# Weekly Media Review of Hungarian Communities Abroad

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### The Summer Free University of the Carpathian Basin has opened

At the opening of the Summer Free University of the Carpathian Basin held in Sátoraljaújhely, Fidesz member and chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament Zsolt Németh pointed out that striving for success means the future for Hungarians and Europe, not adaptation to Western expectations. EMNT President László Tőkés stated at the opening that instead of party political bargaining and opportunism, a real dialogue should be pursued in Hungarian-Romanian relations and called the minority law set by the Bucharest government coalition on the agenda as the main test of Transylvanian policy for Hungarian communities abroad. Minister of the Prime Minister's Office Gergely Gulyás told reporters that while Christian democracy is particularly strong in Central Europe, it is no longer represented in European politics. He added that with the struggle of the smaller parties against each other and the shift of the European People's Party to the left, the space has opened up, and it is our task to unite the movements, parties and forces representing Christian democracy and create an institutional framework for them. As part of the Summer Free University of the Carpathian Basin, a round table discussion entitled Landscape during the battle was held with the participation of the presidents of Hungarian parties abroad. The panel was also attended by State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi.

### Potápi: Being Hungarian in the Carpathian Basin is now an advantage

Speaking at the Summer Free University of the Carpathian Basin in Sátoraljaújhely on Friday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that in the past decade, the Hungarian government reunited the Hungarian nation, as a result, being Hungarian in the Carpathian Basin is now an advantage. At the meeting held instead of the Bálványos Free University and Student Camp which was missed due to the coronavirus epidemic, Mr. Potápi emphasized that the past 10-11 years were the most successful years in the last century. He called it important that the government was able to strengthen the Hungarians, the Hungarian national communities in the Carpathian Basin and the diaspora. He stated that the Hungarian nation is now a unified world nation.

## Katalin Szili: cooperation is a duty of our age

Speaking in Szarvas-Ezüstszőlő on Saturday, Ministerial commissioner Katalin Szilin said that cooperation is a duty of our age, we can only provide and preserve each other's safety together. As part of the 24th Carpathian Basin Nationality Days and Harvest Day, Ms. Szili stated that we cannot overcome the difficulties of the 21st century and the pandemic alone.

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# Final: István Beke and Zoltán Szőcs imprisoned on terrorism charges have been released

MP of the Hungarian Civic Party (MPP) József Kulcsár-Terza announced that the County Court of Brassó/Brasov approved the conditional release of István Beke and Zoltán Szőcs from Szeklerland, who were convicted of terrorism, in a final judgment. Mr. Kulcsár-Terza was informed by the men's families. According to his report, the two men serving their five-year prison sentences were released from the prison in Feketehalom on Monday afternoon, where their families waited for them. Mr. Beke and Mr. Szőcs would have finished serving their sentences in six months.



In recognition of their work in the past 30 years, the Association of Hungarian Teachers in Slovakia (SZMPSZ) received the Zoltán Kallós Award for Hungarian Communities Abroad. President of the association Irén Fekete was given the award by State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi on Tuesday morning in Budapest. This prestigious award can be given in recognition of outstanding public, economic, scientific, cultural and educational activities for Hungarians abroad.

# Vojvodina Wrestling Academy inaugurated in Magyarkanizsa

Speaking at the inauguration of the Vojvodina Wrestling Academy on Thursday in Magyarkanizsa/Kanižaj, president of the Hungarian Wrestling Federation Szilárd Németh commented that the Vojvodina Wrestling Academy meets the expectations of the 21st century and is worthy of the athletes' appropriate preparation, physical and mental needs. He added that the Hungarian-Serbian cooperation is successful, and we have to keep up with this, as neighborly relations are crucial for both countries.

# Szijjártó: Hungary is interested in the Eastern Ukrainian peace

After meeting with his Ukrainian counterpart Dmytro Kuleba on Thursday in Kiev, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó said that Hungary is interested in neighborliness, fair co-operation, peace and stability in Ukraine, as this is good for both countries and the community of Hungarians in Transcarpathia. Mr. Szijjártó also said that the two countries mutually recognize each other's vaccination certificate.

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# Brenzovics: the bill on national communities is both restrictive and unconstitutional

Addressing Hungarian daily news program Híradó, president of the Cultural Association of Hungarians in Transcarpathia (KMKSZ) László pointed out that the Ukrainian draft law on national communities is unconstitutional. As we know, the KMKSZ and the UMDSZ recently protested in a joint statement against the draft law on national communities, in which they objected to the use of minority languages in public space only after a decision by local councils and only at the level of local communities.

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