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### Three thousand churches built or restored since 2010

Speaking at the Piarist High School, Primary School and Nursery School in Mosonmagyaróvár on Monday at the opening of the new school year, Deputy Prime Minister Zsolt Semjén stated that the Hungarian government places great importance on the defense of Christian civilization. For this reason, he said, three thousand churches have been restored or built since 2010. Mr. Semjén added that this has been the greatest restoration of churches since King Saint Stephen.

### Potápi: the Collegium Talentum program implementing talent management in the Carpathian Basin is continuing

Speaking at a press conference in Budapest on Monday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi announced that the Collegium Talentum program, which implements talent management in the Carpathian Basin, can continue this school year as well. He pointed out that the primary goal in the establishment and operation of the program is the further development of the Carpathian Basin network. The future can be influenced through students in higher education, as in 20-30 years these students will be Hungarian leaders in the Carpathian Basin.



### Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó promises support for school investments in Oradea

After the inauguration of a second expressway border crossing between Hungary and Romania, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó had talks with members of the RMDSZ from Oradea/ Nagyvárad and Bihar County. He announced that according to the agreement with the RMDSZ in Oradea, the applications of the Economic Development Program in Transylvania will focus on the Partium.

### The EMSZ nominates nearly 100 candidates for mayor and more than 2,000 candidates for councilor

At a press conference in Cluj-Napoca/Kolozsvár on Monday, co-president of the Association of Hungarians in Transylvania (EMSZ) István Csomortányi pointed out that the party is nominating approximately 2,200 candidates for councilor and 94 mayoral candidates in the local elections set for September 27. Mr. Csomortányi said that in line with the decisions of the congress in January, the Hungarian People's Party of Transylvania (EMNP) and the Hungarian Civic Party (MPP) had registered the Transylvanian Hungarian Association in court as a political association, and after the elections they will start the registration process of the coalition party Association of Hungarians in Transylvania.





## Kövér: The Carpathian Basin Nursery School Development Program is the basis of the Hungarian future

Speaking at the opening ceremony of a Hungarian crèche and nursery school in Veľký Cetín/Nagycétény, Speaker of the National Assembly László Kövér said that the Carpathian Basin Nursery School Development Program is the basis of the Hungarian future. Mr. Kövér stressed that all Hungarian nursery schools welcome Hungarian children and that therefore they create a secure future.



## István Pásztor: restrictions on crossing the Hungarian border do not represent a significant change for the people here

Speaking on Radio Subotica's daily show Starting the Day (Napindító), István Pásztor said that even though this school year will not be a typical one, hearing the school bell will be nostalgic and helpful. The president of the Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians (VMSZ) added that this year will most probably be free of problems, as the teachers are prepared for all eventualities.



## Potápi: The government supports the development of 64 schools in Transcarpathia

Speaking on the M1 TV station on Friday morning, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi announced that the government is supporting the restoration and development of 64 schools in Transcarpathia. Mr. Potápi added that the developments started in 2017 and are taking place in four phases. The first phase applies mostly to high schools, and is now coming to an end. Two establishments have already been inaugurated, and two more are being finished now.



## The next decade could be about Central Europe

The Bled Strategic Forum, the largest foreign policy conference in Slovenia, took place in Bled on 31 August. Viktor Orbán also met with representatives of the Hungarian national community: Ferenc Horváth, President of MMÖNK and Member of Parliament for Nationalities; and Zsuzsanna Bacsi, Vice President of MMÖNK. During the meeting the implementation schedule of current joint projects was reviewed. Mr. Orbán stated that Hungarian-Slovenian relations are finally off to a good start and, in addition to valuable friendships and joint celebrations, we will finally be able to see in everyday life if someone is a true member of the Hungarian community.