



SECRETARY CLINTON MEETS WITH MINISTER MARTONYI



On June 24, 2010, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton met with Hungarian Foreign Minister János Martonyi in Washington, DC. After their meeting, they delivered remarks and took questions from journalists.

Secretary Clinton: "Hungary is a close friend of the United States and a valued partner. We work together to address global challenges, and we are looking to broaden and deepen our cooperation."

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Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Foreign Minister János Martonyi shake hands after their meeting.



Visit in Flood Stricken Borsod County

On June 23, Ambassador Kounalakis visited flood afflicted Borsod County's seat, Miskolc and one of the most severely affected settlements in the region, Felsőzsolca. The Ambassador was accompanied by the Hungarian Red Cross President György Habsburg. [More](#) ►

Ambassador Kounalakis, György Habsburg and MP Katalin Csöbör surveying flood damage in Felsőzsolca (Embassy photo)



\$ 50,000 Donation for Flood Relief

U.S. Ambassador Eleni Kounalakis announced a \$ 50,000 donation to assist flood relief efforts in Hungary. The official grant, funded by the U.S. Government's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, will be made to the Hungarian Red Cross, which will use the funds for blankets, cots, food, water pumps and other items to assist those affected by the flooding. [More](#) ►



Opening of the First Starbucks in Hungary

On June 16, 2010, Ambassador Kounalakis and Budapest's Deputy Mayor Imre Ikvai-Szabó cut the ribbon and officially opened the first Starbucks in Budapest. The store, located in Budapest's West End shopping mall, is the first in Hungary and it opened to an enthusiastic crowd of Starbucks fans from Hungary and abroad who arrived in the early hours on Wednesday to be part of the opening ceremony.

Deputy Mayor Imre Ikvai-Szabó and Ambassador Kounalakis officially opening the first Starbucks in Hungary (photo courtesy of Cafe PR)



Farewell for Joint Hungarian and U.S. Deployment to Afghanistan

Consul General Jeffrey Lodinsky attended the farewell ceremony for the fourth combined Hungarian-U.S. Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team in Debrecen, Hungary. This occasion marked the end of the team's combined pre-deployment training and the beginning of their operational deployment to Afghanistan. [More](#) ►

Speaking in front of Consul General Lodinsky is Colonel Mike McHenry along with high ranking Hungarian military representatives (State Dept. photo)



Chief NATO Commander in Europe Visits Budapest and Pápa

Admiral James Stavridis, the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, visited Hungary from June 7-9 to meet with senior Hungarian government officials and military leaders to thank them for their NATO work in Afghanistan and the Balkans. In addition to Budapest, the Chief NATO Commander also visited the Pápa Air Base, home to the multinational strategic heavy airlift unit, and praised Hungary as a strong and reliable NATO ally.

Ambassador Kounalakis with Admiral James G. Stavridis Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (State Dept. photo)



Flash Mob Performance

Over 3 dozen Embassy employees and friends recently participated in a Flash Mob performance coordinated by Deputy Chief of Mission Jeff Levine. The group practiced a choreographed dance routine over two weeks and on June 19 performed on the square in front of St. Stephen's Basilica to crowds of onlookers and tourists.

(Embassy photo by Jeff Jordan)

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Tolerance Video Competition Awards Presentation

Finalists, along with all the competitors, were invited to participate in an awards ceremony, which took place at Berzsényi High School in Budapest on June 1 with Ambassador Eleni Kounalakis. The winning video was a team effort by Mihály Vörös and Sebastian Jaspers. The top prize was an iPad donated by Ambassador Kounalakis.

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Visit the [Embassy Video Channel on YouTube](#) to watch the film recorded at the event. The winning video entry as well as the runners up and the Ambassador's choice can be viewed [here](#)

From Washington

TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT 2010

Secretary Clinton (June 14, 2010): "The 10th annual Trafficking in Persons Report outlines the continuing challenges across the globe, including in the United States. The Report, for the first time, includes a ranking of the United States based on the same standards to which we hold other countries. The United States takes its first-ever ranking not as a reprieve but as a responsibility to strengthen global efforts against modern slavery, including those within America. This human rights abuse is universal, and no one should claim immunity from its reach or from the responsibility to confront it."

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Hungarian Nominee Selected as One of Eight TIP Heroes

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, in presenting the tenth annual Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report, recognized the outstanding work of eight men and women from around the world, including Hungary, who worked tirelessly in their communities to eliminate this modern day form of slavery.

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Irén Ádámné Dunai is 3rd from right (State Department photo)

Presidential Proclamation - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month

"As Americans, it is our birthright that all people are created equal and deserve the same rights, privileges, and opportunities. Since our earliest days of independence, our Nation has striven to fulfill that promise. An important chapter in our great, unfinished story is the movement for fairness and equality on behalf of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. This month, as we recognize the immeasurable contributions of LGBT Americans, we renew our commitment to the struggle for equal rights for LGBT Americans and to ending prejudice and injustice wherever it exists". [Full Text](#) ►



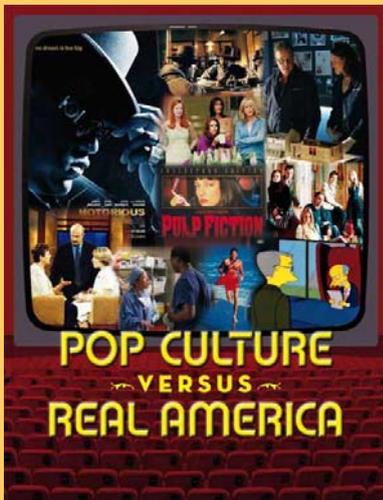
Secretary Hillary Clinton's Video Greeting to the Hungarian and American Participants in the Conference,
 "CHANGING THE ODDS BEYOND THE BORDERS: ADAPTING THE HARLEM CHILDREN'S ZONE MODEL IN HUNGARY," Washington, DC, June 7, 2010►
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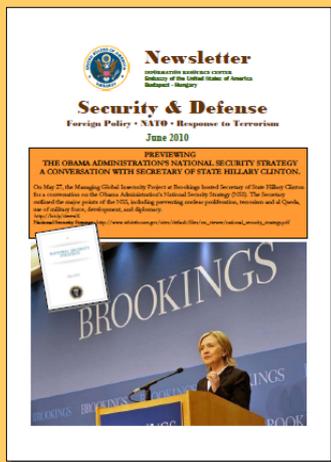
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