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Semjén: the Hungarian state's aim is for the Hungarian nation to remain

Speaking at the 3rd Budapest Demographic Summit, Deputy Prime Minister Zsolt Semjén said that the sense and goal of the Hungarian state is to ensure that the Hungarian nation remains and its people's living standards improve, which will also form the foundations of other. Mr. Semjén pointed out that the Hungarian government feels that the Hungarian nation – like every other nation – is unique and irreplaceable. Furthermore he stressed that no other nation can give the world the richness of values of the Polish culture, and no other nation “except us Hungarians” would be in a position to give poet János Arany or composer Béla Bartók to the world. Universal humanity would lose a “unique face” and would be irretrievably poorer if the Hungarian nation disappeared. He stressed that the main responsibility of Hungarians is to preserve the commitment to the Hungarian nation. The Deputy Prime Minister concluded by saying that the Hungarian nation will be able to remain if Hungarian people “populate” the country.



Hunor Kelemen: if there is respect, trust can be rebuilt between Romanian and Hungarian people

On Wednesday, Hunor Kelemen, President and presidential candidate of the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ), said that the presidential election campaign provides an excellent opportunity for the Hungarians living in Romania to speak about their problems, trying to give a new impetus to Romanian-Hungarian dialogue, which still needs to be improved. The President pointed out that the RMDSZ has nominated its own candidates since 1996. This year they have decided to nominate their own candidate, as the Hungarian community has its own capable personalities to govern Romania, if sufficient trust and respect can be rebuilt. Mr. Kelemen said: “We have a clear concept of the future of the country, its Romanian, Hungarian, Roma inhabitants and everybody else living in the country, for it is also in our interest to build a better country.”

A new nursery kindergarten with forty places in Nagyvárad built with Hungarian state funds

On Friday in Nagyvárad/ Oradea the nursery kindergarten Csillagocska (Starlet) was inaugurated in the garden of the Királyhágómellék Reformed Church District (KREK). The institution was constructed as part of the Carpathian Basin Nursery School Development Program with funds of HUF 120 million allocated from the Hungarian state budget. Following the ceremony, Ministerial Commissioner responsible for the Nursery School Development Program István Grezsa told the Hungarian news agency MTI that Csillagocska kindergarten is special, because this is the only one of the 150 new institutions under construction that has been built in the garden of the diocese. The Ministerial Commissioner responsible for the Carpathian Basin Nursery School



Development Program said it was of great importance, as both the community of the nursery school and the colleagues of the diocese could benefit from the proximity of these two institutions.

Összefogás (Fellowship) movement to create joint Hungarian representation in Slovakia

The main objective of the newly established Hungarian ethnic political movement Összefogás is to collaborate with Hungarian political representations in Slovakia. On Tuesday at a press conference in Pozsony/Bratislava, the plans of the movement were announced and presented by two founding members: chief organizer of the Gombaszög Summer Camp Örs Orosz and the Director of the Hungarian College for Advanced Studies in Pozsony/Bratislava Szabolcs Mózes. He pointed out that the movement is committed to uniting the divided Hungarian public life in Slovakia, for this is the only way to achieve political success for the Hungarian community. Speaking about the reasons he said that “they do not have four more years to waste” without having Hungarian parliamentary representation in Slovakia.

Mihály Nyilas: 232 school and kindergarten pupils start school in 555 education institutions in Vojvodina

Last Monday in Szabadka/Subotica Mihály Nyilas spoke at the school year opening ceremony of the 10th October Primary School. Mr. Nyilas is the Provincial Secretary of the Provincial Government and Provincial Secretary for Education, deputy head of the provincial government and secretary responsible for education, legislation, public administration and national minority communities. He said that joint efforts have managed to preserve Hungarian-language education, and that in Vojvodina 232,000 kindergarten and school pupils started the new school year on 2nd September. He pointed out that school children and those who work in education are an essential part of society and stressed that special attention must be paid to them, as in the past. Giving details on the number of the institutions, he said that there are 555 primary, secondary schools and kindergartens in the province.

School opening ceremonies of Hungarian schools in Csongor

On Saturday in Csongor/Chomonyn near Munkács/Mukachevo, the Hungarian schools of Transcarpathia held their joint school year opening ceremony for the 2019-2020 academic year. The events were organized by the teachers of about a hundred Transcarpathian Hungarian language schools and the Association of Hungarian Teachers in Transcarpathia (KMPSZ). As part of the school opening



ceremony, a service was held in the newly-renovated Reformed church of the Hungarian speaking settlement. At the ceremony, President of the KMPSZ Ildikó Orosz stressed that the Hungarian schools in Transcarpathia start their third academic year in the shadow of the unconstitutional educational law that ignores minority rights and violates the standing orders of the Ukrainian parliament. The message of the State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi was read out to the teachers and pupils of the Transcarpathian Hungarian schools. In his letter the politician stressed that “we believe that Hungarian children and teachers are the key of the future and teachers build this future.”



Potápi: Hungarian communities in the diaspora are important for the Government

On Saturday, following his presentation held at the autumn assembly of the Association of Hungarians in Sweden (SMOSZ), State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad at the Prime Minister’s Office Árpád János Potápi told the Hungarian news agency MTI that it is the government’s responsibility to unite the over two and a half million Hungarians living in the diaspora. As part of the event, the State Secretary inaugurated the lecture hall of the Halleberga Youth Center. Mr. Potápi presented the diaspora policy of the Hungarian government and expressed his special thanks to the members of the organization, who have worked hard and have always stood by the Hungarian government and Hungary in recent years. He pointed out that there are 35-40,000 Hungarians living in Sweden, and the organizations that support them have already gained properties, enabling the next generations to know and sustain Hungarian culture.

