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Pirates vs. ODS/PPF



One of the great conundrums of the bitcoin affair of ODS is whether Pavel Blažek, Zbyněk Stanjura, Petr Fiala and Fiala's credit-union advisers really thought they could get away with laundering the proceeds of a darknet narco-marketplace. Why did they risk their reputations, Spolu's election standing and even their freedom? Was it simply too much to resist? Whatever the answer, the scandal is a godsend for the Pirates, who are using Bitcoingate and Dosimeter to climb back. PPF, which the Pirates say has already used [Eva Decroix](#) to [water down a lobbying law](#), is now giving the Pirates another weapon against ODS, and [esp. Stanjura](#). PPF is buying back the 10% of the company owned by Petr Kellner Jr., and MP Jakub Michálek of the Pirates says the transaction will be tax-free if a [bill from Stanjura](#) passes in Sept. "The law will definitely be written to apply to the deal," Michálek told [Czech TV](#) on Fri. He says it will save PPF Kč 3bn. Does ODS really think it can get away with this, or is it simply too much to resist?

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