

## Rychetský wanted fair treatment

Chief Justice Pavel Rychetský of the Constitutional Court told [Lidové noviny](#) in Aug. 2017 that he had spoken once with Kateřina Valachová while she was education minister about a subsidy for Lužánky tennis club of Brno, because it hosted an annual charity event for disabled children under his auspices. He said in [MFD](#) a year later that he had asked her to make sure the subsidy application was judged fairly. The police took testimony in mid-2018 from him and several politicians (Valachová, Marian Jurečka, Jaroslav Faltýnek) but didn't end up charging any of them. Yesterday, five sports officials and two sports unions were indicted for rigging subsidies. Is this why Rychetský asked the minister that the subsidy for his favorite project be treated fairly? Because he knew that it would otherwise get short shrift? As in the defense-procurement case of Marek Dalík, Czechs are being asked by state prosecutors to accept that a government system was thoroughly corrupt but that the PM, the cabinet and the appropriate minister were left entirely out of the loop. The fish, it seems, rots from the tail up.

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