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## ROMANIAN CHARGES EX-PRIME MINISTER OVER ALLEGED \$800,000 BRIBES

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Prosecutors charged Romanias former Prime Minister Calin Popescu-Tariceanu on Monday with demanding and indirectly receiving material goods worth \$800,000 from an Austrian company between 2007 and 2008.

In exchange, the politician is suspected of having used his power as prime minister to push a series of decisions favorable to the company, the National Directorate Against Corruption said in a statement.

Tariceanu, who is 69 and currently does not hold any political office, was leader of the National Liberal Party, PNL, and ran the country as a prime minister between December 2004 and December 2008.

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