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Kövér: we shall rebuild the Carpathian Basin

Speaking in Budapest on Thursday at the opening of the 11th Carpathian Basin University Cup, Speaker of the National Assembly of Hungary László Kövér pointed out Hungary is rewriting history: a hundred years after Trianon and thirty years after the fall of communism, we can say we're progressing, and we are going to rebuild the Carpathian Basin. Mr. Kövér was attending the ceremony as its main patron. He said that we not only have the opportunity to take part in each other's lives, but we also seize it – and the best way to do this is through sport. He added that there are good examples of this among professional sportspeople, and he highlighted that the ice hockey teams of Ferencvárosi Torna Club (Fradí) and Miercurea Ciuc (Csíkszereda) often compete with each other. What is more, Dynamo – the former handball team of the Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs – is considering applying to join the Hungarian championship, as they find it to be of a higher standard.

Gulyás: Esterházy's legacy is both universal and national

Speaking at the ceremony organized for János Esterházy in the Parliament senate hall on Sunday, Minister of the Prime Minister's Office Gergely Gulyás pointed out that Slovakian politician János Esterházy's legacy is both universal and national, deserves to be respected by everyone who believes that freedom and human dignity are imperishable values. The Minister stressed that it was rational to expect that during the communist era Esterházy's politics would be doomed to failure – but his guide was his own moral standards, and not success. Dictatorships and ideologies that aimed to end his freedom and life are long gone, but Esterházy's legacy remains.

Potápi: 2020 is the Year of Strong Hungarian Communities

Speaking at a background talk in Budapest on Monday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that 2020 will be the Year of Strong Hungarian Communities, and the State Secretariat is providing one billion Hungarian forints for this thematic year's programs. Mr. Potápi recalled that the Hungarian Standing Conference chose the theme last November. Programs are taking place simultaneously with those of the Year of National Cohesion related to Trianon, which was the Parliament's choice. Talking about the program series related to the Year of Strong Hungarian Communities, he highlighted that in many ways Hungary was not at all victorious in the 20th century. The State Secretary expressed his wish to lay the foundations for future generations so that they can see the 21st century as a successful and prosperous period in Hungarian history. He emphasized that the Government would like being a Hungarian abroad to be an advantage and a resource, not a drawback. Mr. Potápi also stated that, due to the coronavirus, he would not recommend participating in school trips organized by the Without Borders! Program. Transylvania



State Secretary Árpád János Potápi announces this year's "In Hungarian in the Homeland" program in Temesvár

State Secretary Árpád János Potápi announced this year's "In Hungarian in the Homeland" program in Temesvár (Timisoara) at a press conference held in the Bartók Béla High School on Thursday. Within this program parents with children who study in Hungarian educational institutions abroad or learn Hungarian are entitled to support for education, pedagogy, school books and supplies. In the program organized by Bethlen Gábor Fund Management Ltd., parents are entitled to apply for HUF 22,400 after each child. Mr. Potápi announced that this year the state secretariat is organizing another program for academically gifted Hungarian students abroad who are also outstanding at sport, who can expect valuable rewards. According to Mr. Potápi, these students should be seen as examples to other students.



Presidency of Party of the Hungarian Community (MKP) resigns after their defeat in the general elections

According to the spokesperson of MKP, the presidency takes full responsibility for their defeat in the general election, and agreed to leave the executive presidency. They resigned after they failed to enter parliament on Saturday as the strongest member of the coalition with Unity of Hungarian Community (MKÖ). They announced that the presidency admits responsibility for the defeat and resigned unanimously, leaving an executive presidency in charge. They explained that until the election of officials, the nine most popular members of MKP are named as the executive presidency. Until the planned congress in April, Péter Őry, the current president of the National Council of MKP, will be coordinating national forums.



Pásztor announces regional elections on 26 April

President of the Provincial Assembly István Pásztor announced regional elections in Vojvodina on Sunday 26 April, based on the decision of the Provincial Assembly concerning elections and statute of Vojvodina. "I have fulfilled my duties as regional speaker and announced regional elections to be on Sunday 26 April, based on the decision of the Provincial Assembly concerning elections and statute of Vojvodina" – he announced. He called everyone to lead a dignified and civilized campaign and a battle based on programs and arguments.





Brenzovics: Political persecution of Transcarpathian Hungarian leaders must be stopped!

President of the Transcarpathian Hungarian Cultural Association (KMKSZ) László Brenzovics has written a letter to Ivan Bakanov, President of the Security Service of Ukraine (SSU), in which he asked him to stop political persecution of Transcarpathian Hungarian leaders. In his letter Mr. Brenzovics mentioned that the Transcarpathian regional agencies of SSU have been showing “abnormal interest” in the KMKSZ and its charity funds and institutions. Incidents have included leaders of regional organizations of the association being harassed when crossing borders and being subjected to both public and covert investigations, which are baseless, unlawful and ineffective. The charity fund of the Egan Ede Transcarpathian Center for Economic Development was placed under such an investigation, and many more provocative actions were made against leaders of Hungarian communities and Hungarian activists.

