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Kalousek's police state light

If there were a definitive checklist of what constitutes a police state, political killings, closed borders and censored media would be prominent on the list. By these measures, the CR isn't a police state, but actions by Miroslav Kalousek give cause to worry that it is indeed becoming a "light" version. Most important is the abuse of units of repression. By all accounts, Kalousek selectively uses his FAÚ financial-analytical unit to go after political rivals. Changes under way will make it easier to do the same with tax audits. Kalousek has selectively used his gaming authority in the Sazka case. Questions remain about his use of eavesdropping. Inexplicably, he refused international cooperation on illegal bank accounts, and his effort to cancel bilateral investment treaties seems to benefit a coterie of friends. It's little comfort that his selective repression is political and economic in nature, and not ideologic.

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