

Losing the global energy war



Few countries have seen their energy supplies disrupted as much as the CR. Reliance on Russia was especially high, so diversification will be especially difficult. PM Petr Fiala instructed [Czech ambassadors](#) last summer to leave no stone unturned in looking for new opportunities. Among the countries since identified as potential partners are [Iraq](#), [Jordan](#), [Qatar](#), [Saudi Arabia](#) and [United Arab Emirates](#).

They also happen to be among the [40 countries](#) that proposed the UN resolution on the "Illegal Israeli actions ... in the Occupied Palestinian Territory" that prompted Defense Min. Jana Černočová to call for [leaving the UN](#). In response to Černočová's tweet and to the Israeli flag-waving of her, Fiala and [Industry Min. Jozef Síkela](#), Saudi Arabia [called off a planned visit today by Síkela](#). "Energy is a weapon [we gave to Vladimir Putin](#)," Fiala has said, "and this situation will require a pan-European solution." Yet as the "[voice of Israel in Europe](#)," Fiala's cabinet is now going it alone in Europe and is giving the energy weapon to the supporters of Palestine. Fiala's policy won't change, so Czechs should get prepared to lose the global energy war.

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