
CZECH GOVERNMENT IN TURMOIL AS IT STRUGGLES TO REPLACE FOREIGN MINISTER

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The Czech government is facing turbulent times after Foreign Minister Tomáš Petříček was fired on Monday and Health Minister Jan Blatný was replaced by Petr Arenberger just last week.

Although Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Jan Hamáček, who proposed Petříček's removal, has not yet provided an explanation for the move, the two ex-ministers were strictly against the use of Russian vaccine Sputnik V without approval from the European Medicines Agency (EMA), a stance for which they were criticised by President Miloš Zeman.

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