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## Carpathian Basin Hungarian Media Conference

The State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad at the Prime Minister's Office organized a media conference – for the first time – for Hungarian journalists outside Hungary. The event was attended by 180 participants, among them 150 Hungarian journalists from seven countries in different parts of the Carpathian Basin. In his opening address, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi stressed the importance of establishing a unified Hungarian media space, saying that this is another way in which it is aimed to unify the nation. In line with these efforts, Mr. Potápi stressed the crucial importance of continuing to strengthen Hungarian media beyond the borders. Ministerial Commissioner for Hungarian communities abroad Péter Szilágyi pointed out that there are 2.5 million Hungarians living outside the Carpathian Basin and by the end of the twentieth century the Hungarian nation had become a global nation. The conference participants attended presentations and roundtable discussions, and at the end there was an awards ceremony for the best work in TV, radio and print media. János Mucsányi, MTVA editor-in-chief of for religious programs and programs on Hungarian communities abroad, stressed that, in response to the call for applications, an extremely wide variety of works were submitted: a total of 130 items, of which 75 were in the category of written (print and online) media. The awards for the best work in the television category were presented by Mr. Potápi. Jury member in the radio category and Program Manager of MTVA István Galambos's assessment was presented by editor-in-chief János Mucsányi, who said that he had listened to 28 audio recordings and found something valuable in all of them. The awards for radio, written media and special prizes (further high-level works in the category of written media) categories were presented by Ministerial Commissioner István Grezsa, Ministerial Commissioner Péter Szilágyi and Ministerial Commissioner Katalin Szili respectively.



## Szijjártó: those “truly responsible” for the violent anti-Hungarian incident in the Úzvölgye must be punished

In Budapest on Thursday, following an event on a different issue, Hungary's Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó said that Romania should punish those “truly responsible” for the violent anti-Hungarian incident in the Úzvölgye/Valea Uzului military cemetery, not the peaceful commemorators. Péter Szijjártó stressed that he is expecting Romania to conduct a fair investigation of last Thursday's clash in the cemetery. He added that video recordings made on the scene prove that a belligerent crowd attacked peaceful Hungarian commemorators in the military cemetery. The minister said that it is unacceptable that Romanian authorities punished the victims and not the perpetrators of the violent incident.



## Hungary's Ministry of Defense accepts an invitation from its Romanian counterpart to discuss the Úzvölgye incident

On Wednesday, Romania's Ministry of Defense invited Hungary to engage in dialogue related to the incident at the Úzvölgye cemetery that would take place in Bucharest/ București between 24th and 28th June. According to the announcement, the discussions would be conducted by ONCE (National Office for Heroes' Remembrance) from Romania and experts from the Institute and Museum of Military History (HM) from Hungary. In its announcement on Thursday HM wrote: they will be present at the given place and time to represent the Hungarian point of view.



## FUEN congress: presentations on the situation of the Hungarian minority

Presentations were given at Friday's panel discussion of the congress of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN) focusing on the Hungarian minority in Slovakia and minorities in Ukraine. At the beginning of the discussions, participants were greeted by the Mayor of Dunaszerdahely/ Dunajská Streda, Zoltán Hájos. In his opening address President of FUEN Lóránt Vincze said that the umbrella organization of minorities cannot operate without state support. Main supporters of FUEN are Germany and Hungary. In his speech, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out: when joining the EU we had the naive idea of being able to solve all the problems of Hungarian minorities within a short period of time. It has turned out to be a long process, however, and European indigenous minorities need to unite to achieve this goal. The State Secretary concluded by saying that FUEN has been operating to reach this objective for seventy years.



## Baby packages presented in Vojvodina

The State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad at the Prime Minister's Office distributed baby packages to families with small children in three settlements in Vojvodina: Magyarkanizsa/ Kanjiža, Óbecse/ Bečej and Ada. Nearly two hundred families received the gifts from the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad, which aim to support new parents with the package. Head of department Virág Hajnal greeted the families on behalf of the State Secretariat.



## Diaspora in action

The Hungarian nation has become a global nation with 2.5 million Hungarian people living in the diaspora. Thanks to a change in the policy for Hungarian communities abroad introduced after 2010, most of the communities remain committed to the motherland. Discussions about the changes of diaspora life – including the issue of



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Hungarian weekend schools – and Kőrösi Csoma Sándor Program took place with Ministerial Commissioner Péter Szilágyi.

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