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## Podkonický as an example



Four days after mock gallows appeared at a demonstration in front of Parliament on Jan. 25, [Interior Min. Vít Rakušan](#) wrote in *Právo* that they were a "clear symbol of hate, which is spreading through our society like another dangerous virus." As a society, he said, we must be able to fight back against extremists who cross the bounds of what is acceptable in the civilized world. Will Rakušan or Justice Min. Pavel Blažek be as quick to take a position against the alleged behavior of Prague court bailiff Juraj Podkonický, accused by [People in Need](#) of overcharging debtors by falsifying slips for hand-delivery of documents? Podkonický, as a representative of the state, has for some people become a symbol of the hate (or disdain) that those of power and influence show for the little people. Now that he has been caught with his hand in the cookie jar, it might be in the interest of others who share this disdain to make him out as an extremist who has crossed the bounds of what is acceptable.

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