

## *Obituary*

### **Áron Balló (38)**

*Editor in Chief “Szabadság”*



On Friday, 7-th July 2006, Áron Balló was driving home from Satu-Mare, where He had completed a newspaper report, when He was involved in a tragic car-accident caused by an unlighted cart. He died instantly at the place of the accident.

On behalf of Midas we are deeply sorry to inform you about a tragic event. Our appreciated friend, Editor in Chief Mr. Áron Balló, from the Midas member newspaper “Szabadság” suffered a fatal car crash. The accident has happened Friday night. He was overtaking an ambulance, and noticed too late that there was an unlighted wagon in the front of the ambulance. Trying to avoid the wagon He suffered a head-on collision with another car circulating from the other direction. The ambulance stopped immediately, but no one could do anything for Him. Áron Balló was 38 years old.

It is difficult to realize the tragic accident and to get familiar with the idea to meet again in one of the next Midas conferences without His presence, His friendly way to act, His wonderful and valuable personality.

He was very pleased with the choice made this year by the MIDAS General Assembly in Apenrade concerning the location of the 2007 Annual Meeting. It was Árons ambitious goal to organize - together with His colleagues from “Szabadság” - a wonderful unforgettable meeting for all Midas Chief Editors in His hometown Cluj. He already started successfully to fight for subsidies and co-operations. His wife Ms. Katalin Maksay wants to continue this dream.

In spite of their irreplaceable loss the whole staff of the newspaper expressed their will to go on with this project and to continue the work on the next year’s MIDAS General Assembly in Cluj which will be dedicated to the memory of Áron Balló.

The funeral service will take place on Thursday, July 13, 2006, 13:00.

In the name of all Midas members we offer our sincere condolences to Árons’ widow Ms. Katalin Maksay, His family and His team at “Szabadsag”.

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