

*On May 25, 2026, the international conference "Aktuální bezpečnostní hrozby / Current Security Threats" took place for the fifth time in the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, under the auspices of Pavel Žáček, a member of the Committee on Security and the Committee on Defence.*



The conference focused primarily on sharing experiences and information from crisis areas in Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

In his opening remarks, Žáček emphasized that in today's era of parallel conflicts, the Czech Republic must learn from our strategic partners – Ukraine and the State of Israel – in a number of areas. “We cannot wait until the conflicts end. We must share information today.”

The first panel featured key presentations by the Director of the Security Information Service, Lieut. Gen. Michal Koudelka; the Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic, Gen. Karel Řehka; the Deputy Police President for the Criminal Police and Investigation Service (SKPV) of the Police of the Czech Republic, Maj. Gen. Tomáš Kubík; the Director General of the Fire and Rescue Service of the Czech Republic, Lieut. Gen. Vladimír Vlček; and the Director of the National Cyber and Information Security Agency, Lukáš Kintr.

Lieut. Gen. Koudelka summarized various forms of foreign influence, particularly by Russian, Chinese, and Iranian state actors, against the national security interests of the Czech Republic as well as the interests of our NATO and European Union allies. He described the conclusions of the investigation into the Russian operation in Vrbětice as indisputable, stating: “Russia is not strong enough to defeat the West militarily or economically, and therefore it will do everything [using various hybrid tools] to divide us.”

Gen. Řehka emphasized: “Supporting Ukraine is not altruism and it is not charity; it is our strategic interest. [...] Europe must stand on its own two feet, but that does not contradict the need for a strong transatlantic bond at all.” At the end of his speech, referring to both “live laboratories of modern conflict,” he stated: “Quality without quantity is not enough. Technological adaptation happens in weeks, not years. A safe rear no longer exists. And when it comes to what we need to build, it is not five minutes to midnight, but five minutes past midnight.”

In the second panel, representatives of Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) – Boaz Nathan, Niko Adamsky, Eyal Mayer, and Lior Benglas – presented Israel's experience with building and operating multi-layered air defense, the operational use of various types of drones, and the functioning of satellite intelligence.

In the final panel, the perspective on current security threats and their impact on the internal and external security of the Czech Republic was summarized by the Director of the Middle East Center for Reporting and Analysis, Dr. Jonathan Spyer; the Rector of the Police Academy of the Czech Republic, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) David Dlouhý; the Director of the National Counter-Terrorism, Extremism and Cybercrime Agency (NCTEKK), Col. Břetislav Brejcha; the Director of the Office for the Documentation and Investigation of the Crimes of Communism of the SKPV of the Police of the Czech Republic, Col. Dalimil Sypták; and finally, Pavel Havlíček, analyst at the Research Center of the Association for International Affairs (AMO).