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Anita Herczegh: The yeast of cohesion is the strongest

Speaking at the donation event of the Hungarian Bread - 15 million wheat grains program on Thursday in Martonvásár, Fejér County, First Lady Anita Herczegh pointed out that Hungarian farmers demonstrated once again that the yeast of cohesion is the strongest. Ms. Herczegh emphasized that the organizers bring to light a deep knowledge, according to which we are brothers and we have acted accordingly in the past ten years, when we first took part in the donation event and gave flour to the ones most in need. State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi highlighted that since 2010, the policy for Hungarian Communities Abroad strengthened cohesion. He claimed that many initiatives started and now we can talk about a unified nation – the Hungarian Bread program also proves this.

Árpád János Potápi: Policy for Hungarian Communities Abroad would be unimaginable without young people

A survey of the Research Institute for Hungarian Communities Abroad examining young Hungarians showed that over 90 per cent of young Hungarians abroad declare that their identity is Hungarian, they see themselves married with children in the future and would like to continue their studies in their homeland. A comprehensive result of the answers of young Hungarians in the homeland and abroad will be prepared by spring, which will also give directions to the policies. State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi claimed that the survey and the conference are both essential. President of the Research Institute for Hungarian Communities Abroad Zoltán Kántor pointed out that taking the results into consideration, the institute investigates ways of helping young Hungarians in family and community policies.

Katalin Szili: the issue of national minorities is not an internal affair, but a European one

Speaking at the online conference “Legal protection of Hungarians in the Carpathian Basin in 2021” on Thursday, Prime Ministerial Commissioner Katalin Szili pointed out that the issue of national minorities is not an internal affair, but a European one and we need a comprehensive EU regulation. In her opening speech, Ms. Szili examined Hungarians in neighboring countries after a three-day conference of the Institute for the Protection of Minority Rights (KJI).

Péter Szilágyi: education should be treated as a national matter

Speaking at the Teacher of the Year Prize ceremony on Wednesday in Budapest, Ministerial commissioner for Hungarian communities abroad Péter Szilágyi pointed out that education should be treated as a national matter and in the past years, the Hungarian government worked on strengthening Hungarian language education abroad. Mr. Szilágyi stressed that education is not just passing on knowledge, but also



creating values. In the event, two teachers from Hungary and one from Transylvania were awarded.

Kelemen: RMDSZ would keep their portfolios

Hunor Kelemen announced on Tuesday that there's an agreement between the leaders of the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ), the center-right National Liberal Party (PNL) and the Social Democratic Party (PSD) that in their coalition party, RMDSZ will keep their existing portfolios. Mr. Kelemen explained that RMDSZ will keep their portfolios because besides a mathematical formula, they have a political principle, as well, which is representing one national community.

SZNT: the signature collection of the civic initiative for national regions is officially successful

Representative of the committee of the civic initiative and president of the Szekler National Council (SZNT) Balázs Izsák announced on Thursday that the signature collection of the civic initiative for national regions is officially successful. On Wednesday, the Hungarian National Election Committee recognized the validity of more than 774,000 signatures, collected from Hungarian citizens. The authorities of the member states of the European Union have recognized the validity of more than one million signatures and have verified the number of signatures above the threshold in seven member states: Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Ireland, Belgium, Spain and Lithuania.

President of the Alliance banned from entering Ukraine

President of the Alliance (Szövetség) Krisztián Forró was not allowed to enter Ukraine on Wednesday. Mr. Forró shared on his Facebook page that heading towards Ungvár/Uzhhorod at the invitation of the Transcarpathian Hungarian Cultural Association (KMKSZ), he was stopped at the border between Záhony and Csap/Chop by Ukrainian border control officers and was not allowed to enter. He has been placed on a ban list for the first time in his life and is unable to enter Ukraine until 26 October 2023 for reasons yet unknown. The case started a series of protests.

István Pásztor: In 2022, Hungarians in Vojvodina will be able to go to the polls seven times on five occasions

Speaking at Radio Subotica on Tuesday, president of the Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians (VMSZ) István Pásztor announced that a series of elections awaits us in 2022, and VMSZ is preparing for the competitions, for the time being only in spirit,



but soon actively, as well. He added that for now, everyone focuses on fighting the pandemic.



Semjén: Hungary fulfills its natural duty by helping Hungarians in Transcarpathia

Speaking at the inauguration of the new building of Egán Ede Vocational Training Centre in Beregszász/Berehove restored with the help of the Hungarian government on Monday, Deputy Prime Minister Zsolt Semjén pointed out that Hungary fulfills its natural duty by helping Hungarians in Transcarpathia. Mr. Semjén inaugurated the building with Hungarian politicians and heads of municipalities and education in Transcarpathia. As a result of the renovation and development worth almost HUF 1.5 billion, nearly 500 students will receive vocational training in Hungarian this year with the support of the Hungarian government. Speaking about the success of the college in the past 25 years Mr. Semjén pointed out that "Hungary does not show mercy when supporting Hungarians in Transcarpathia, but fulfils its natural duty." As he said, with the disappearance of any part of the Hungarian nation, the whole nation will be mutilated.

