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Kalúsek's Austrian billions



Andrej Babiš has been making unsubstantiated allegations about Miroslav Kalousek's income sources for years. Babiš claimed in [Parliament as early as July 10, 2015](#), that Kalousek had a company with arms dealer Richard Háva in Austria and Switzerland, where "he stole billions." This comment raised questions about Kalousek's activities as deputy defense minister but was ultimately a low blow, because it left everyone guessing. A remark recounted by Ondřej Závodský on [Page 128 of his new book](#), "The Time of Oligarchs, their Servants and their Enemies," is more substantial. Závodský quotes Babiš as telling coworkers (in Slovak): "That Kalúsek, that piece of shit, that asshole, he and Háva have 9 billion in an Austrian bank." How did Babiš, as finance minister, know that Kalousek and Háva had exactly Kč 9bn? Did Babiš perhaps get a report from his Austrian counterpart under the new [OECD information-exchange rules](#)? This time the public deserves a straight answer.

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