ANNOTATION

Jan Hamáček experienced two events in one year that led to his end in high politics. Firstly, at the beginning of the coronavirus crisis, during his tenure at the Ministry of the Interior, he positioned himself as a minister who, through his contacts in China, was able to secure sufficient amount of medical supplies. A year later, after the resolution of the involvement of Russian agents in the Vrbětice ammunition depot explosions, Seznam Zprávy published information that the ČSSD chairman wanted to exchange this finding for Russian Sputnik V coronavirus vaccines and a presidential summit in Prague. The thesis analysed how Hamáček's media image was portrayed in these situations and how it varied in four Czech newspapers.