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## In 2020 also the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad is offering "baby package" for Hungarian babies abroad

In 2020 also, the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad is offering a baby package for families that had a baby in 2019 or 2020 and applied for the maternity allowance available for Hungarians abroad. In a video message posted on his Facebook page, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi announced that after 2019, the program will continue in 2020. Mr. Potápi said that in 2019, 6,600 packages were offered and this year the number increased to 10,000, which he described as something to celebrate.



## Hunor Kelemen on the Day of Dispersed Hungarian Communities: the votes of dispersed Hungarians count in the general election, as well

The anniversary of the Treaty of Trianon declared a holiday in Romania

On Wednesday, the Office of the President of Romania announced that President Iohannis declared June 4 "Trianon Day" in Romania. According to the new law, on this day events will be held which proclaim the historical importance of the Treaty of Trianon, and local and state authorities may provide financial or organizational support. Romanian public service media will be required to report on these events.

## Potápi: Declaring June 4 a holiday in Romania is shocking

Speaking to Hungarian News Agency MTI, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi called it shocking and insulting towards Hungarians that in Romania the anniversary of Trianon has been declared a national holiday. According to Mr. Potápi, the law that declares June 4 a national holiday is insulting not only towards Hungarians in Transylvania, but to the whole Hungarian nation.

## EMSZ: the anniversary of Trianon is a day of mourning for us

The presidents of the Association of Hungarians in Transylvania (EMSZ) announced that they consider June 4, the anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Trianon, a day of mourning, and in spite of the law, the association will not take part in any celebrations. The leaders of the VMSZ pointed out that they find it unacceptable that one hundred years after the signing of the Treaty of Trianon, which was the "greatest tragedy for the Hungarian nation", the Romanian legislators "still cannot overcome their obsolete reflex to provoke and put another obstacle on the rough path towards Hungarian-Romanian reconciliation."





## MKP may provide the president of a unified Hungarian political party in Slovakia

According to the leader of the Party of the Hungarian Community (MKP) Krisztián Forró, in the latest negotiations on unification, leaders of the Unity of Hungarian Community and Most-Híd (Bridge) party were open to the possibility of MKP providing the president of a unified political party. The leader of Híd László Sólymos said that he does not believe this is what defines unification, and leader of Unity of Hungarian Community Szabolcs Mózses said that the allocation of positions is not a crucial question.



## VMSZ holds seven state secretary positions

According to a coalition agreement signed on Friday by the Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians (VMSZ) and the Serbian Progressive Party, VMSZ will hold seven state secretary positions. On Pannon RTV's daily news show Közügyek (Public Affairs), on Tuesday, István Pásztor said that he is putting forward three people who have already held positions as state secretary: Annamária Vicsek, State Secretary for Education; Attila Juhász, State Secretary for Agriculture; and Ferenc Vickó, State Secretary for Health.



## The second round of the local elections in Uzhhorod has begun

UNIAN News Agency has reported that the second round of the local elections on 25 October has begun in eleven towns in Ukraine. In spite of the lockdown during the weekend, mayors are being elected in Dnyipro/Dnipro, Lemberg/Lviv, Mikolajiv/Mykolaiv and Ungvár/Uzhhorod.

## KMKSZ commemorates victims of "malenkij robot" with wreath-laying in Svaliava

In Szolyva/Svaliava, the Transcarpathian Hungarian Cultural Association (KMKSZ) commemorated the victims of malenkij robot ("a little work") deported to Soviet labor camps in November 1944. At the initiative of the KMKSZ, a memorial park was built on the former site of the relocation camp. The names of approximately 12,000 victims are engraved in marble slabs. Research shows that around 40,000 Hungarians from Transcarpathia never returned from the labor camps.

