

ČEZ as presidential punching bag

No one suspects the official head of TOP 09 of being a dipso-maniac prone to outbursts, so there must be another explanation for Karel Schwarzenberg's claim on Aktuálně.cz that ČEZ sponsored political parties during the reign of Martin Roman. One possibility is that it was payback to ODS for Petr Nečas's comment about the physical and mental health of TOP's unofficial chairman, Miroslav Kalousek. However, Kalousek told Týden that he knows nothing about such sponsorship by ČEZ one way or the other. Moreover, if it were true, Kalousek would be in line for a major slap on the wrist, because his oversight of ČEZ (as the one who exercises the state's majority rights) would be seriously called into question. More likely, Schwarzenberg merely wanted to be interesting. We all saw how much attention Andrej Babiš got when he criticized Roman and the other Tuscany boys. It must have been quite a shock for the Prince to learn that, according to an SC&C poll, Jan Fischer has twice as much support in direct presidential elections as he does.



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