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Minister with balls



Transport Minister Dan Ťok doesn't refer to himself as a "guy with balls," as Mirek Topolánek said of himself, but he's showing that he has them. First he challenged PPF in its effort to take over the [toll system](#), and then yesterday [he instructed](#) the organizations under his ministry, including the high-budget ŘSD highway dept., not to include arbitration clauses in their future contracts. This is a direct assault on lawyer Radek Pokorný, who wrote Ťok a [nasty SMS](#) about it. Pokorný is a vice chair of the Arbitration Court and also represents clients with cases pending against the ministry. In one of them, the [Court's board](#) is taking weeks to decide in a [model conflict of interest](#) that shouldn't take more than 10 minutes. Ťok is courageous for taking on a godfather and a mini-godfather, but he couldn't do it without Andrej Babiš's support. For Babiš, it's an attack on Bohuslav Sobotka and his ability to finance ČSSD's election campaign.

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