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Potápi: Hungarian communities are strong, wherever they are

In an interview with Hungarian weekly economic magazine Az Üzlet ("The Business"), State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that, due to the pandemic, the restrictions and lockdowns, 2020 was an exceptional challenge for policy for Hungarian communities abroad. Nonetheless, he still considers online communication to be successful, with tens of thousands of Hungarians abroad convinced of the importance of the policy for Hungarian communities abroad. Mr. Potápi commented that although they could not be present, they remained active and tens of thousands of Hungarians abroad had been convinced of the importance of the policy for Hungarian communities abroad who had never been interested before.



László Kövér: Our heritage from Saint Stephen is in danger

According to Speaker of the National Assembly László Kövér, the legacy of St. Stephen of Hungary is now under greater attack than at any time since the fall of communism, and our Christian culture, national identity and state sovereignty are endangered. Mr. Kövér was speaking in Székelyszentkirály/Sâncrai near Székelyudvarhely/Odorheiu Secuiesc on Sunday, at a meeting of the Holy King's Association of settlements called Szentkirály and Szentistván. Mr. Kövér said he believed that in the 21st century those targeting people for subjugation do not primarily want to occupy their country, but capture their minds and souls.

Ludovic Orban: if it does not discriminate, the Hungarian government's Szekler economic development program is not a national security risk

Speaking in Kovászna/Covasna on Sunday, President of the Romanian National Liberal Party (PNL) Ludovic Orban said that if Budapest does not discriminate, the Hungarian government's Szekler economic development program is not a national security risk. Mr. Orban pointed out that he has always said that this support must not be based on ethnicity: this sort of program should address every Romanian citizen, regardless of their nationality (Hungarian, German or Romanian).

In Kölcsey's native village Katalin Szili calls for the strengthening of a sense of national belonging

On Friday, on the 231st anniversary of the poet Ferenc Kölcsey's birth, Prime Ministerial Commissioner Katalin Szili called for the strengthening of national identity and a sense of belonging in the face of globalization. Speaking in the Partium village of Sződemeter (Sauca), where Kölcsey was born, Katalin Szili said she believes that globalization today is the bearer of characterlessness and schematism, and this generates the need for a sense of identity and belonging in communities.



Kövér: we can only win if there are no losers in the Carpathian Basin

Speaking in Somorja/Šamorín in Slovakia on Monday at the inauguration of a memorial to deported Hungarians, Speaker of the National Assembly László Kövér pointed out that over the past 100 years we Hungarians have learned that we can only win if there are no losers in the Carpathian Basin and Central Europe. Mr. Kövér stated that the nations of Central Europe cannot assert their national interests by relying on the goodwill of the great powers, without consideration for one another, let alone if they see one another as rivals.

The Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs sends a diplomatic note to Hungary

On Thursday the Slovak Foreign Ministry sent a diplomatic note to Hungary. The Foreign Ministry is calling on Hungary to abide by the rules of diplomacy and inform Slovakia in advance of the purpose of state officials' visits. The Foreign Ministry's communication department informed the TASR news agency that they were responding to the visit of Hungarian Speaker of the National Assembly László Kövér, who took part in the inauguration in Somorja/Šamorín of a memorial to deported Hungarians.

In a firm statement the Party of the Hungarian Community responds to the vandalization of churches in Bratislava and to a post by Ivan Korčok

In a statement, the Party of the Hungarian Community (MKP) has reacted to the vandalization of a church in Bratislava (daubed with LGBTQ+ propaganda slogans) and to Ivan Korčok's Facebook post, in which he criticized a speech by László Kövér, given at a memorial to deported Hungarians in Somorja/Šamorín on Wednesday. The MKP has strongly condemned the damage to churches and church buildings in Bratislava, rejecting both the messages contained in the graffiti, and most of all the violent way they were conveyed. In connection with the statement by Ivan Korčok, they pointed out that every nation and community of nations has the right to commemorate the glorious and sad events in its history.





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Szijjártó: I cannot imagine any people in Ukraine more indigenous than the Hungarians there

According to the Hungarian news portal index.hu, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó gave an interview to the Russian daily broadsheet Izvestia (Известия, "The News") on Ukrainian-Hungarian relations – more precisely on the recently enacted law on indigenous peoples in Ukraine, which does not apply to Hungarians. However, about 100,000 Hungarians in Transcarpathia, who fear for their identity and language because of the Ukrainian Language Act and the Education Act, would benefit from indigenous status, as the aim of the legislation is to ensure that the peoples concerned fully enjoy all fundamental freedoms as defined in international law and in the Constitution and laws of Ukraine. According to Mr. Szijjártó, extending the law to Hungarians (currently the Crimean Tatars, Karaites and Krymchaks enjoy the benefits of the legislation) would resolve the dispute between Budapest and Kiev over the situation of the Hungarians.

