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Czech pressure on Germany



Czech Foreign Min. Jan Lipavský told [ARD of Germany in English yesterday](#) that a decision by Berlin to send Leopard 2 tanks to Ukraine "should have happened already." Czech TV had a microphone on him when he made the comment but didn't mention this important development in its main evening news programs last night. Just a few hours after Lipavský publicly pressured Germany to send the tanks, Amb. to Nato Jakub Landovský told Czech TV (at [22h22m](#)) at that there is "definitely not any pressure on Germany." According to *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, the U.S. is [furious at German Chancellor Olaf Scholz](#) for refusing to send the tanks. Czech Defense Min. Jana Černochová added her own two cents on [CNN Prima News on Sun.](#) by saying that she is somewhat surprised by Germany's stance and that Germany's support for Ukraine is weak. She and Lipavský are furtively doing Washington's bidding, without taking into account what it can mean for long-term Czech-German relations.

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