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Deník N's fake scoop



Aside from what could be interpreted as more [pre-presidential posturing](#), Supreme State Prosecutor Pavel Zeman's [appearance before TV cameras](#) yesterday produced two important pieces of news. First, that no decision has been made in the Stork's Next case. And second, that the [leak to Deník N](#) of information to the contrary should be examined by the Prague state prosecutor. What Zeman avoided addressing is why the leaked information was in fact false. Deník N reported that Prosecutor Jaroslav Šaroch had "halted the prosecution of PM Andrej Babiš," which Zeman yesterday refuted. Deník N is a private media entity and, as in the [Seznam TV case involving Andrej Babiš Jr.](#), might have commercial reasons for its actions. This does not and cannot apply to the public media. [Czech TV](#) and [Czech Radio](#) continued to cite Deník N's "scoop" long after it had become clear that it was false. Much of the confusion this week was in fact caused by the public media.

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