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Budapest: Hungary is in full campaign for the local elections scheduled for October 12th. In less than twenty days before the vote comes to the fore the case of Béla Kovács, the MEP of the far-right party Jobbik, which before the European elections had been accused by prosecutors of being a secret agent in the pay of Russia. Months ago the charge was considered in different environments as part of the campaign against the party, this week an article published online by the journal Index argues that Kovács is the illegitimate son of a Soviet officer serving in Hungary in the 60s and who has a family past that give substance to the allegations that have been disproved again by political. The prosecution had asked the European Parliament to suspend the immunity to formulate concrete accusation but is still waiting for an answer.

Budapest: According to the Central Statistics Office (KSH), in the period between June and August, the unemployment rate was 7.6%, down 2.3% compared to the same period of 2013, the unemployment rate of persons aged between 25 and 54 years would have decreased by 2.2% to 6.6%. 20.6% of the unemployed would be included in the age group 15 to 24 years. About half of all the unemployed (50.6%) was looking for work for a year or more. The average duration of the period of unemployment, according to KSH, was 19.2 months.

Budapest: The Hungarian company Fgsz has stopped the flow of gas to Ukraine indefinitely. The fact occurred after the government led by Viktor Orbán has

established a new agreement with the Russian company Gazprom. The reason stated by the Hungarian authorities to explain the decision would have to do with the increase in domestic demand.

Bratislava: From next January, the temporary employment agency may need to comply with a new set of rules aimed at leveling the working conditions of the temporary and permanent employees. While the Ministry of Labour and the unions said that the proposed measures will protect the rights of temporary workers, employers and recruitment agencies say the new rules could eliminate the temporary occupation and lead to the removal of thousands of jobs.

Bratislava: According to a survey conducted by Manpower Slovensko 8% of employers expects an increase in employees while 6% expects a decrease. 79% of people feel does not expect any change from the current situation while 7% says they do not know how to answer to the question. As part of the investigation were heard 751 employers across the country.

Bratislava: 45.5% of Slovaks interviewed in a poll conducted by the Focus on a sample of 1,043 people would participate in the referendum proposed by the Alliance of Families (AZR) on the constitutional definition of the concept of family and the protection of this' last. 28.5% shows hesitation, the rest of the respondents would not go to vote.

The 89.3% of respondents believe that the term marriage should be only used in reference to the union between a man and a woman. AZR is also committed to ensure that same-sex couples cannot adopt children, battle supported by 79.4% of respondents. In addition, 76.4% of the persons interviewed in the survey believed that other forms of union should not have the same rights and obligations as married heterosexual couples.

The referendum could not take place; The Constitutional Court examines the nature and thus the legitimacy of the referendum questions. Moreover, the Constitution does not allow referendums on issues relating to fundamental rights.

Prague: 350 workers will be laid off by the end of the year by the coal company Severočeské doly of the Cez group. The cut of personal concerns 6% of the total employees. The company explains this decision by referring to the need to reduce costs but the unions believe that this orientation is a consequence of a series of bad investments made by Severočeské doly. At the moment there is no news of protests by workers. This happens, according to the unions, because employees are afraid of losing their jobs.

The Czech Airlines also announced that it is going to cut a third of its staff by the end of the year. According to the Association of the pilots this decision threatens the survival of the company. The flight attendants of the company have announced a state of agitation but the association of the pilots excludes for the moment the strike, and is waiting for answers from the company. Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Andrej Babiš argues that the CSA requires a capital increase that the Ministry of Finance. With the eventual failure of the CSA hundreds of workers could lose their job.

Prague: This week the government decided that the salary of all employees of public institutions will increase by 3.5% from November and from next year as originally planned. Since January, police officers, prison guards and firefighters should receive a further increase in payroll of 1.5%.

Prague: According to figures released recently by Eurostat, the Czech Republic figure in sixth place in the ranking of EU member states in which foods are cheaper. Food would be cheaper only in Lithuania, Poland, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria. In terms of average living standards in the country we could mention the survey conducted by Allianz that takes into account the situation of families in over 50 countries at the end of 2013. The study shows that households Czechs are those between the former socialist countries where disposable income grows at a slower rate. The Czech Republic occupies the 27th place in the ranking according to the net financial assets with the sum of 261,500 crowns corresponding to approximately 9,847 Euros.

Prague: According to the Minister of Industry and Trade Jan Mládek the Ukrainian crisis makes reflect the country on whether to invest in nuclear power and could

lead to the revival of plans to upgrade the power plant in Temelin and Dukovany. In the opinion of the Minister, such steps could reduce the country's energy dependence on Russia. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Agriculture announced it would ask the European Union to increase compensation measures for farmers affected by the Russian embargo to the European products.

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