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Which high crime is worse?



Interior Min. Jan Hamáček will go in for questioning today, because the police want to know if he planned to sell out the country to Russia in exchange for Sputnik V vaccines. No transaction took place, so the most the police could get Hamáček for is planning such an act. In a related case where a certain form of transaction did indeed transpire, the police have apparently shown no interest. Pres. Miloš Zeman told [Blesk on Aug. 22](#) that PM Andrej Babiš initially had the idea that Michal Koudelka should be dismissed as head of the BIS counterintelligence agency and that Babiš even informed Hamáček of this, only to suddenly change his mind at the last minute after Koudelka spent half an hour at the cabinet office. Zeman spoke cryptically of blackmail. No one but Koudelka and Babiš know what happened behind closed doors, but it would nevertheless be interesting to hear what the police and prosecutors consider the bigger offense: Extorting the PM, or succumbing to it.

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