



VENSKÝ ZVÄZ PROTIFAŠISTICKÝCH BOJOVNÍKOV

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Slovak Union of Antifascist Fighters accomplishes conclusions from Prague meeting.

Madam President, dear colleagues, I would like to thank you for the invitation to the meeting of the International Committee of deportees, refugees and victims of fascism and greet you sincerely from the Slovak Union of Antifascist Fighters.

From the Prague negotiations MO VAU victims of fascism occurred facts that confirm our understanding that the current measures of the United Nations and the European Union to prevent violence and war are insufficient. Millions of new exiles and refugees fleeing for the dangers of war, but more often in promised a better life in Europe and thus creates a new situation which divides nations and peoples in the process of addressing this reality.

We express disturb at the failure of the structures of the European Union in relation to refugees. Our personal experience of exiles, refugees and residents seized under the control of another country reminds us of the need to help these people, as we have sometimes received from the local population. Often we were grateful for a smile or a good word and something in our hand. This has reinforced our living. The current admission of refugees to Europe is an organized movement, which uses armed conflicts not to rescue from war consequences and preserve life, but mostly to organize a rampant economic exodus. We therefore support the opinions of the constitutional state and representatives of the Slovak Republic against any quotas which have proved insufficient and should also EU Member States to dictate anything.

We expect that the leaders of the European Union and the United Nations shell take binding measures to protect those who are fleeing for life-threatening danger of war and strictly separate them from economic refugees and take appropriate measures for accession to the European Union countries. It is not possible to allow that refugees have lost their identity documents but to protect their mobile phones and their smarty. We therefore support the creation of a common defence strategy and joint protection of the borders of the EU.

As living horrors witness of fascism and Nazism, we are outraged that in European countries with impunity emerging movement spreading racial superiority and hatred. Strongly we condemn the manifestations of neo-fascist activities in Slovakia presented by a political party People's Party Our Slovak, which is member of the National Council of the Slovak Republic. This party publicly defends the political representatives of the Slovak Republic from the years 1939-1945. One reason for its electoral support is the radicalization of the population

caused by not addressing the basic needs of the population, high unemployment and living on the limit of poverty. Therefore they are looking for ways of handle with the opposition political movements and parties aimed not only against their own government, but also against the European Union and NATO.

Similar trends in the future can be expected also in other European countries where are activated such as neo-Nazi movement in the Czech Republic where the so-called. "Sudeten German" Homeland Association (e.g. In Sudeten German Homeland Association from Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia), bringing together activists, whose predecessor in the pre-war and war years has contributed to the breaking of Czechoslovakia.

We are facing with an important task to continue the educational work to the general public, politicians and especially to the young generations and schools of all levels and active criticise modern neo-fascists and Nazis and their manifestations of militant pseudo patriotism. Generations after us should know what it was Nazism and fascism and where the society is heading! We know that it is a complex and difficult task that must be a matter for the whole society and not only for the Slovak Union of Antifascist Fighters. We suggest create against the growth trends of extremism, neo-fascism and neo-Nazism create a broad antifascist platform based on active cooperation of national and international anti-fascist organizations which include our organization VAV victims of fascism.

We appeal to bodies of state and local governments, which have a direct impact on the education of the young generation, to improve the quality of the teaching of history, to interpret the danger of extremism, fascism and neo-Nazism and to intensify education in patriotism. The European Union and the leaders of European states and parliaments should not allow making active the fascist and Nazi movement. Definitely they should oppose all manifestations of extremism, neo-fascism, neo-Nazism, and militant pseudo patriotism in your countries.

The basis of this joint effort should be the preservation of memory, memory for fascism and its consequences for victims and heroes who defeated German military Nazism and fascism. These are our moral and human obligation but above all commemorate and preserve remembrance those who fought for our liberation.

All our efforts in the year 2016 were focused on the dignified commemorative meetings of the 71st anniversary of the victory over the fascism and the end of WW2 and 72nd anniversary of the Slovak National Uprising as well. On memorial fighting places against fascism and war victims we have organized over 4,000 commemorative meetings. The Slovak National Council has adopted a decree on renaming of Victims' Day Dukla on the Memorable Day Heroes Carpathian - Dukla operation. New Bridge in Bratislava was named Bridge of Slovak National Uprising. Not all our legitimate resolutions are doing to implement. We are facing the task of Amending of anti-communist resistance and the Act on Compensation for orphans of fallen resistance fighters has gaps in its application, therefore there are

misjudgements of claim asylum. Proposed changes to the Slovak Union of Antifascist Fighters in the amendment of the Social Security Veterans have been adopted but in the Slovak National Council not approved.

Nevertheless, we boldly decide and help to protect heritage of link anti-fascist fighters, who was created by liberation struggles in the Second World War and in the Slovak National Uprising. We did not give up the reference of our heroic ancestors; we did not give him until now and we did not give up to it in the future. Our most powerful weapon is the truth and morality. The truth about the past and the truth about today. This is the source from which springs our domestic and international authority of the Slovak Union of Antifascist Fighters.

Thanks for your attention

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Presentation at the meeting of the International Committee of Deportees, Refugees and Victims of the Fascism and Nazism in Beograd.