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Potápi: Hungary always “managed to stand up”

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the Square of National Cohesion in Dombóvár, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad of the Prime Minister’s Office Árpád János Potápi stressed that “throughout history, Hungary always managed to stand up, and even after failed revolutions, lost world wars and occupations it was capable of renewal.” The state secretary added that today we can declare that we are the largest and strongest nation of the Carpathian Basin. He added that in 2020, the Year of National Cohesion, we are not only commemorating the centenary of the Treaty of Trianon, but several other anniversaries: it was 30 years ago that Hungary became a democratic country and 10 years ago “we laid the basis” for the new policy for Hungarian communities abroad. The establishment of the memorial was supported by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad.

Trianon memorial inaugurated in Magyaralmás

On Saturday, a memorial marking the centenary of the signing of the Treaty of Trianon was inaugurated in Magyaralmás (Fejér County, Hungary). Speaking at the event, Ministerial Commissioner responsible for Hungarian communities abroad Péter Szilágyi said that the Orbán government has placed dialogue with Hungarian communities abroad on a new foundation and it is working hard in order to universalize “thinking in terms of one nation and a unified Carpathian Basin”. Mr. Szilágyi added: “We proved that the burdens of the bloody 20th century could not break us, and our survival gave us new impetus, giving us the potential to be the winners of the 21st century.”



RMDSZ finalizes its list for parliamentary elections, EMSZ receives two seats

The Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ) will have candidates in every county of Romania for the parliamentary election on 6 December. This was announced by the head of the party Hunor Kelemen. Mr. Kelemen added that – as part of the cooperation with the Hungarian Alliance of Transylvania (EMSZ) – the RMDSZ will ensure two seats for the EMSZ on its election list. Mr. Kelemen added that they made this decision in spite of the fact that the RMDSZ has more mayors than in 2016 and the EMSZ posted worse results in local elections in September than its “two small parties together four years ago.”



Slovakia’s regions with Hungarian populations will be developed from EU funds

Prime Minister of Slovakia Igor Matovic received the president of the Party of the Hungarian Community (MKP) Krisztián Forró and its vice-president József Berényi in



his office. As part of the talks, the Prime Minister said that Slovakia intends to spend its EU funds in a balanced way and regions with Hungarian populations will not be excluded from the developments. Mr. Matovic stressed that Slovakia will not regard Southern Slovakia and the Southern Part of Eastern Slovakia “as an annex.” Krisztián Forró said it is extremely important that Hungarians feel the advantages of the developments realized from EU funds. Answering a journalist’s question, the prime minister said that dual citizenship is a sensitive issue, but he added that it is among the plans to make it possible for those who “have an attachment to another country.”



Honorary consulate opens in Újvidék

After Niš, Kragujevac and Belgrade, Hungary has opened an honorary consulate in Újvidék (Novi Sad). Its honorary consul will be Árpád Zavarkó, who is a lawyer. Speaking at the event, Hungary’s ambassador in Belgrade Attila Pintér said that the main task of the honorary consul will be to develop economic and trade relations.

Signing ceremony of scholarship contracts of the MNT held in Szabadka

With the support of the Hungarian Government (the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad), the Hungarian National Council (MNT) is implementing its scholarship program for higher education students for the tenth year. This year 209 first year students and 70 students assisting in administrative duties will take part in the program. In recent years more than 4000 students have received support from the Hungarian Government, thus contributing to young Hungarians’ permanence and prosperity in their homeland.



New and renovated institutions inaugurated in Transcarpathia

In recent days several renovated institutions – education and cultural institutions, and medical clinics – have been inaugurated in Transcarpathia, realized through support from the Hungarian Government. Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, the president of the Cultural Association of Hungarians in Transcarpathia (KMKSZ) László Brenzovics said that at this difficult time, which is made worse by the epidemic, the KMKSZ has tried to renovate the medical clinics of every town and village in the region. He added: “We are preparing for elections, and recently the KMKSZ candidates have worked hard to develop the region and make it a better place to live. He stressed that in order to continue this process, good election results are needed, and he expressed his hope that people will decide wisely when they vote.





Deputy Prime Minister Zsolt Semjén receives Róbert Jankovics in his office

On Tuesday, Deputy Prime Minister Zsolt Semjén received the president of the Democratic Union of Hungarians in Croatia (HMDK) in his office in the Karmelita Monastery. Speaking after the meeting, Mr. Jankovics said that it was a friendly meeting, during which they discussed current issues affecting the Hungarian community in Croatia.

