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### Viktor Orbán on the Day of National Cohesion: the Hungarian nation has remained intact

Speaking on Kossuth Radio's morning show "Good Morning Hungary" on Friday, Prime Minister Viktor Orbán stated that the Hungarian nation has remained intact, and those who have been torn away physically have remained Hungarian spiritually. Mr. Orbán pointed out that there is a nation which extends beyond borders and, in spite of the past century, we have preserved this spiritual unity. He added that the idea of national unity is stronger than ever.

#### Kövér: we survived the tragedy 101 years ago

Speaking on the Hungarian news channel HírTV show "Hungary Live" on Friday, Speaker of the National Assembly László Kövér said that the Hungarian nation survived a tragedy 101 years ago, and it is now happy to say that it is faring well. Mr. Kövér emphasized that Hungary survived the tragedy despite the fact that not only was the Kingdom of Hungary torn apart, but that there was an attempt to eliminate Hungary's viability, depriving it of all important economic and military resources.

### Gergely Gulyás: Hungary feels responsible for Hungarians abroad

Minister of the Prime Minister's Office Gergely Gulyás gave a speech on Friday, the Day of National Cohesion, in Sátoraljaújhely – a settlement that was torn in two by the Trianon peace diktat. Mr. Gulyás pointed out that the past 101 years have been the most difficult in Hungary's history, as we have had to come to terms with the loss of two thirds of our country and one third of our population. Mr. Gulyás was speaking at the handover event for the Rákóczi Association's renovated Rákóczi Hotel, Camp and Event Center and the foundation stone ceremony for a neighboring sports complex.

### Photography exhibition "Through Hungarian Eyes" opens in Kossuth Lajos Square

The photography exhibition "Through Hungarian Eyes" was opened in Kossuth Lajos Square on 4 June, the Day of National Cohesion. The exhibition, at the Memorial Site of Unity, presents the 101 winning photographs in a competition launched by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad. The competition had two main themes: new beginnings after COVID, and the miraculous places surrounding us. State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi gave a speech in which he pointed out that the 101st anniversary of Trianon represents both the end of an old era and the beginning of a new one.

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### Crèches and a nursery school renovated with the support of the Hungarian government inaugurated in Mureş County

Crèches and a nursery school, renovated with the support of the diocese of the Transylvanian Reformed Church and the Hungarian government, were inaugurated on Wednesday in Marosludas/Luduş and Szászrégen/Reghin, Mureş County. Speaking at the inauguration of a crèche, István Grezsa, Ministerial Commissioner for the coordination of the Carpathian Basin Nursery School Development Program, said that after a decade of walking our different paths, we have entered the century of national cooperation and under no circumstances do we want to build ourselves up at the expense of the brothers and sisters who live with us, but we want to increase our collective strength.

### The awards for Hungarian Contemporary Culture in Transylvania are presented in Cluj-Napoca

On the stage of the Book Week in Kolozsvár/Cluj-Napoca on Saturday, Hunor Kelemen, president of the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ) and Deputy Prime Minister of Romania, presented the awards for Hungarian Contemporary Culture in Transylvania. The awards were won by film director Cecília Felméri, poet Noémi László and painter Béla Zoltán. In his speech Mr. Kelemen pointed out that the utter brutality of the past year and a half has called into question the myth of inexorable progress in civilization and technology, but at the same time has shown incredible human effort and achievement that gives cause for hope. On behalf of the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad, Head of Department Réka Brendus participated in the event.

# "Since 1920, Hungary not only has a geographical connotation, but also a spiritual one" – inauguration of the House of Hungarians in Királyfiakarcsa/Kračany

The Day of National Cohesion was commemorated in Királyfiakarcsa/Kráľovičove Kračany, where the House of the Hungarians of Kračany was inaugurated in the picturesque surroundings of the Scout Park. State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi also participated in the event. In his speech, Mr. Potápi stressed that on 26 May 2010 the Government brought a radical change in attitude towards policy for Hungarian communities abroad: over the years there is almost no Hungarian community in the Carpathian Basin that the Government has not supported.

On Saturday a commemoration ceremony was held in Éberhard/Malinovo, where Mr. Potápi highlighted that we are searching for things that connect us, as we can only remain strong and face the challenge of the 21st century if we stand together.

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#### Katalin Szili meets representatives of the Hungarian National Council

On Friday Katalin Szili, Prime Ministerial Commissioner responsible for the coordination of autonomy aspirations in the Carpathian Basin, visited the office of the Hungarian National Council. Ms. Szili met president Jenő Hajnal, Chairman of the Executive Committee Anikó Jerasz and chairman Emil Lulić. The leaders of the Hungarian National Council also reported on the online education implemented last year and this year, and on the mother tongue preservation program implemented in dispersed Hungarian communities.

#### GENIUS Talent Day also organized in Berehove in 2021

Speaking at the eighth Gala for Talented Young People in Beregszász/Berehove on 1 June, Manager of the "GENIUS" Charity Foundation Natália Váradi said that talent management is a national cause. According to the director, the future lies in talent. This year again the winners in various subjects, art competitions and other contests received awards at the foundation's year-end event. At the opening of the GENIUS Talent Day held at Rákóczi College, Ms. Váradi greeted the participants, who also reported on the programs, successes and results of the past year.

#### Péter Szilágyi: No matter where we are, we Hungarians belong together

Speaking at the inauguration of a Trianon memorial in Los Angeles on Sunday, local time, Ministerial Commissioner for Hungarian Communities Abroad Péter Szilágyi pointed out that no matter where we are, we Hungarians belong together. The inauguration ceremony was hosted by the Grace Hungarian Reformed Church as part of the Day of National Cohesion. Mr. Szilágyi highlighted that we are proud to say that being Hungarian means we are filled with emotions, willingness to act and a desire to pass on our knowledge.

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