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Results published for the “Your Words are Worth their Weight in Gold” video call for applications

On Friday, the results were published for the video call for applications “Your Words are Worth their Weight in Gold”, launched in December by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad. The first three prizes went to two applicants from Hungary and one from Transylvania. In a video posted on his Facebook page, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi said the following: “The foundations and pillars of our strong nation are the senior members of our communities, as it is because of their insistence on their Hungarian identity, their tenacity, their perseverance and their hard work that we are here today, as members of our nation in action.” He sent his best wishes to the winners and to those who “listen to and embrace the guidance of our seniors. May God bless them and give them long, healthy lives.”



István Kovács ordained bishop of the Unitarian Church in Kolozsvár, PM Orbán sends his written congratulations

After his election as bishop in June, on Saturday afternoon in Kolozsvár/Cluj-Napoca, István Kovács was ordained as a bishop of the Unitarian Church. In his sermon following the ordination, the 32nd bishop of the Transylvanian Protestant Church said that whoever appraises the greatness of their mission inevitably feels unworthy of the task. He added that the answer to our struggles comes from prayer. God does not call those who are fit for the task, but makes those who are called fit for the task. Prime Minister Viktor Orbán sent him written congratulations. He said the following: “After having been torn apart by the Treaty of Trianon, the moment that the Unitarian Church was reunited nine years ago was uplifting for the whole Hungarian nation. This was proof that what was separated by evil forces, distorted ideologies and human feebleness can be reunited again after nine years by mutual faith and a union that knows no borders.” In his video message sent to the ordination ceremony, Speaker of the National Assembly László Kövér pointed out that the real strength lies in, and is nourished by, ensuring that everyone’s dignity, faith and identity are protected, and that everyone is at home in their motherland.

Miklós Soltész presents donation letters of school renovation grants in Szeklerland

State Secretary for Churches, Minorities and Civil Affairs Miklós Soltész presented donation letters of school renovation grants in Szeklerland. He informed Hungarian News Agency MTI that the Hungarian government is providing HUF 245 million for the renovation of the building of the Fogarassy Mihály Technical Secondary School – owned by the Catholic Church – in Gyergyószentmiklós/Gheorgheni, and HUF 720



million for the renovation of the Tamási Áron High School in Székelyudvarhely/Odorheiu Secuiesc.



Csongor Csáky: Hungarian schools in the homeland are a guarantee for the survival of Hungarian communities

Speaking at a press conference in Nagysalló/Tekovské Lužany on Thursday, at which the launch of the school bus program was announced, president of the Rákóczi Association Csongor Csáky pointed out that Hungarian schools in the homeland are a guarantee for the survival of Hungarian communities and the future of the Hungarian nation. The aim of the school bus program, planned to be launched in September in Hungarian scattered communities and settlements close to the border, is to help pupils' safely commute to schools and make school choice easier for Hungarian parents in Slovakia.



Semjén: the unified Hungarian nation can only survive intact if all its parts remain intact

Speaking in Palics/Palić on Thursday at the main event of the Day of Hungarian Culture, President of the Christian Democratic People's Party (KDNP) and Deputy Prime Minister of Hungary Zsolt Semjén said that the unified Hungarian nation can only survive intact if all its parts remain intact: if not only Hungarians in Hungary remain, but also those in Transylvania, Slovakia, Vojvodina, Transcarpathia and the diaspora. At the event Mr. Semjén received the Golden Plaque of the Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarian (VMSZ). When presenting the prize, the VMSZ stressed that without Mr. Semjén's "love of community and steadfast service for a Hungarian nation that continues to be built on Christian foundations, we would not live, we would not be able to live in the Hungarian world today, which gives strength, faith and heart in and for everyday life."



KMKSZ Election Committee meets in Beregszász

On 29 January the Election Committee of the Transcarpathian Hungarian Cultural Association (KMKSZ) met in the great hall of the Rákóczi Ferencz II Transcarpathian Hungarian College of Higher Education. At the meeting there was discussion of current political issues, a decision was made on the schedule of KMKSZ general assemblies, and a declaration was adopted on the preparation of a shadow report. President of the KMKSZ László Brenzovics and MEP Andrea Bocskor attended the meeting online. The issue of minority protection has become more difficult, as those who speak up for minorities in Ukraine will be considered to be Russian



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collaborators. Ms. Bocskor also pointed out that there are some platforms that keep the issue of minority protection on the agenda and report on the current situation of Hungarians in Transcarpathia.

