**Pika and people from Orava**

It was a long time ago when in Hungary and Orava the rebellion broke out. Gaspar Pika came from Zemplin to Orava. Gaspar Pika rebelled against the king. When he arrived in Namestovo he settled down in the house of the student and began to recruit subjects from the surrounding villages to join him. Subjects didn't have an easy life so they were easily tempted. Finally, they thought one man stood for them and joined Pika. Also some mayors from other communities from Orava joined him. It was said that just sixteen communities across Orava remained loyal to the emperor. All others joined the rebels. Protestant priest from Namestovo helped Pika to recruit subjects with his sons. He was angry because some time ago Catholics from Namestovo expelled them, when the imperial troops came to Orava. When Orava was captured by rebels who supported the protestants, he returted to the parish and the catholic priest was sent away.

Pika decided to conquer Orava Castle with the rebels. But when he came to the castle, he discovered that with peasant army he couldn´t conquere the castle. No one did it until then with the best-armed army. Therefore he had to invent something. He promised the defenders of the castle the rewards if they let him into the castle. Pika then released into the castle with the rebels, invaded Orava castle and cast him.

Young men from the villages who joined the rebels began to do order with Catholic priests recently reinstalled the parishes in Trstena, Tvrdosin, Namestovo and Lokca. They looted the parishes, priests were expelled, but they prefered not to wait for the rebels. They run into the forests to hide in the mountains and in the homes of Catholic believers.

Ordinary people from Orava didn´t like Kuruc because they plundered and stole as the imperial mercenaries did. They fled to hide themselves to the densest forests to save their own lives before Kuruc and Labanc people.

The report about the uprising was brought to the Emperor, who sent the troops to Orava. Orava Castle wasn´t captured and anyone would not have achieved this. But the mercenaries, who had betrayed the emperor and came to the castle, opened the gates for their people. Pika was caught with the mayor and the gallows were built at the top opposite the Orava Castle.

Pika and the mayors who joined him were terribly tortured. Pikas´ supporters were chased and tortured.

When the imperial troops invaded the village, everyone was shivering. The troops didn´t have mercy. Terrible persecution by the imperial army left great fear in the hearts. People from Orava survived and experienced the misery and hunger, humiliation and persecution but they had never before experienced so much cruelty.

Wallachians´ mayors who were obliged to be armed had to transfer weapons and the life of the subjects deteriorated even more. The top opposite Orava Castle, where the most cruel executions were made, were called "Sibenicky".