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FELSŐZSOLCA

RECONSTRUCTION IN HUNGARY



A lot of people had to face great hardships last year. A huge amount of rain has fallen in the northern part of the country from April to June. The rivers Tisza, Bodrog, Hernád, Sajó and Zagyva have flooded. Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén county suffered the most serious damage. The flood, inland water and local water damage hit 256 settlements out of 358. The river Sajó has flooded to such a great extent that it was unable to take the water of Kis-Sajó (Bódva), the bed of which did not reach the depth of 50 centimetres on average but in a short time it has increased to 5 metres, this way flooding Felsőzsolca when flowing back. The flood took everybody by surprise because the water came from the back of the gardens not from where it was expected. Out of the 5000 properties to be supervised 4000 have been damaged in the county. Apart from roads, bridges and public buildings, 1800 cases of damage done to dwelling houses were reported in Felsőzsolca. Those who were able to were packing sandbags. There were people who helped in their streets, others helped their elderly neighbours and a few just tried to protect their homes. The inhabitants had no chance of making a salvage of their valuables. Many elderly people endured to the end because of their animals and only left their homes with the help of the catastrophe prevention units when the animals were safe as well. Water has washed away their future together with their past. Relatives and friends put up family members who were victims of the flood, others were sheltered together with the rescue teams in the sports hall in Miskolc.



Almost 10,000 people were ordered to the county, policemen, experts on catastrophe prevention and firemen, whose presence had to be organized efficiently from one day to the other. A lot of members of the Regional Chamber of Architecture in B-A-Z county made a survey of the damage with the help of catastrophe prevention commandos on 12-14 June. The collected data was presented to the Government on 15 June. Imre Makovecz, László Zsigmond and Lőrinc Csernyus wrote a letter to the government commissioner proposing the central execution of the reconstruction, in vain. Sándor Fegyvernek, Chief Architect at that time invited a design tender for residential buildings in the disaster area. Architects and 'Itinerants' of the Károly Kós Association joined by university students and professionals of two architecture studios based in Miskolc made local surveys of the 201 critically hit real estates in Felsőzsolca. A total of 100 designs were submitted for the national tender with the deadline of 15 July 2010. 50 out of 100 were chosen and qualified as recommended designs by the designated jury. The Reconstruction Project Committee in Felsőzsolca chose 22 (then 16) out of the 50 designs which adjust to the local, traditional type of houses and the construction of which can be scheduled, adapted and realized easily. The first offers of HUF 160.000-180.000/ m² were reduced to net prices of HUF 137.000 /m². According to the planning regulations the contractors had to use concrete foundation, brick walls, traditional timber-work, tile roofing, wooden doors and windows. The specific reduced price was only accepted by eight contractors.

