

## Meet the new normal



Parliament gave the cabinet another 17 days of emergency powers yesterday. Another way to look at it is that Parliament gave the state prosecutors another 17 days to hit anyone abusing the state of emergency with both barrels. On March 13, Supreme State Prosecutor Pavel Zeman reminded would-be spreaders of infectious diseases, crooks, embezzlers, fraudsters, usurers and other generally bad guys that [they can do quadruple the time](#) under the aggravating-circumstances clause of the criminal code if they commit a crime during a state of emergency. Despite this dire warning, the opposition in Parliament is highly suspect of some of the deals being brokered. With everyone from [Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus](#) on down talking about the "new normal" that the coronavirus is ushering in, now is a key moment for the prosecutors to show that their bite is as bad as their bark. Is there a new normal in combatting insider criminality, or is it the same as the old normal?

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