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The PM asks Hungarians abroad in a letter to take part in the elections

As Parliamentary State Secretary of the Cabinet Office of the Prime Minister Csaba Dömötör shared on Sunday on his Facebook page that Prime Minister Viktor Orbán asked Hungarians abroad in a letter to take part in the elections next spring. As he wrote, "With the introduction of dual citizenship, we have ended the tragic memory of the 5 December 2004 referendum. In recent years, more than 1.1 million of our compatriots abroad have taken the opportunity and been granted dual citizenship." The Prime Minister emphasized that Hungarian communities abroad can take part in decisions that form our future and express their views in the parliamentary elections.

Hungarian politicians commemorate the anniversary of 5 December 2004

Deputy Prime Minister Zsolt Semjén was the guest of the daily show Napi Aktuális (Daily News) of Hungarian news channel Hír TV. Mr. Semjén pointed out that the action of the Left on 5 December 2004 was a downright treason. He highlighted that Gyurcsány's gang wanted to exclude Hungarians abroad. He added that „they would give migrants the rights what they denied from their own blood.". Semjén emphasized that the Hungarian state takes responsibility for all Hungarians, no matter where they live. Speaker of the National Assembly László Kövér recalled on Sunday that traitors are all those who took part in the left-wing referendum campaign on dual citizenship on 5 December 2004. According to Mr. Kövér, the events also served as a lesson and contributed to the fact that in 2010, the current government was able to build the new policy for Hungarian communities abroad on a stable psychological basis.

Addressing Hungarian News Agency MTI, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that 17 years ago, "the Left betrayed Hungarians abroad in a vile way" when they campaigned against Hungarians abroad in a referendum on dual citizenship; 5 December 2004 is a shame for the "traitorous" Left. In his statement, Mr. Potápi said that the events of that time left irreparable wounds and left a mark on Hungarian-Hungarian relations for a long time.

Szijjártó: policy for Hungarian communities abroad is the soul of foreign policy

Speaking on Monday in Budapest, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó pointed out that policy for Hungarian communities abroad is the soul of foreign policy, so when shaping relations with neighboring countries, the government seeks to establish co-operation that improves the living conditions of Hungarian communities abroad. Speaking at the annual conference of the Committee on National Unity of the Hungarian National Assembly, Mr. Szijjártó emphasized that if relations prove to be fruitful with neighboring countries and investments based on mutual respect and trust take place, the resulting improvement in the mood between the two countries will also improve the conditions of the Hungarian community in the given country.



Hungarian elections: Barna Pál Zsigmond encourages to register and vote

Ministerial commissioner and MP Barna Pál Zsigmond visited Hungarians in Transylvania and encouraged those with Hungarian citizenship to register and vote in the Hungarian general elections scheduled to take place in April 2022. Mr. Zsigmond called 5 December 2004 the darkest day in modern Hungarian history, as the former government incited the Hungarians against the Hungarians abroad.

Vojvodina Mentor Program season 2 launches

The State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad, Design Terminal, Prosperitati Foundation and the Association of Young Entrepreneurs in Vojvodina launch the second season of Vojvodina Mentor Program. Applications are expected from young Hungarian entrepreneurs from Vojvodina who would like to learn from local experienced entrepreneurs. Mentors help to find solutions to the problems and challenges of beginners through the professional program. The large-scale entrepreneur mentoring program was launched in 2019 by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad in Vojvodina and has since been extended to all regions in neighboring countries.

Péter Szijjártó: A safe, developing Ukraine is in Hungary's interest

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó posted on his Facebook page on Friday that this year, we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of Hungarian-Ukrainian diplomatic relations. Three decades ago, Hungary was one of the first to recognize Ukraine's independence. Mr. Szijjártó emphasized that ever since, as a neighboring country, Hungary is interested in a safe, developing Ukraine. He added that however, due to the violations against the Hungarian community in Transcarpathia, our relations have unfortunately developed very poorly in recent years. The minister added: "We want our cooperation to return to the ground of mutual respect as soon as possible."

Potápi: Transcarpathian Hungarians can rely on Hungary

Speaking at the opening event of the Transcarpathian mentoring program held at the Ferencz Rákóczi II Transcarpathian Hungarian College of Higher Education in Beregszász/Berehove, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that Hungary will not let go of the Hungarians of Transcarpathia and will continue to support them. Due to his ban from Ukraine, Mr. Potápi greeted the participants online. As he said, in the last twelve years, Transcarpathian Hungarians could always rely on Hungary and this will not change.



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He added that the mentoring program now being launched is proof of this.



Hungarian College in Prague opens soon

The establishment of the Hungarian dormitory in the attic of the Hungarian parish building in Prague will soon be completed. The gap-filling community strengthening college is implemented with the support of the Hungarian Episcopal Faculty. Father Zoltán Balga, who also pasteurizes Hungarian-speaking students living in the Czech capital, said at the request of Felvidék.ma on Thursday that there is a great demand for spiritual community life among students living in Prague.