

## Shanghaied in Shanghai

It's quite a coincidence that Lt. Col. Karel Daňhel lost his security clearance for having too cosy a relationship with Omnipol, whereas Michal Kuzmiak won a security clearance *despite* his cosy relationship with that same Omnipol. The difference being that Daňhel crossed the Barták-Háva-Kalousek defense alliance during his time at army headquarters, while Kuzmiak ingratiated himself to the same group as a lobbyist and PR fixer. Thanks to the "guardians of the national interest" at the NKÚ vetting office, Daňhel will soon be out of the army on his ear, while Kuzmiak is off to Shanghai for the diplomatic post of consul general. Karel Schwarzenberg didn't want Klaus's people "infesting" his foreign ministry like weeds, so he didn't nominate the Castle's head of protocol, Jindřich Forejt, to be ambassador to the Vatican. But it doesn't apparently bother the Prince to have Kalousek's people infesting his ministry. And in this particular case, the Kalousek weed is potentially much more deleterious to the national interest than the Klaus strain.



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