

Motion nr. 7

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On behalf of the party: HPPT

Title: End of the anti-Hungarian attitude by the Romanian government.

Having examined the situation of the Hungarian community in Romania and upon observing the continuous intensification as well as generalisation of the anti-Hungarian attitude, practiced also on the level of governmental policies, The General Assembly of the European Free Alliance [EFA] adopted the following resolution:

EFA condemns hate speech against Hungarians in Transylvania. We deem the statement made on 11th of January 2018, of the former Romanian Prime Minister, Mihai TUDOSE, in which he threatened with execution by hanging all persons, who would have liked to fly the Szekler flag claiming territorial autonomy for the Szeklerland.

We firmly reject all attempts aimed exclusively at limiting the right to use own symbols a right guaranteed in Europe, or to threaten by death those who claim the right of self determination!

Hate speech should not be allowed in any member state of the European Union and especially not by a prime-minister of a member state.

Furthermore, following the denial submitted by our member party, de Romanian judiciary decided that there is nothing to investigate and nothing to punish.

The lack of a sufficiently energetic reaction by Romanian officials, leaders of the European Union and officials of other international bodies to this shocking declaration, which would have entailed further consequences to the statement of the PM, who was dismissed in the meantime, raises our concerns.

We demand the re-examination of BEKE István's and SZŐCS Zoltán's case, who were imprisoned based on concocted accusations and for political reasons; the release of these two political prisoners as well as the publication — without further ado and according to legal provisions in force — of the detailed statement of reasons supporting their conviction!

The incarceration of the two young Szeklers is just another unequivocal and brutal intimidation attempt of Romanian state authorities to undermine the Romanian–Hungarian relationship, which is otherwise vulnerable, and to generate tensions and mistrust between the two nations.

We protest against the forced merger of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Târgu Mureş [/Marosvásárhely/Neumarkt am Mieresch] and demand that the independent Hungarian language medical education be ensured in Romania as this is a right acquired by the Hungarian community in Transylvania and guaranteed by the law on education.

Notwithstanding these facts, Romanian state authorities are still obstructing the exercise of this right! We emphasise that the continuous attacks to which the system of Hungarian language education in Romania has been subjected make educational autonomy the only durable and stable solution.

We call the Romanian authorities' attention to the fact that the country's EU accession was conditioned upon observance of property rights and restitution of private property confiscated by the State during the years of Communist dictatorship.

Failure to comply with these requirements represents an infringement of obligations assumed by the Government! We protest against the re-nationalisation of private and Church properties as well as urge the speed-up of the restitution in integrum process!

The network of institutions operated by the Hungarian community in Transylvania is the guarantee of subsistence for the entire Hungarian community in Romania; while the predatory policies of state authorities, implemented during the Communist era as well, are contrary to the principles of the European Union.

We ask the European Commission to bring the Romanian Government to fulfil all obligations and recommendations stipulated by the relevant documents of the European Union before 2007.

We demand that the use of the Hungarian language, including the placement and use of Hungarian language inscriptions, as well as the free use of national symbols, including the Szekler flag, be fully ensured!

We believe and profess that multicultural and multilingual countries are stronger and more stable, just like Europe.

We welcome the joint declaration on autonomy issued on the 8th of January 2018 by the Hungarian parties in Romania that clarified for everybody: autonomy is the general will of Hungarians in Transylvania.

We use this opportunity to express our support to the Hungarian community in Transylvania regarding their fight for internal self-determination and our confidence that unity of action for obtaining autonomy will be forged as soon as possible in the spirit of this declaration signed January last year.

We call attention to the fact that delaying the building of infrastructure [i.e., motorways, railroads etc.] in Transylvania is a major obstacle to the organic unification of the country, the region and Europe as well.

Consequently, it also hinders the implementation of EU cohesion policies. The immediate losers of this situation are primarily the Romanian citizens, while responsibility rests with the excessively centralised and inefficient system of central government.