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Zsolt Semjén and Árpád János Potápi meet leaders of Hungarian parties abroad

On Thursday, Deputy Prime Minister Zsolt Semjén and State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi met leaders of Hungarian parties abroad. According to the statement of the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad sent to Hungarian News Agency (MTI), the aim of the meeting was to discuss this year's plans. Ministerial commissioner for Hungarian communities abroad Péter Szilágyi, Prime Ministerial Commissioner Katalin Szili and Ministerial Commissioner István Grezsa participated in the meeting, as well. Representing Hungarian parties abroad, president of the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ) Hunor Kelemen, president of the Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians (VMSZ) István Pásztor, president of the Transcarpathian Hungarian Cultural Association (KMKSZ) László Brenzovics, president of the Party of the Hungarian Community (MKP) Krisztián Forró, president of the National Community of Hungarian Local Governments in Slovenia (MMÖNK) Ferenc Horváth and president of the Democratic Union of Hungarians of Croatia (HDMK) Róbert Jankovics participated in the meeting.

Potápi: Yet again, the left wing turns its back to Hungarians abroad

Commenting the debate between Hungarian left wing parties Momentum and DK (Democratic Coalition), State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that "it has been eleven years since we've been working on making Hungarians abroad feel equal and at home in Hungary, regardless where they live in the world. During this time, the left wing hasn't changed: yet again, they would turn their back to their own compatriots. It's good to know that the one who ignores one Hungarian will ignore other Hungarians as well." Leader of the Fidesz parliamentary group Máté Kocsis recalled that recently, leader of Momentum Party András Fekete-Győr campaigned for a Romanian party, against the Hungarians in Romania, and Ferenc Gyurcsány and his party expressed hostility against Hungarians abroad in the 2004 referendum.

Péter Szilágyi: The State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad hosts the Meeting of Hungarian Weekend Schools online

Ministerial commissioner for Hungarian communities abroad Péter Szilágyi pointed out on Wednesday to Hungarian News Agency (MTI) that due to the pandemic, on 26 February 2021, the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad will host the Meeting of Hungarian Weekend Schools online. 200 school leaders are invited to this event from all over the world. The State Secretariat launched this event in 2018 with the intention of strengthening Hungarian language education in the world and providing forums for Hungarians in the diaspora.



Ice rink with tent roof inaugurated in Marorsszentgyörgy

In Marosszentgyörgy/Sângeorgiu de Mureş neighboring Marosvásárhely/ Târgu Mureş on Sunday, an ice rink with tent roof built with the support of the government of Hungary was inaugurated. In his opening speech, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi referred to sports as “one of the most important force that holds communities together.” He mentioned that the Hungarian Government supports the creation of sports institutes because they want a unified nation and Carpathian Basin.

The State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad launches a mentor training program for Hungarian entrepreneurs in Transylvania

The State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad launches a mentor training program for Hungarian entrepreneurs in Transylvania. In the past 2 years, the program has been very successful in Vojvodina. As part of the programs – in which the leaders of starting enterprises and experienced entrepreneurs take part – experienced entrepreneurs are trained to become mentors in order to help “small” entrepreneurs with their knowledge and experience.

National regions: SZNT wants to continue collection of signatures until May

Although the ninth EU member state, Latvia collected the necessary signatures for the protection of national regions initiated by the Szekler National Council, the organization wishes to continue the collection of signatures for three more months. President of SZNT Balázs Izsák announced the prolongation in relation with the end of the third phase, which is 7 February.



Rákóczi Association: let as many as possible declare themselves Hungarian at the census in Slovakia

The Rákóczi Association calls Hungarians in Slovakia to register themselves at the census on Monday with billboards, short films and other campaigning methods. The association launched a campaign with the title “Don’t Forget, You’re Hungarian! – Census 2021” with the cooperation of its Slovak partners. They emphasized in their statement that concerning the future of Hungarians in Slovakia, this census is crucial.

National minorities: ‘Let’s get to know each other – a training material on minorities in Slovakia’

A training material on the minorities in Slovakia was published with the support of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic. The



130-page material is available in Hungarian and Slovak languages. On her Facebook page, State Secretary for National and Inclusive Education Mónika Filip pointed out that the material is aimed to help primary school teachers to gain insight in the Slovak history and the culture of national minorities.



Wrestling Academy of Vojvodina under construction, internal works in progress

The construction of the Wrestling Academy in Magyarkanizsa/ Kanjiža is running smoothly, internal building works are now in progress. The construction site was visited by the president of the Olympic Committee of Serbia Božidar Maljković, president of the World Wrestling Federation Nenad Lalović and president of the Assembly of Vojvodina István Pásztor among others. The government of Hungary supports the project with €2.9 million.



David Sassoli: Ukrainian threats will be responded

According to Hungarian newspaper Magyar Hírlap, the president of the European Parliament replied to the letter of the EP delegation of Fidesz-KDNP about the threats against Hungarians in Ukraine. Mr. Sassoli said that the situation is 'worrying' and pointed out the importance of the protection of citizens of the EU and the EP.

