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COMMEMORATION OF THE HUNGARIAN UPRISING OF 1956



Freedom Fighter of the 1956
Hungarian Revolution
Cardinal Mindszenty Plaza, Cleveland

'On October 23, 1956, the Hungarian people stood up against tyranny in the name of freedom, bravely rising up to oppose the Communist regime which had been imposed upon them by the Soviet Union. During this uprising, many Hungarians died to defend and advance their country's freedom and independence.'

'We honor those brave Hungarian patriots of 1956, just as we honor all those who show the courage to promote change.'

Statement by the White House Press Secretary on the 53rd anniversary of the Hungarian uprising of 1956 ►

Recently at the Embassy



Jazz Night to Honor the Memory of Daniel Pearl

With the support of U.S. Embassy Budapest and the American Corner Budapest, the Bende Zsolt Quartet and the Tzumo Acoustic Trio dedicated a concert and a jam session on October 16 to honor the memory of Daniel Pearl at the Budapest Jazz Club. [More](#) ►



Embassy Promotes Study in the United States

On October 15, Consular Officer Erik Schnotala and Cultural Affairs Assistant Kati Biro visited the Ervin Szabó Regional Public Library in Budapest's 18th District, to promote the idea of studying in the United States. Mr. Schnotala and Ms. Biro spoke about the tremendous opportunities in higher education in America and the ways of going about applying to get there. [More](#) ►



Fundraising Techniques for Community Service Projects

On October 9 and 10, leaders of the Hungarian Alumni groups met in the Hungarian Pilis Mountains to learn more about fundraising for community service projects. [More](#) ►



Visiting the First Certified Passive House in Szada

On October 7, Chargé Levine visited the first certified Hungarian Passive House in Szada. László Szekér, the architect of the house, joined him for the visit. Programmer and mathematician György Balogh and his family own the 126 square meter house which meets the stringent requirements of the Passivhaus Institut in Darmstadt, Germany. [More](#) ►



Celebrating World Habitat Day

This year, students from the American International School of Budapest and from Lakatos Menyhért Általános Iskola volunteered their time to work on a renovation project involving social rental units in Budapest's eighth district. [More▶](#)



Bridge Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness

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On October 4, the Chargé d'Affaires, Jeffrey Levine joined forces with the Hungarian Bridge of Health Alliance to promote awareness of breast cancer, joining several thousand participants -- including a contingent from the U.S. Embassy -- at the annual Bridge Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness across Budapest's historic Chain Bridge.



Chargé Levine Meets with Cardinal Erdő

On September 30, Chargé d'Affaires Jeffrey Levine paid a courtesy visit to Hungarian Cardinal, Péter Erdő. Cardinal Erdő shared his views on current social challenges in Hungary and explained how the Catholic Church is responding to these issues.



U.S. Civil Rights Movement Inspires Roma Students

Political Officer, C.J. Hernandez presented the history of African-Americans to Roma university students and graduates at St Stephens University, Gödöllő, on 26 September. The group discussed the similarities and differences between the U.S. Civil Rights movement and the minority situation in Hungary today. [More▶](#)

News from Washington



Vice President Biden Visits Poland, Romania and Czech Republic (October 20–23, 2009)

Remarks on America, Central Europe, and a Partnership for the 21st Century▶

October 22, 2009
Central University Library, Bucharest,
Romania

President Obama Wins the Nobel Peace Prize (October 9, 2009)

Remarks by the President: "I am both surprised and deeply humbled by the decision of the Nobel Committee...." [Full text▶](#)

Chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, Thorbjørn Jagland, holds a picture of US President Barack Obama after the announcement of Obama as winner of the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize. (AP Photo)



Looking Ahead



The first ever World Pneumonia Day draws attention to the world's leading killer of children.
WPD▶



RADIO FREE EUROPE AND RADIO LIBERTY: THE CIA YEARS AND BEYOND - a public lecture by A. Ross Johnson

A. Ross Johnson is a research fellow at the Hoover Institution. Johnson was a senior executive of RFE/RL from 1988 to 2002, serving as director of Radio Free Europe, and director of the RFE/RL Research Institute. He is the author of *Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty: the CIA Years and Beyond*, to be published in 2010.

5.00 PM, Monday, November 2, 2009
CEU - Gellner Room (Nádor Street 9. Budapest, V.)

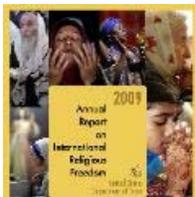
Embassy Sponsors Green Tornado Contests

The GATE Green Club Association announced a *Climate Change* video competition for Hungarian students aged between 13 and 25 and a *Climate Patrol* competition for Hungarian students aged between 8 and 14. The videos will be screened and the essays and drawings will be exhibited at the *Green Tornado Environmental Festival* at Saint Stephanus University, Gödöllő. The Embassy of the United States of America sponsors Green Tornado.



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New Publications



International Religious Freedom Report 2009

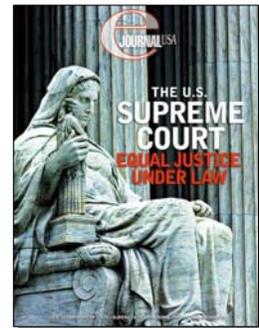
The Country Reports on Human Rights Practices are submitted annually by the U.S. Department of State to the U.S. Congress. The reports cover internationally recognized individual, civil, political, and worker rights, as set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

[Report▶](#)

eJournal USA Vol 14, No.10. October 2009

The U.S. Supreme Court is respected both in the United States and abroad. The October 2009 edition of *eJournal USA* describes many aspects of the U.S. Supreme Court.

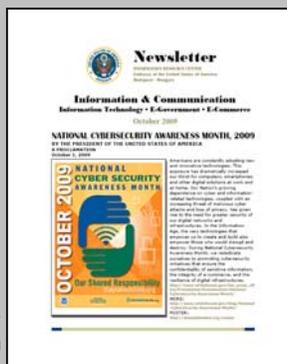
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