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In the storm of the early migration period—Huns at the sand dunes of Homokhátság

The message of a mysterious burial: Late Imperial Period drinking glass from the vicinity of Szabadszállás. A lonely burial site—which is still without parallel—was found in the area of the Szabadszállás peat bog in the summer of 1962. The narrow grave contained a supine male skeleton, lying stretched out. His head was found in an irregular position, entirely reversed; hence the man had been clearly beheaded. An ornate decorative purple conical beaker with an inscription in Greek was placed next to the skull: *'Drink and you will live together with your people in the name of the creator of all'*.

*Conical beaker, 4th–5th centuries
Boczka Farm, Szabadszállás, Katona József Museum, Kecskemét*

Early nomadic warrior's grave from the vicinity of Kecskemét. The young, Mongoloid man was placed with his belt decorated with gold plated clasps, his long dagger and gold-mounted footwear buckles in a special type of niche grave. The objects indicate that he must have died in the first half of the 5th century and was probably a local leader of the conquerors who came from the East. The attacks of such invading ethnic groups led to the demise of Pannonia, although the grave did not reveal whether the warrior had actually been to Pannonia.



*Grave goods of a nomad warrior, 5th century
Mindszent field, Kecskemét
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