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## Hrubý from ESET met with Kočner. His lawyers misled journalists.



Rudolf Hrubý  
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Let's stop corruption

Rudolf Hrubý, who with his associate from the technology firm ESET is in disputes over the purchase of the Carlton Hotel with Erik Mikurčík, also met with Marian Kočner on the subject of Carlton. When he received a question from the Postoj daily, his lawyers delivered a false answer.

In his interviews at Threema, Marian Kočner claimed that Rudolf Hrubý and Maroš Grund, co-partners of the technology firm ESET, who were involved in **numerous lawsuits** with the former Carlton Hotel partner Erik Mikurčík, asked for Zoroslav Kollár's help in the legal proceedings. A meeting between Hrubý and Kočner also resulted from Threema about which Grund's and Hrubý's lawyers were not telling the truth.

"There is not the slightest indication (at least not that we know of) that our clients have ever met the person of Mr Kočner," Relevans attorneys said in a statement for the **Postoj daily**. Hrubý eventually admitted the meeting with Kočner for Aktuality.sk.

## **Hrubý: I wanted information from Kočner**

Hrubý met with Kočner in the summer of 2017.

"The reason why I went to this meeting was that at the time when we found out that our former business partner had been trying to transfer the Carlton Hotel to his company, we could not read the situation and understand it. Certain people suggested that this was not his own initiative, but that he had someone behind him who financed and managed him and who was trying to acquire the hotel in this way," Hrubý explains why he met with Kočner.

Although they met when journalists were interested in information from Threema, attorneys communicated on behalf of Hrubý. They also commented on the meeting and Hrubý's contacts, but could not provide relevant information on them.

"I did not inform the lawyers from Relevans about my meeting, because I did not evaluate the information I received then or now as something that could help them in their work. It may have been my mistake in the communication between us, but in any case there was no bad intention," Hrubý justified giving false information to the **Postoj daily**.

According to his own words, Hrubý has no relations with Zoroslav Kollár. "I met him in the past at the Slovakia Ring during a race in the VIP area, where we were introduced to each other socially, but it was nothing important," Hrubý explained.

## Doubletalk and evasions

The editorial office of Aktuality.sk has been communicating with Alexander Kadela co-owning the Relevans law firm on this topic for a long time. Kadela tried to comment on the topics of contacts with Zoroslav Kollár and Kočner even without direct answers from Grund with Hrubý.

Kadela also continued along the similar lines after the article published in the Postoj daily. Kadela said about the meeting between Kočner and Mr H. that emerged from Threema that according to his information he could have been another gentleman with a surname starting with the letter H. who was also involved in the matter. Although at the end of the day, Hrubý admitted to meeting Kočner.

Kadela admits the misleading information for the Postoj daily and claims that it arose because he asked for a general statement from his clients for the journalists for an article in which he did not receive information that the meeting between Hrubý and Kočner had taken place.

"I regret giving incorrect information to the public, but the intention was not like that," Kadela added. Kadela sees the communication error being more on his side.



Alexander Kadela

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