

## **Hungarian First Sergeant saves life**

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Pápa, 27 January 2021 – During the Christmas period of 2020, Ádám Nagy First Sergeant (1Sgt) of the Hungarian Defense Forces Pápa Air Base saved the live of a Swedish little boy due to his quick response and language skills downtown Pápa, Hungary.

US Air Force Colonel James Sparrow, the commander of the multinational Heavy Airlift Wing stationed at Pápa recognized 1Sgt Nagy on Wednesday and expressed his appreciation for the swift and professional intervention.

On 21 December 2020, a Swedish family of the multinational Strategic Airlift Capability was having a stroll downtown Pápa when their two-year-old son collapsed and stopped breathing. The mother of the two-year-old and a five-year-old was alone and screamed for help immediately.

1Sgt Nagy was walking around with his spouse when he heard the scream and rushed to the mother holding his son immediately. As the mother does not speak Hungarian, 1Sgt Nagy called an ambulance right away for the little boy in critical condition. The First Sergeant stayed after the medics arrived and kept translating along with offering to accompany the family to the hospital.

The paramedics diagnosed febrile seizure and upon leaving for Pápa hospital, the NATO Support and Procurement Agency's medical personnel took over phone assistance from the First Sergeant.

The little boy was taken care of and after 24-hour observation in the hospital was released home.

The father of the family, Swedish Royal Air Force Major Jonathan Björnermark, got to the scene right before the ambulance would have left.

"Adám's support during the entire event was nothing but excellent. My wife was in such a vulnerable state. Nobody spoke English. Ádám was very calm and professional in an extremely stressful situation that could have been so much worse than what it was" he said. "I'm very very grateful for 1Sgt Nagy."

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