


## Babiš's hostile takeover of Moto



In the grand scheme of things, the reactions of PM [Andrej Babiš](#) and Sports Min. [Boris Šťastný](#) to Green Deal Envoy Filip Turek's statement about "exterminating" the "parasites" at Moto's four ministries are much more significant than Turek's statement itself. Babiš said that such talk is unacceptable and that his cabinet holds government workers in high esteem. Šťastný, who heads Moto's caucus in the lower chamber, went out of his way to compare Turek's remark to the rhetoric of Adolf Hitler. Both Babiš and Šťastný could easily have argued, as did Turek and Moto Chair Petr Macinka, that Turek was talking about activists, not clerks. ODS First Vice Chair [Tomáš Portlík](#) told Respekt in Feb. that he doesn't know if Šťastný is more Moto or a member of ANO, and that's actually what this is about. Šťastný is working with Babiš to take over Moto from Turek and Macinka, and everyone who is hoping that publicly disgracing Turek will weaken Babiš is in fact helping Babiš to consolidate his power in the coalition.

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