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János Áder: all over the world we Hungarians are one another's rock

In the Sándor Palace on Wednesday, President of the Republic János Áder hosted an Advent lunch for heads of Hungarian churches abroad. In his address he stated that Hungarians living all around the world, who have wide ranging knowledge of life and survival, are one another's rock. Mr. Áder quoted an inscription on a picture on the wall of the refectory of the Benedictine Pannonhalma Archabbey of Pannonhalma: "We cannot all know everything." Mr. Áder added that we have been able to feel this interdependence even more strongly since the outbreak of the pandemic. Quoting Pope Francis, he emphasized that "no one reaches salvation by themselves", adding that "Hungarians in the motherland and abroad cannot grow, prosper and be strong without one another."

Ten people presented with House of Hungarians Awards

The first House of Hungarians Awards were presented to 10 people at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Budapest on Saturday. The awards, founded to mark the 10th anniversary of the Institute, were presented by State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi and Director of the House of Hungarians Krisztina Csibi. In his opening speech Mr. Potápi quoted Hungarian poet Sándor Csoóri, emphasizing, "What the Hungarians can say to themselves and to the world, above all they can say in their culture." Mr. Potápi highlighted that in the last decade the House of Hungarians has played a prominent role in nurturing the culture of all Hungarians, preserving its built and intellectual heritage, and strengthening Hungarian identity.

A statue of Móric Benyovszky unveiled in Józsefváros

A statue of Móric Benyovszky was unveiled in the Budapest district of Józsefváros on Friday. The 18th-century Hungarian world traveler was born 280 years ago and died 235 years ago. The unveiling of his bronze statue was the closing event of the Benyovszky Memorial Year. At the celebration, the event's main patron, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi gave an address. In this he pointed out that "Benyovszky was a patriot who, in addition to the Hungarians, was also considered Polish by the Poles and Slovak by the Slovaks. He was not only an adventurer on four continents, but also a soldier, a diplomat and a describer of foreign lands of whom we can be justifiably proud. This statue is important in the eighth district, the capital and the entire Hungarian nation."





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Sapientia University honors László Trócsányi and László Dávid with the Bocskai Prize in Kolozsvár

In Kolozsvár/Cluj-Napoca on Friday, László Trócsányi – MEP and former Minister of Justice – and László Dávid – former rector and president of the senate of the university – were presented with the Bocskai Prize of the Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania (EMTE). The award was given to László Trócsányi for his continuous and significant support for the development of Hungarian legal training in Transylvania. Although this was announced in 2019, due to the pandemic the award ceremony could only take place now, after several postponements.

The RMDSZ will have four prefects, losing Cluj and Satu Mare counties but gaining Harghita

After redistribution of government commissioner positions to the parties in the new governing coalition on Monday night, the RMDSZ will have four prefectal positions instead of its previous five. The county RMDSZ government commissioner will also be replaced. In compensation, the party will receive the post of prefect of Harghita County, so it will have a prefect in four counties instead of five. It will also have ten deputy prefects.



The SZMPSZ is cooperating fairly with the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad

On Wednesday the management of the Association of Hungarian Teachers in Slovakia (SZMPSZ) visited the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad. At the more informal end-of-year meeting, the two institutions thanked each other for the fruitful cooperation. Mr. Potápi posted a note on his Facebook page: "Thank you for the visit and the gifts for directors Irén Fekete and Mária Vörös of the Association of Hungarian Teachers in Slovakia. Many thanks for the cooperation."



Potápi: with the support of Hungarian businesses in the Carpathian Basin, we are fulfilling an important goal of the policy for Hungarian communities abroad

Speaking in Topolya/Bačka Topola on Wednesday at the opening event of the second phase of the Vojvodina Mentor Program, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that Hungary is fulfilling an important goal of the policy for Hungarian communities abroad through the support of Hungarian businesses in the Carpathian Basin, as this supports Hungarian families and contributes to the development of Hungarian regions. He added that there are around



40,000 business principals in the Carpathian Basin, out of which 5,000 have already been contacted by the State Secretariat in recent years.



Szijjártó: in Ukraine, decisions afflicting the Hungarian community are continuous

Speaking at a press conference in Brussels on Monday, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó pointed out that Hungary has made many gestures in favor of Ukraine. He said that these have not always served Hungary's national interests, but it is disappointing that, despite these and Hungary's continued assistance, almost every month the Ukrainians make decisions that violate the rights of the Hungarian national community and talk about further restrictions. Mr. Szijjártó pointed out at the Brussels foreign affairs forum that, as a neighboring country, Hungary has always stood up for Ukraine's integrity and sovereignty. He noted, however, that, declaring the rigor of its measures against dual citizens, Kiev has recently warned Hungarians not to take part in Ukrainian public life.