

Worst winter ever



Ukrainian Foreign Min. Dmytro Kuleba told [Die Welt](#) that his country is bracing for its [worst winter ever](#) by trying to protect its power plants as best it can, knowing that the Russians have learned a few things. Czech PM Petr Fiala has already said that we can expect Russia to hit Ukraine's critical infrastructure again and that we might need to [help it in the area of energy](#). At the same time, the exemption allowing imports of Russian petroleum products from Slovakia is ending on Dec. 5, and Chair Oszkár Világi of Slovnaft told [Týdeník Echo](#) that his company won't have enough non-Russian motor fuels for all its customers. [TV Nova](#) cited Foreign Min. Jan Lipavský as saying that this is a very one-sided view of things and that his own analysis of the situation certainly does not look so bad. Industry Min. Jozef Síkela lulled people in [Parliament on Thur.](#) with more talk about energy independence, but forward-looking Czechs might want to follow Kuleba in bracing for the worst winter ever.

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