fischer sent an inflammable [letter](#) to the town of Litvínov and indicated that the coal-mining limits in the area might be extended. Deputy Mayor Vladimír Buřt of Horní Jiřetín, whose village would be engulfed in the process, understood this as a lobbying effort by Czech Coal, which owns the mines. This came soon after someone in ODS spoke to [LN](#) of a Judeo-Bolshevik-Freedom Union group around Fischer, which would presumably include adviser Vladimír Mlynář and his best buddy, Jan Dobrovský of Czech Coal. It all added up to a sophisticated conspiracy to help Czech Coal. In retrospect, though, it looks more like a power play by ČEZ to discredit Fischer's little group and to make sure the mining limits aren't extended until ČEZ can buy Czech Coal. Fischer's letter, you see, was actually written by Industry Minister [Vladimír Tošovský](#), who is a dyed-in-the-wool ČEZ man.

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