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Standing up to Palestine and the EU

PM Petr Fiala wrote on X yesterday that he's convinced that <u>moving the Czech embassy</u> in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem would be a desirable step at the present time. The official EU position, until and unless it changes, is that EU member states <u>should not have embas-</u> <u>sies in Jerusalem</u>, and MP Jakub Michálek of the Pirates said on ČT24 last night (at <u>10:18pm</u>) that the CR is not prepared for this from a security standpoint. He would be very careful about becoming the first EU country to be drawn into the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, he said. Pres. Petr Pavel's stance on moving the embassy is unclear, according to <u>HN</u>, but Pavel spoke last week about <u>giving up the EU veto</u> in some areas. He disputed the meaning of his own words later on <u>Instagram</u>, but there is little doubt that his comment in Bruges applied to foreign-policy decisions. A statement now in support of moving the embassy would at least show that he still thinks the CR is entitled to conduct its own sovereign foreign policy.

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