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Rychetský and the separation of powers



Shortly before he visits Pres. Miloš Zeman at the Castle today, Constitutional Court Chief Justice Pavel Rychetský told MFD that [Zeman's spokesman, Jiří Ovčáček, should resign](#) if he wants to comment on constitutional bodies or domestic/foreign affairs on Twitter. In the same interview, Rychetský discussed passing a constitutional amendment that would "completely sideline" the president by eliminating the period of a government "in resignation." This is the only time there are no restrictions placed on the president, he said. Although he sidestepped the issue, he appeared to favor the German constitutional model, whereby the outgoing chancellor stays in power after elections until a new government is approved. If the CR had such a system now, Bohuslav Sobotka might still be the PM. Rychetský seems to have confused the separation of powers. Politicians and their executive-branch helpers can by definition be political; it's judges who aren't supposed to be.

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