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Hunor Kelemen: representation will be proportional; a stable center-right coalition is needed

Commenting on exit poll figures and information from voting districts on Sunday, President of the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ) Hunor Kelemen said that his party will be able to provide representation in the Romanian parliament which is proportional to the Hungarian community. Addressing Romanian news portal Krónika (Chronicle), Mr. Kelemen said he still believes that Romania needs a center-right governing coalition in the new parliamentary term, but has not yet been called on by any Romanian party to negotiate an alliance.

Preliminary results suggest that in Romania five political parties may have parliamentary representation over the next four years. The elections were won (with 30 per cent of the vote) by the Social Democratic Party, which also has the largest faction in the current parliament, but has been in opposition since last year. The center-right National Liberal Party, close to President Klaus Iohannis, came in second with 25.4 per cent of the vote. In third place was the anti-status quo USR-PLUS Alliance (14 per cent). The election's biggest surprise was the entry to Parliament (with 8.7 per cent of the vote) of the ultra-nationalist Alliance for the Unity of Romanians (AUR), which was formed last year, and which has promoted conspiracy theories related to the coronavirus pandemic. In addition to these, the RMDSZ will definitely have parliamentary representation, with 6 per cent of the vote.

Potápi: RMDSZ strengthened its positions in the Romanian parliament

Evaluating the results of the general elections in Romania on Tuesday in an online press conference, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ) strengthened its positions in the Romanian parliament, as well, due to the Hungarian cooperation. Mr. Potápi expressed his pleasure over the success of the Hungarians in Transylvania. President of RMDSZ Hunor Kelemen highlighted that the pandemic affected the campaign and the participation of the people in the elections, as well. He noted that we should keep this fact in mind when we look at the results.

Viktor Orbán: Hungarians in Transylvania should support Hungarian cooperation and vote for RMDSZ

In his radio interview on Friday morning, Prime Minister Viktor Orbán described strong government in both Hungary and Romania as “our mutual interest”, and asked Hungarians in Transylvania to support Hungarian cooperation and vote for the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ). He pointed out that Romania is important for Hungary, the two countries are engaged in active economic cooperation, Hungarians in Hungary feel kinship with Hungarians in Romania and going there means financial support for Romania.



Péter Szijjártó in Târgu Mureș: "I ask Hungarians in Transylvania to vote in the elections"

Speaking in Marosvásárhely/Târgu Mureș on Wednesday, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó respectfully asked Hungarians in Transylvania to vote in the elections. At the end of his brief visit in Maros County, Mr. Szijjártó and Hunor Kelemen held a joint press conference. Mr. Kelemen emphasized that what is at stake is the preservation of a strong parliamentary representation. He said that RMDSZ can always count on the support of the Hungarian government, both morally and politically.



Potápi: In the Year of New Beginnings, we must further strengthen programs for children and families

In Révkomárom/Komárno, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi stated that children are the new beginning, so in 2021 programs for children and families must be strengthened. Mr. Potápi attended a ceremony in which he handed over prizes ("miracle corners") in the competition "The City is Ours!" hosted by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad and the Association of Hungarian Teachers in Slovakia.



The VMSZ parliamentary faction of the republic is working again in full force

On his Facebook page, parliamentary group leader Dr. Bálint Pásztor stated that the VMSZ parliamentary group is working again at its full strength of nine members. After the nominations of Annamária Vicsek and Attila Juhász, the two new representative members are president of the Vojvodina news portal Magyar Szó (Hungarian Word), Rozália Ökrész from Temerin, and entrepreneur and qualified economist Dániel Gyivánovity.



Statement by KMKSZ on the banning of István Grezsa from Ukraine

Szijjártó: Ukraine is attacking Hungarians in Transcarpathia
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó stated that Ukraine, a non-NATO country, has launched an attack on a national minority belonging to a NATO member state. Mr. Szijjártó called on member states of the Atlantic organization to show solidarity. Mr. Szijjártó also said that he had reported to the foreign ministers of the allied countries about the current events in Ukraine.



The Ukrainian authorities are preparing to eliminate KMKSZ-UMP and indict party leader László Brenzovics

The Ministry of Justice of Ukraine wants to withdraw the registration of the KMKSZ-Ukraine Hungarian Party due to violation of Ukrainian law. According to press reports, the ministry is going to court to cancel the registration of KMKSZ-UMP entry. According to the head of the Transcarpathian County State Administration Oleksiy Petrov, the authorities are preparing to indict president of the Transcarpathian Hungarian Cultural Association (KMKSZ) László Brenzovics.

Hungarians in Transcarpathia meet representatives of OSCE to discuss threats against them

The Ferencz Rákóczi II Transcarpathian Hungarian College of Higher Education received representatives of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) on Friday. The OSCE was informed about the authorities' searches at Hungarian institutions and the situation of Hungarians in Transcarpathia. Members of the OSCE contacted the institution in relation to the house searches at Hungarian institutions on 30 November launched by the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU).

