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Szekler memorial park inaugurated in Bonyhád

Speaking at the inauguration of the Szekler memorial park in Bonyhád, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi emphasized that the open Szekler gates of the park symbolize the open minded attitude, the respect and acceptance towards everyone. The National Association of Bukovinian Szeklers built a Szekler gate in the town in Völgység in 1995, and built a park next to it, which commemorates the ethnic group that found their home in Hungary in 1944.



Potápi: if we fight together, nothing can break us

Speaking in Arad on 6 October, the Hungarian national day of mourning, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that today, being a Hungarian citizen in the Carpathian Basin is much more an advantage than a drawback, and if the Hungarian people don't give up hope, if they can fight together, there's no force that can break the nation. Remembering the martyrs of Arad, the state secretary stressed that "Arad is the symbol of Hungarians' unbreakable will to live." A limited number of participants could attend this year's national day of mourning due to the epidemic, and they had to keep a distance and wear a mask while listening to the speech and placing their wreaths and candles.

Hungarian political presence in numbers: local elections' results published

Nearly two weeks after the local elections in Romania on 27 September, the Central Electoral Bureau (BEC) published the official results on its website. Regional and parliamentary candidates of the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ) received 381,445 votes in total, which is 4.86 per cent of all the valid, i. e. nearly 7,852,000 votes. RMDSZ received approximately 92 per cent of the votes for regional candidates of Hungarian parties. That is 4 per cent better than in 2016. The remaining 8 per cent is divided between the Hungarian Civic Party (MPP) and the Hungarian People's Party of Transylvania (EMNP).

RMDSZ registers signatures necessary for the parliamentary elections

President Hunor Kelemen posted on his Facebook page that RMDSZ registered 153,000 supporting signatures collected in less than a week for the Central Electoral Bureau (BEC). He added that they set a time record with the collection of the signatures, as Hungarians expressed their support and the need for Hungarian representation in the parliament.





Szijjártó: Hungarians in Slovakia can count on the support of the Hungarian government

After meeting with the president of the Party of the Hungarian Community (MKP) Krisztián Forró in Pozsony/Bratislava, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó pointed out that Hungarians in Slovakia can count on the support of the Hungarian government, as before. As he commented, “the Hungarian government continues to believe that it’s not up to us, Hungarians in Budapest to find out what is good for Hungarians abroad. It’s far more efficient to ask them what they need.”



Martyrs of Arad commemorated in several towns in Vojvodina

On Sunday, speaking at commemoration in Elemér – the birthplace of Lieutenant general Ernő Kiss, one of the martyrs of Arad – President of the Hungarian National Council (MNT) Jenő Hajnal pointed out that the secret of the survival of the Hungarian nation is that “after all the demolition and peril, we could always rise up.” According to Jenő Hajnal, we often hear that the number of Hungarians in Vojvodina is decreasing but there are still a lot who hold on and believe in the permanence and prosperity of Hungarians.



Potápi: It’s important that Hungarians in Transcarpathia support Hungarian candidates

During his two-day visit to Transcarpathia, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi commented that he finds it crucial for Hungarians in Transcarpathia to support Hungarian candidates in the local elections of Ukraine on 25 October. He added that the support of the candidates of the Transcarpathian Hungarian Cultural Association (KMKSZ) is extremely important, as they could preserve and confirm their positions gained so far.

Developing vocational education serves prosperity in the home-land

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the new building of the Vocational Center in Tiszapéterfalva/Pyiterfolvo (Transcarpathia), State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that the development of vocational education serves the prosperity of young people. During his two-day visit to Transcarpathia, Mr. Potápi said that in Hungary, as in the whole Carpathian Basin, “we work hard on the strengthening of vocational education.”

Dormitory of Greek Catholic Center Elemér Ortutay inaugurated in Berehove

The dormitory of Greek Catholic Center Elemér Ortutay was inaugurated in Beregszász/Berehove. The center – the building of which was supported by the Hungarian Government – was inaugurated by State Secretary for Hungarian



Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi. Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, Mr. Potápi highlighted that the Greek Catholic center “gives home to our Christian faith, knowledge and our devotion to the Hungarian culture.”



State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi on a visit to Croatia

Last week, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi and Head of Department Judit Szabó Pirityiné visited Croatia in order to gain insight to the development processes of the infrastructure that are crucial for the survival of Hungarians in Drávaszög and also to talk about future plans with the presidency of the Democratic Union of Hungarians of Croatia (HDMK). Mr. Potápi stressed that in the past decade, the Hungarian Government did everything in its power to make Hungarians abroad feel that they have a kin state and congratulated the president of the HMDK Róbert Jankovics on his party’s fruitful work in the region.

