
CZECH GOVERNMENT OPTS FOR INTERIM SPYMASTER AMID POLITICAL ROW

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The Czech government delayed appointing a new head of its BIS counterintelligence agency on Monday (9 August) in a move seen as allowing Prime Minister Andrej Babis to keep the countrys president on his side going into an October election.

President Milos Zeman has attacked the BISs work on numerous occasions, berating it for warning about the intelligence activities of his Chinese and Russian allies in the country.

Zemans support is crucial for Babis, whose ANO party is leading in opinion polls ahead of the 8-9 October election, as only the president has the power to appoint a new prime minister.

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