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Fiala all alone



Nothing illustrates the current position of Czech PM Petr Fiala better than a picture his team posted on X on Sun. He sits all alone in a bare office looking into a computer. "The coalition of the willing video conference was important for coordination ahead of tomorrow's meeting at the White House," the post says. It tries to make Fiala look like the "decider," to use George W. Bush's word, yet Fiala wasn't invited to the White House, and we know from a Deník N interview with National Security Adviser Tomáš Pojar that other people were in the room with Fiala during the video conference. The picture is a sort of double lie. Moderator Jana Peroutková twisted the knife last night on Czech TV when she asked Foreign Min. Jan Lipavský if it doesn't hurt that the CR wasn't invited to Washington after taking the lead on the ammunition program and after Fiala became one of the first to travel to Kyiv. Of course it hurts. Fiala played a <u>useful geopolitical role for a short period</u>, but he isn't able to adapt to the new reality.

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