

Weekly Media Review of Hungarian Communities Abroad

31/2020



PRIME MINISTERS OFFICE
STATE SECRETARIAT FOR HUNGARIAN
COMMUNITIES ABROAD

NPKI | RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR HUNGARIAN
COMMUNITIES ABROAD



Potápi: Now we can say that the Carpathian Basin is unified in tourism as well

The traditional award ceremony of the 22-year-old Utazó (Traveller) magazine took place in Budapest on the occasion of the Year of National Cohesion. Based on the readers' votes, best tourism service providers of 2019 were awarded, along with the best Hungarian accommodations and restaurants abroad for the very first time. Speaking at the ceremony, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that one of the achievements of the politics for Hungarian communities abroad of the past few years is that the Carpathian Basin is now unified not only in terms of culture, education and economy, but in tourism, as well. In addition to winners from Hungary, 12 accommodations and restaurants abroad were also awarded.

Grains offered for the Hungarians' Bread were poured together in Szarvas

The grains offered within the frames of the Hungarians' Bread – 15 million Grains Program were poured together on Friday in Szarvas, the middle of Greater Hungary. Speaking at the grain pouring ceremony, Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly László Kövér said the politics serving the rise of the country and the nation must be built on Hungarian self-awareness, self-confidence and self-determination. This way the 21st century can be victorious after the defeats of the 20th century, the Hungarians in the Carpathian basin may be preserved and Hungary can remain the country of Hungarians. Minister of agriculture István Nagy pointed out that Hungarians need to be more than just grains next to each other, they need to be the bread, and that is, the people must be part of the community. State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi claimed that the ceremony was a proof that the Hungarian nation is strong. As he explained, "the coronavirus strengthened Hungarian communities, which makes 2020 not only the Year of National Cohesion, but that of National Solidarity, as well."

Potápi: Hungarian history does not exist without German minorities

Speaking at the inauguration of the community house of the German Nationality Association in Gyöng, Tolna region, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that the Hungarians could not have a history without the minorities living with us, including German minorities. He added that the German settlers revived Tolna region in the 18th-19th century. He claimed that the Prime Minister's Office of Hungary supported the renovation of the community house with HUF 10 million.





Local councils stand by the Szekler petition campaign

As Hungarian daily newspaper Magyar Nemzet (Hungarian Nation) wrote on Wednesday, thousands of twin towns may serve the Szekler petition campaign, and this would mean a significant boost in four further countries, to reach the necessary threshold. As president of Baranya county László Óri commented, he turned to the representatives of the local councils with a letter, in which he asked them to get in touch with their twin towns and counties and ask them to support the petition for the support of national regions.

The independent Hungarian candidate's promises to the people of Târgu Mureş

Presenting his political program, independent Hungarian candidate of Marosvásárhely/Târgu Mureş, Zoltán Soós announced his slogan: "Let there be money, life and order. Our goal is the victory of Târgu Mureş!" The outdoor event was streamed live on Mr. Soós's Facebook page. Mr. Soós, who is nominated by RMDSZ but is counting on the support of other Hungarian organizations and citizens of Târgu Mureş looking for a change, spoke both Hungarian and Romanian during the event.

Groundbreaking ceremony of boxing center in Gheorgheni supported by the government is held

The groundbreaking ceremony of a boxing center supported by Hungarian Government and built by Godako Boxing Association of Transylvania was held on Saturday in Gyergyószentmiklós/Gheorgheni. President of the Hungarian Boxing Association István Bajkai also attended the event. In his speech, he pointed out that "the Hungarian Boxing Association is doing everything in its power to help Transylvania to high-level boxing and good results."



MKP, Most-Híd and MKÖ sign a common statement on 20 August

Party of the Hungarian Community (MKP), Most-Híd (Bridge) and Unity of Hungarian Community (MKÖ) will sign a common statement on cooperation and the creation of a coalition in Komárom on 20 August. They confirmed this to TASR news agency after the picnic of Gombaszög/Gombasek. MKÖ would like to create a new party within a year. President of MKÖ Szabolcs Mózés claimed that "we proclaim the creation of a unified party that represents all Hungarians in Slovakia."





Provincial Parliament of Vojvodina is formed

Provincial parliament of Vojvodina was formed on Friday, president of VMSZ István Pásztor was re-elected as Speaker after 8 years of his service. 100 representatives out of 120 voted for Mr. Pásztor. Parliamentary, regional and local elections were held in Serbia on 21 June. Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó expressed his best wishes and congratulated Mr. Pásztor on his Facebook page. According to his post, “the Vojvodina parliament elected a Hungarian president once again, the president of the Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians. István Pásztor deserves this title, as he has done so much for the creation of a strong Hungarian-Serbian friendship.” Mr. Szijjártó pointed out that it took a lot of compromises and even more work to develop a historical friendship between Hungary and Serbia after years of hatred.



Ukrainian minister of foreign affairs expresses his worries over the press release of the Hungarian ambassador of Kiev

According to Ukrainian Minister of Foreign Affairs Dmytro Kuleba, the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs received with concern one of the press releases of Hungarian Ambassador in Kiev István Íjgyártó, in which he spoke about Budapest continuing to boycott NATO-Ukraine Committee ministerial meetings. Mr. Kuleba explained that he was quite surprised over the statement of the Hungarian ambassador in his interview for Ukrainian news agency Interfax-Ukrajina. Mr. Íjgyártó claimed that Hungary continues to block the relation between the NATO and Ukraine, as three questions are still not answered, these are as follows: the law on education and language use and the administrative system, more precisely the planned creation of new municipalities.

