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Potápi: High-quality health care available in the mother tongue is vital

On Friday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out to the Hungarian News Agency (MTI) that in the preservation of Hungarian communities, high-quality health care available in the mother tongue abroad is vital. An online training series was launched on behalf of the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad, with the participation of the Hungarian Pediatric Association and the Bethesda Children's Hospital. The State Secretariat announced that 2021 is the Year of New Beginnings, and they will dedicate each month to a certain topic. January was the month of sport and February is the month of children's health.



Provocation? The colors of the Romanian flag were painted on the monument of the Szekler martyrs in Marosvásárhely/Târgu Mureş

On Friday unknown individuals vandalized the Monument of the Szekler Martyrs in Marosvásárhely/Târgu Mureş, painting the red, yellow and blue of the Romanian flag on it. In his Facebook post, Mayor Zoltán Soós condemned the act and expressed the view that it was ethnically-based provocation. Mr. Soós thinks that ethnic incitement no longer divides the people of Târgu Mureş, but that some people simply will not give up trying to do so. At the same time, the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ) announced that they had reported the offence to the police. The RMDSZ pointed out that they condemn all extremist actions.



The MKP and the Bridge create the united Hungarian party in Slovakia

The Party of the Hungarian Community (MKP) and Bridge (Híd) have created a united Hungarian party in Slovakia, as the compromises offered to a third party were not accepted. In Slovakia, an attempt to create unified Hungarian representation started approximately 18 months ago. Last December the process reached an important phase, when leaders of MKP and Bridge, the two parties with a majority of the votes, announced that they had come to an agreement on 95 per cent of the questions concerning the unification.



Vučić and Pásztor: Relations between Serbia and Hungary have never seen better days

On Thursday Serbian president Aleksandar Vučić met president of the Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians (VMSZ) and the Assembly of Vojvodina István Pásztor to discussed projects concerning Szabadka/Subotica and the settlements nearby. They agreed that relations between Serbia and Hungary have never seen better days. As



Mr. Vučić posted on his Instagram page called Buducnostsrbiije, “we had an excellent meeting, my friend István Pásztor and I. We agreed that relations between Serbia and Hungary have never seen better days in our history, but we also discussed projects concerning Subotica and the settlements nearby.”



Value-creating communities presented with awards

Natália Váradi, leader of the adult education center of the Ferencz Rákóczi II Transcarpathian Hungarian College of Higher Education, director of the GENIUS Charity Foundation and the Association for Camps for Children with Food Allergies received the Value-creating Communities Prize for this year. The prizes were presented in Budapest by Minister of the Prime Minister's Office Gergely Gulyás and Deputy State Secretary for civic and social relations Vince Szalay-Bobrovniczky. As Mr. Gulyás pointed out, it is important to acknowledge the people who help the society advance year by year.

Fidesz turns to the President of the European Parliament over the threats of Hungarians in Ukraine

Kinga Gál, President of the Christian Democrats within the European People's Party parliamentary group and Tamás Deutsch, member of the group, have written a letter to President of the European Parliament David Sassoli about the threats to Hungarians in Ukraine. Ms. Gál and Mr. Deutsch informed Mr. Sassoli about the threat received by Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó before his official visit to Kiev in late January, by the consulate general in Uzhhorod, by the consulate in Berehove, by the Ferencz Rákóczi II Transcarpathian Hungarian College of Higher Education and by the charity fund Transcarpathian Center for Economic Development "Egán Ede". According to a letter written by “patriots of Ukraine”, if the minister visits Ukraine, “there will be Hungarian blood.”



“So that we not only pass by one another, but also meet”

The aim of the EU project called "National minorities – bridges between communities" is to promote cooperation between Croatia and Hungary with the involvement of the national minorities in both countries. Participants in the project are the Democratic Union of Hungarians of Croatia (HDMK), the City of Pécs, the tourism association of Northern Baranya region and the Zsolnay Cultural Quarter. Representatives from these organizations met again for further discussions, on this occasion in Hungary, in the Croatian House in Pécs. The subject of the discussion was the announcement of the events organized within the project.