

## **Hands off Hungary!**

Appeal to the international community and to all Hungarians

Over the past few weeks a massive overall financial and political offensive was unleashed against Hungarian sovereignty. The clear objective is to provoke regime change through sovereign default or a coup d'état. The onslaught seeks to force Hungary to abandon her efforts to repair economic sovereignty and break out of debt slavery, much of it a legacy of the Communist era, to accept the IMF stand-by credit under stringent terms for the already suffering public, to restore the allegedly jeopardized independence of the National Bank of Hungary, and, ultimately, to return to colonial status.

Domestic and international interest groups seeking this outcome claim that democracy in Hungary is in danger and accuse the government, elected with a sweeping two-thirds majority, of dictatorship and even Nazism. The unparalleled international campaign of calumnies and political blackmail is designed to isolate and force Hungary into submission. Some go as far as openly stating that **all means** are justified to achieve this goal.

At Christmas 2011, following the demonstration by the opposition green party that claims to hold an anti-globalist position, the international media collectively mounted a coordinated campaign setting the scene for a well-orchestrated series of attacks by international political and banking circles.

The first step was Standard & Poor's downgrading Hungary, which immediately triggered the exchange rate deterioration of the Hungarian currency. The political assault was led by US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton with her letter to the Hungarian Prime Minister.

The President of the European Commission, José Manuel Barroso continued the process, and then was joined by the French Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Socialist, Green and Liberal factions of the European Parliament. They demand the retraction of the new Constitution and the Law on the National Bank of Hungary. Another rating agency, Fitch downgraded Hungary. Subsequently, the IMF demanded the retraction of the Law on the National Bank of Hungary as a condition for extending stand-by credit, and thus openly interfering with our sovereignty.

In the press, US public figures instigate the overthrowing of the freely elected legitimate Hungarian government. The media keeps repeating the threat of sovereign default while some scare-mongering foreign-owned banks spread rumours that the government wants to freeze retail deposits and that capital flight from Hungary has started. They are all assisted by the Western media, which collectively portray the defeated former Prime Minister, currently under investigation, as the defender of democracy. The irony is that it was this Prime Minister who indeed drove the country to the brink of sovereign default in 2009, and ordered the beating up and torturing of peaceful demonstrators with the tacit complicity of the West.

The general hysteria is unfounded. Despite the international financial crisis, Hungary's budget deficit is a low 3%, and inflation is an acceptable 4%. The country has sufficient budget and foreign currency reserves. The Hungarian economy has survived the most critical phase of the economic crisis and is now in need of quiet and even-paced development.

We, responsible Hungarian citizens, reject all foreign interference with the internal affairs of Hungary. We refuse the overt interference with the Hungarian economy in general and the Hungarian National Bank in particular. This bank belongs to the nation not to international

capital. We find it unacceptable that others wish to decide for us who should lead our country and how we should conduct our own lives. Ultimate decision-making power over our laws and the Constitution belongs to us, Hungarians. The resolution of Hungary's political and economic problems remains the exclusive right and duty of the Hungarian people.

Therefore, we warn all interest groups and entities that threaten our sovereignty and democracy: **hands off Hungary!**

We reject the attempt to restore foreign dominance in Hungary two decades after liberation from foreign occupation. We especially object to demands from countries that promote economic colonization, violate human rights, interfere with other countries' internal affairs leaving behind masses of refugees, poverty and political chaos, and that export democracy via military aggression. We also refuse disapproval from countries that severely curtail the human and cultural rights of Hungarians living on their territory.

After forty years of Communist dictatorship, we reject financial dictatorship and colonization.

We are aware of the government's mistakes, a consequence of the pressing need for speedy legislation and a lack of dialogue. Therefore, we invite the Hungarian government to open an honest dialogue with the whole of Hungarian society, with the Hungarian nation, about matters of vital national interest, and to take steps to broaden the institutions of direct democracy. Only such policies can provide Hungarians with reassuring guarantees of long-term internal stability.

Despite any problems and mistakes, we support the policy of protecting Hungary's sovereignty. We appeal to all patriotic Hungarians who hold dear the nation's interest to set aside all potential political disagreements and to take a stance to protect Hungarian independence. This is a time to stand up for Hungary's independence!

### **Hands off Hungary!**

The message of Hungarian civil organizations will be delivered at an event to be held at the 1956 Memorial at Kossuth tér at 15.00 hours on Saturday, 14 January 2012. Copies of their statements will subsequently be sent to relevant embassies and Hungarian public figures.

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