


Antonín Kolářek zips his lips

When Antonín Kolářek declared last week that he and the others convicted in Switzerland had no choice but to speak out about MUS, people started making bets about how long he would live. Yesterday, after not saying much for a full week, he stopped answering any questions at all. During that week he said nothing about how MUS's managers ripped off the [coupon investors](#), nor about Martin Roman's later role in the affair. All Kolářek said was that the cabinet of Miloš Zeman must have known that the MUS managers were behind the supposed investor, Appian, and that they therefore could not have cheated the Czech state. His partner in crime Petr Kraus repeated this, adding that the Zeman cabinet was under no obligation to sell them the shares. Such comments implicate Zeman and his ministers but do nothing at all to diminish the Swiss claim that the managers cheated the Czech *state*. All Kolářek really achieved during his week of candor was to emphasize that Czech politicians don't always represent the interests of the Czech state.

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