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Hungary freezes Internet tax plan

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THE READING

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A planned Internet tax in Hungary has been stopped. It was going to be on Internet traffic. The public and businesses opposed it. The government said it had frozen the plan because of street protests in the capital. It also listened to warnings from the European Union that the tax would be a mistake. The news was broadcast on radio. Hungary's leader said: "If the people not only dislike something but also consider it unreasonable, then it should not be done."

The U-turn is not yet a victory for the people. The government will meet next year to discuss how to get tax revenue from the Internet. It would have to be a different idea to the one it just put on hold. That one was a 60-cent tax on every gigabyte of data used. People worried this would limit freedom of expression and hurt online companies. A citizens' Facebook campaign against the tax already has more than 250,000 Likes.

Sources: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/31/us-hungary-internet-tax-idUSKBN0IK0MM20141031?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews>
<http://www.computerworld.com/article/2841957/government/hungary-ditches-internet-tax-plans-after-protests.html>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. A planned | a. in the capital |
| 2. The public and businesses | b. on radio |
| 3. t had frozen | c. opposed it |
| 4. street protests | d. unreasonable |
| 5. The news was broadcast | e. Internet tax |
| 6. consider it | f. the plan |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. not yet a victory | a. gigabyte of data used |
| 2. discuss how to | b. put on hold |
| 3. the one it just | c. of expression |
| 4. a 60-cent tax on every | d. for the people |
| 5. limit freedom | e. companies |
| 6. hurt online | f. get tax revenue |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A planned Internet tax in Hungary (1) _____. It was going to be on Internet traffic. The public and businesses opposed it. The government said it had frozen the plan because (2) _____ in the capital. It also (3) _____ from the European Union that the tax would be a mistake. The (4) _____ on radio. Hungary's leader said: "If the people not only (5) _____ but also (6) _____, then it should not be done."

The U-turn is (7) _____ for the people. The government will meet next year to discuss how to (8) _____ from the Internet. It would have to be (9) _____ the one it just put on hold. That one was a 60-cent tax (10) _____ of data used. People worried this (11) _____ of expression and hurt online companies. A citizens' Facebook (12) _____ already has more than 250,000 Likes.

INTERNET TAXES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Internet taxes in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

