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SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ANTHONY KENNEDY VISITS HUNGARY



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Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court visited Hungary on July 13-16. He had a warm and productive exchange on broad constitutional principles and the rule of law with Prime Minister Viktor Orbán and Foreign Minister János Martonyi. Justice Kennedy's visit comes as Hungary begins a process to rewrite its Constitution. Regarding this process, Justice Kennedy said, "The people of Hungary have the opportunity to restate to the world their commitment to freedom." He referred to the U.S. Constitution, saying that "The Constitution gives us our definition and concept of the American self; it embodies the aspirations of a people." **More ►**

Justice Anthony Kennedy and Prime Minister Viktor Orbán share a laugh at their meeting on July 15. (Embassy photo by Attila Németh)



US Investment to Create 400 New Jobs in Komárom

Mylan Inc. is opening a new pharmaceutical packaging center in Komárom which will give a boost to the local economy and bring in hundreds of new jobs. At a press conference marking that announcement, Ambassador Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis pointed out that since 1990 the value of U.S. foreign direct investment in Hungary has reached 9 billion dollars, which reflects well on Hungary's ability to attract capital and the country's economic climate. **More ►**

Ambassador Kounalakis, Economics Ministry State Secretary Zsolt Becsey, Mylan COO Rajiv Malik, and Mylan Vice President Scott Marshall at the press conference (Embassy photo by Attila Németh)



Ambassador Kounalakis Visits the Balkans with Defense Minister Hende

At the invitation of the Hungarian Defense Ministry, U.S. Ambassador Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis accompanied Minister Hende on his first trip to visit Hungarian soldiers in the Balkans. In accepting the invitation, Ambassador Kounalakis wanted to highlight Hungary's leadership role in regional security and to see first-hand the excellent work the Hungarian troops are doing to assist in preserving the peace in the region. **More ►**

Hungarian Defense Minister Hende and U.S. Ambassador Kounalakis Arrive in Sarajevo (photo courtesy of Ministry of Defense)



U.S. Embassy Celebrates Independence Day

On July 1st, 2010 Ambassador Kounalakis hosted the U.S. Independence Day reception at the Táncsics Mihály Compound. Hundreds of Americans and Hungarians celebrated America's 234th birthday. Ambassador Kounalakis expressed appreciation for Hungarian-American friendship and special guest of honor, Prime Minister Orbán, touched on the founding precepts of our two nations. **More ►**

Ambassador Kounalakis and Prime Minister Orbán with U.S. Marine (photo courtesy of Samaruddin Stewart)



Embassies Honor Holocaust Teachers

Ambassador Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis, along with the German and Israeli Ambassadors honored teachers participating in the Centropa Summer Academy. Centropa brings teachers from various countries together every summer to explore innovative methods of teaching about the Holocaust through the use of photographs. **More▶**
Ambassador Kounalakis delivers her remarks (Embassy photo by Attila Németh)

Opening of the Budapest Pride Film Festival

Ambassador Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis delivered remarks at the opening of the 15th Budapest Pride Film Festival held at the Múvész Mozi on July 4, 2010. She emphasized the importance of the notion that "all men are created equal", a phrase first used by Thomas Jefferson in the *Declaration of Independence*. The U.S. Embassy was a signatory to a **statement** issued by seventeen embassies expressing support for the Budapest Pride Festival. **More▶** **Statement▶**
Ambassador Kounalakis receives a bouquet of flowers from Sándor Steigler, organizer of the event. (photo courtesy of Rainbow Foundation)

From Washington

INTERVENTION AT KABUL CONFERENCE Hillary Rodham Clinton Secretary of State Kabul, Afghanistan, July 20, 2010

"This conference makes it clear the world is with Afghanistan and the world stands in opposition to the common threat and the common enemy that stalks us all. There will still be too many days when we wake up to news of violence, conflict, and loss of life. But we must not forget that not only are millions of Afghans working to lay the foundation for a better future, but tens of thousands of young men and women from across the world are as well. Some might carry a gun as part of the military forces, others might carry a notebook as those who are attempting to improve governance or work on education or health, but so many around the world are counting on the success of what we can achieve together here in Afghanistan." **Statement▶**

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