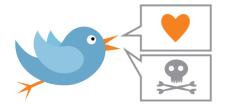
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Rittig, Alseda and Homolka

When Euro asked Senior Olomouc State Prosecutor Ivo Ištvan the question that is on many people's minds - Why haven't godfathers like Roman Janoušek and Ivo Rittig been charged with anything? - he said that a public appeal for someone to be charged is reminiscent of times long past. Really? New facts are emerging by the week that pique the public's curiosity about the prosecutor's behavior. ČT's <u>Reportéři</u> gave the names of companies that apparently agreed to pay protection money to Alseda s.r.o. - run by Rittig's lawyers - through trumped-up leases on consignment warehouses at Homolka hospital. One witness said that such payments were the only way to get business at Homolka. Among the companies on the list are three major world suppliers, Biotronic, B. Braun Medical and Medtronic. Asking why Rittig's lawyers haven't been charged in this is hardly the same as publicly condemning Milada Horáková.

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