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Bém's racket

To paraphrase a British politician, ODS Chair Mirek Topolánek was going about Prague yesterday stirring up complacency. He told the [Council on Czech Competitiveness](#) that the "hired guns" working for foreign companies have no choice but to vote for ODS, because there is no alternative. Make no mistake about it, he stressed, he knows what needs to be done after the elections, but he admitted that the chances of achieving it are diminished by the necessity of working with others who have different views. When GM Michal Chour of the Radisson said that he has a problem voting for ODS after seeing the behavior of the Prague chapter, Topolánek said that he understands this but considers it naive. If it isn't ODS, he said, it will be VV, which he said is even more mafia-like than Prague ODS. What he needs, Topolánek said, is an even stronger mandate so he can take the "brutal" measures needed to end the "racketeering" in Prague that encompasses not just politicians, but also the police, the courts and the prosecutors.



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