

# National Public Security Strategy: autonomy claims are a public security threat in Romania

Regional autonomy claims and manifestations are permanently threatening the climate and the wellbeing of the citizens in Romania, according to the Ministry of Internal Affairs, published in the National Public Security Strategy for 2015-2020.

The document, published on the site of the Ministry of Internal Affairs was released to public hearing, and it claims that "the dynamic of the criminal phenomena remains a permanent threat to the climate of safety and the wellbeing of the citizens, through possible threats like: manifestations of racism, xenophobia, extremism and other forms of intolerance, that aim to obtain the autonomy of certain regions based on ethnic criteria".

The leaders of the Hungarian community have received this document with shock and immediately condemned it. **Hunor Kelemen**, the president of the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (DAHR) and the **DAHR parliamentary group** expressed their deep concern about the strategy, calling it "un-democratic and abusive", releasing a statement saying that, the named element of the strategy is "offensive and it stigmatizes the Hungarian community." According to DAHR the strategy is unfair and unacceptable, given that the Hungarian community has been promoting the autonomy of Szeklerland in a peaceful and democratic manner. "Romania cannot consider a source of danger, a threat the biggest national community living in the country", declared the DAHR parliamentarians.

"This element cannot be part of an internal security strategy, because it questions democratic elements of subsidiarity, used in other EU member states. It is an abuse and a totally wrong interpretation of the rule of the law. If this element appears together with racism and other things alike, it means that they did not understand the fundament of the European democracy", declared **Attila Korodi**, a member of the Romanian parliament, from Szeklerland.

**Hunor Kelemen**, the President of DAHR declared that at first he thought the element of the strategy claiming that the autonomy desires are a threat to public security was a joke. According to Kelemen this strategy is a "serious breach to civil liberties, if the political goals of a peaceful community that uses solely democratic and parliamentary means to achieve its goals is being branded a public security risk" - declared Kelemen.



The Autonomy of Szeklerland considered a public security risk by the Ministry of Internal Affairs

## Four years old told to speak Romanian in hospital

The father of a four years old girl was attentioned to speak Romanian to her daughter in the emergency department of a hospital in Oradea. The father and daughter were waiting in line for the little girl to be examined, and since the waiting line was long, the father was trying to calm the ill little girl, when a doctor rudely prompted them not to speak Hungarian, in Romania they should be speaking Romanian. “We are not in Hungary, speak Romanian” the shocked father quoted the doctor.

The father will denounce the doctor who gravely discriminated her daughter, breaching a professional conduct that presumes treating all patients the same way.



A four years old little girl was told not to speak Hungarian in a hospital in Oradea