

Weekly Media Review of Hungarian Communities Abroad

36/2021



PRIME MINISTERS OFFICE
STATE SECRETARIAT FOR HUNGARIAN
COMMUNITIES ABROAD

NPKI | RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR HUNGARIAN
COMMUNITIES ABROAD



Hunor Kelemen: helping each other through the crisis is our common responsibility

Deputy Prime Minister of Romania Hunor Kelemen claims that the coalition government has no alternative today and helping each other through the crisis is the common responsibility of the parties in the coalition. In his political report at the meeting of the Council of Representatives on Friday in Kolozsvár/Cluj-Napoca, the president of the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ) discussed issues of the government crisis in Bucharest. He explained that according to several years of experience of the RMDSZ, cornering friends, partners, and enemies so they cannot escape is not a solution.

RMDSZ: the declaration of our national identity at the Romanian census is our common interest

On Thursday, RMDSZ commented that it is our common interest that Hungarians in Romania living in mixed marriages, dispersed communities, large cities, studying or working abroad also participate in the Romanian census and declare their national identity. The National Census Working Group of RMDSZ held their inaugural meeting on Thursday with the participation of representatives of historical Hungarian churches, national institutions and NGOs in order to prepare for the 2022 census in Romania, where they discussed priorities of the next semester.



Hungarian church school in Gúta inaugurated

Speaking at the inauguration of the Church School Center of Our Lady of the Assumption in Gúta/Kolárovo on Friday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that “everywhere we strengthen Hungarian communities, we create a tiny bit of Hungary.” The school center was restored with the support of the Hungarian government. Mr. Potápi highlighted the government’s actions for the reunification of the nation and how they strengthen Hungarian communities. He emphasized that the aim of the Hungarian government is to strengthen all Hungarian communities, as where it happens, Hungary lives on.





Árpád János Potápi hands over school supplies to first grade students of Vojvodina

Speaking at the first graders' opening ceremony of Hungarian schools in Vojvodina in Óbecse/Bečej and Temerin on Tuesday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi stressed the importance of the preservation of Hungarian education. In a phone interview to Hungarian News Agency MTI, he confirmed that he handed over the school supplies kit put together by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad and the schoolbags offered by the Rákóczi Association. He added that this year, as a novelty, Hungarian college and university students abroad equally receive support as part of the „In Hungarian in the homeland” program of the State Secretariat.



Brenzovics: The American strategy concerning Ukraine should include minority rights in their agenda

In his open letter to President of the US Joe Biden and Ukrainian Head of State Volodymyr Zelensky published on Wednesday, when Mr. Biden received Mr. Zelensky in the White House, president of the Transcarpathian Hungarian Cultural Association (KMKSZ) László Brenzovics pointed out that the American strategy concerning Ukraine should include minority rights in their agenda. Mr. Brenzovics emphasized that the Ukrainian-American cooperation should be based on common interests, which include the respect of minority rights, as well.

Opening ceremony in Hungarian schools in Berehove

The academic year of 2021/22 was opened on Saturday in approximately 100 Hungarian schools in Transcarpathia. The ceremony was organized by the Transcarpathian Hungarian Pedagogical Association in the Ferencz Rákóczi II Transcarpathian Hungarian College of Higher Education. After the restrictive Ukrainian laws making mother tongue education impossible, State Secretariat for International Affairs of the Ministry of Human Resources Zoltán Lőrinczi assured the audience that the Hungarian government, in the name of good neighborliness and mutual respect, but strongly in favor of the national interests of the Hungarians, will do its best to improve and restore the situation with the diplomatic means at its disposal. In his absence, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi sent a video message for the opening ceremony, in which he stressed that “in spite of the restrictive Ukrainian laws, Hungarian education has a future in Transcarpathia.” He added that the Hungarian government will do everything to support the aspirations of Hungarians in Transcarpathia to preserve their mother tongue, education and identity, by supporting their prosperity in their homeland.