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Prime Minister Viktor Orbán to pay a two-day visit to Transylvania

At the invitation of the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ), Prime Minister and head of Fidesz Viktor Orbán will make a two-day visit to Transylvania. On 8 May, Mr. Orbán will have talks with the leaders of the RMDSZ and municipality councillors about the European parliamentary elections. On 10 May the Hungarian Prime Minister will inaugurate Romania's largest feed mixing plant in Kerelószentpál/Sânpaul, and will pay a visit to the Szeklerland Ice Hockey Academy. On Wednesday afternoon in Kolozsvár/Cluj-Napoca, Mr. Orbán and Mr. Kelemen will hold a press conference regarding the status of preparations for the EP elections, the information document released by RMDSZ reads. On 9 May, the Hungarian Prime Minister will attend a summit of the European Council to be held in Nagyszeben/Sibiu.

Péter Szijjártó asks for Romanian Foreign Minister's intervention with relation to Úzvölgy military cemetery

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó has asked Romanian Foreign Minister Teodor Meleşcanu to intervene in the case of the military cemetery in Úzvölgy/Valea Uzului. Mr. Szijjártó held talks with his Romanian counterpart with relation to the construction work being performed at the Hungarian military cemetery on the sidelines of a meeting of Eastern Partnership foreign ministers in Pozsony/Bratislava. Mr. Szijjártó asked his Romanian counterpart to intervene at the related local government in the interests of having the work stopped, in view of the fact that there may still be undiscovered Hungarian military graves in the cemetery. The minister stressed that the building a memorial on top of these would be disrespectful to the deceased and in contravention of existing treaties. In addition, Mr. Szijjártó called for the earliest possible commencement of expert negotiations between the two defence ministries in the interests of finding an acceptable resolution to the issue. The military cemetery in Úzvölgy is Hargita County's largest and most important First World War commemorative site, but the local government of the town of Darmenesti/Dormánfalva has arbitrarily decided to establish a memorial for WWI and WW2 Romanian soldiers in the First World War Austro-Hungarian military cemetery in Úzvölgye, which belongs to the municipality of Csíkszentmárton/Sânmartin. As part of the project, 52 concrete crosses and a large orthodox cross have been erected in the fenced-off cemetery, which is the final resting place for some seven hundred soldiers of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy. Last week, President of the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ) Hunor Kelemen wrote a letter to Romanian Prime Minister Viorica Dăncilă asking that she stop the reconstruction of the military cemetery in Valea Uzului/Úzvölgy using administrative means until the issue is resolved.





Csáky: Europe needs to return to traditional Christian democratic values

Speaking at a press conference in Dunaszerdahely/Dunajská Streda where the EP election program of the Party of the Hungarian Community (MKP) was announced, MEP – and currently MEP candidate of the MKP – Pál Csáky stressed that Europe needs to return to the traditional Christian democratic values. Mr. Csáky explained that the MKP's election program is based on the following five pillars: maintaining safety, preventing terrorists from getting in the continent, solving the problem of illegal migration and strengthening minority and regional politics as well as the Hungarian-Hungarian collaboration. Top candidate on the party's election list Mr. Csáky stressed that a key issue of the Party of the Hungarian Community is to show its power and manage to exceed the 5 % threshold at the elections on 25th May in Slovakia set by the relevant laws to get into the European Parliament. Mr. Csáky stressed that "the future, the general well-being and future plans of the Hungarian community in Slovakia could be established by this."



István Pásztor is reelected president of the Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians

At the general assembly of the largest Hungarian party in Vojvodina, the Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians (VMSZ), István Pásztor was re-elected president of the alliance for another 4-year term. The election of new officials took place in Doroszló/Doroslovo on Saturday. Mr. Pásztor was the only candidate for the position. Out of the 330 delegates, 324 were present and 323 voted for István Pásztor. Speaking at the event, the re-elected president stressed that the past four years of the party were successful. He added that the VMSZ is stronger today than 4 years ago, it is "confident, well-organized and ready to work." Mr. Pásztor also expressed his gratitude to the partners and allies of the VMSZ: the Fidesz-Christian Democratic People's Party alliance, the Hungarian Government, the Serbian Progressive Party and the Serbian Government. Speaking to the press, the re-elected president emphasized that the main goal for the further four years is to help Hungarians remain and prosper in their homeland.



The KMKSZ and the UMDSZ issue joint statement on the Ukrainian language law

The Cultural Association of Hungarians in Transcarpathia (KMKSZ) and the Democratic Union of Hungarians in Ukraine (UMDSZ) issued a joint statement, declaring that the new Ukrainian language law is discriminative. In the statement, the two organizations stress that the new law violates the human rights of citizens of



Ukraine and drastically restricts the rights of Ukraine's national minorities to use their mother tongue. The KMKSZ and the UMDSZ underline that the new law makes it impossible to use the languages of national minorities' in public space, moreover, it intends to punish those who violate these laws. The two organizations emphasize that these provisions are unconstitutional.



Election of national minority councils is held in Croatia

On Sunday, elections of national minority councils were held in Croatia at which 20 national minorities elected 352 minority councils and 109 minority representatives. The election – which was also attended by Hungarians – was held in Croatia for the fifth time. At the election, 250,000 voters – representatives of national minorities – were entitled to vote. Hungarians elected councils and representatives in 12 counties, 9 towns and 21 districts. At the election, the Democratic Union of Hungarians in Croatia (HMDK) reached historic success: it managed to win practically in every town where Hungarians live in majority. The Hungarian community in Croatia (14,000) is the sixth largest national minority community in the country.

