

## US HOLOCAUST MUSEUM WORRIED ABOUT “REHABILITATION OF FASCIST IDEOLOGUES” IN HUNGARY

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18/6/2012- The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum has voiced deep concern over what the institution sees as the Hungarian government’s “rehabilitation of fascist ideologues and leaders from World War II” in a statement published on the museum’s website on Friday. In a statement, museum director Sara J Bloomfield called on Hungarian leaders to “unequivocally renounce all forms of anti-Semitism and racism and to reject every effort to honor individuals responsible for the genocide of Europe’s Jews.” According to the statement, rehabilitation of leaders or ideologists of the inter-war Horthy and Szalasi regimes “is both a grave insult to the memory of those who perished (under those regimes) and a deeply troubling sign for Jews and other minorities in Hungary.” “The recent trends in Hungary are alarming,” the statement stressed. On Friday, a literary event was held to commemorate controversial Hungarian author Jozsef Nyiro at a community centre in southern Budapest named after poet Miklos Radnoti, a Holocaust martyr. Leftist group Democratic Coalition held a protest against the event, at which lawmaker Agnes Vadai urged efforts to call public attention to the dangers of reviving ideologies of the interwar period.

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