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The blackmail minister

VV and ABL security agency are constantly in the headlines because of conflicts of interest, but the media have mostly forgotten about a very telling incident reported in [MFD](#) in June. When Transport Minister Vít Bárta was still officially with ABL, he taped a meeting in which Tesco manager Daniel N. allegedly asked for a bribe for a store-security contract. Bárta used the tape to squeeze out a competitor and to win the job for his own company, but he didn't go to the police. Bárta has now installed a colleague from the security industry, Michal Moroz, as the deputy interior minister in charge of such things as the battle against corruption and the rules for security agencies. Moroz told [MFD](#) that information is the most valuable commodity. Nearly every step Bárta takes heightens the suspicions that he wants to turn the interior ministry into a clearinghouse for information that can be used for extortion.

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