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#### THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

#### **ЛИТЕР PETROPAVLOVSK POLICE FORM GROUP IN MESSENGER TO FIGHT DRUG GRAFFITI**

On November 27, the Police Department of Petropavlovsk held a meeting with police officers with KSK chairs and gardening societies, during which issues of crime prevention, counteraction to the spread of drugs – salts and spices, as well as Internet fraud prevention were discussed.

The head of Division to Combat Drug Trafficking, Dulat Mukhametrakhimov, invited the meeting's participants to visually see how topical is the problem of distribution of salts and spice using graffiti advertising in Petropavlovsk. The video featured inscriptions on the walls of houses and fences with addresses of sites that sell banned substances.

"The scale of the problem dictates immediate countermeasures, although the older generation often does not notice inscription with advertisement of death. Distributors are counting on the interest of young people in the new sensations," said D. Mukhametrakhimov.

Advertising of drug sites in the city is painted over by volunteers and KSK chairs, but inscriptions appear repeatedly. Therefore, police offered to create chat rooms in messengers in order to promptly inform "about the facts of criminal or administrative offenses, and to collect relevant information that would facilitate detection of crimes and offenses".

The Housing and Utilities Department of the Akimat of Petropavlovsk intends to announce a tender for equipping a mobile brigade of specialists who will identify and paint advertisements for drug sites on urban infrastructure - stops, walls of houses, fences and heating mains. "We have already begun work on laying the appropriate lot for public procurement," said Azamat Isakhmetov, a representative of the Housing and Utilities Department.

<https://liter.kz/ru/news/show/53154-policeiskie-petropavlovskaya-formiruyut-gruppu-v-messendzhere-dlya-borby-s-narkograffiti>

#### THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

#### **RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND ARGENTINA AGREED ON JOIN EFFORTS IN FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS AND HACKERS**

Russian President Vladimir Putin announced that an agreement has been reached with Argentine President Mauricio Macri on expanding cooperation in combating drug trafficking and cyber threats.

"We agreed to expand coordination in the fight against organized crime, including in cyberspace, illicit drug production and trafficking, and other modern threats and challenges," Putin said after talks with the Head of Argentina. <https://riafan.ru/1127353-rf-i-argentina-dogovorilis-o-sovmestnoi-borbe-s-narkobiznesom-i-khakerami-putin>

## **REPRESENTATIVES OF MIA OF RUSSIA HAVE PARTICIPATED IN INTERNATIONAL ANTINARCOTIC INTERREGIONAL FORUM OF LEADERS OF VOLUNTEER YOUTH MOVEMENTS**

The forum guests were welcomed by the Deputy Head of the Main Directorate for Drugs Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia Mr Sergei Sotnikov, leaders of volunteer movements of anti-drug orientation, representatives of anti-drug commissions in constituent entities of the Russian Federation, as well as public figures.

"In your work we see a meaningful understanding of the importance of promoting healthy lifestyles. We are seeing results of a gradual, but confident movement towards creation of a strong, free from harmful dependencies of society. Here, at the site of the Anti-drug interregional forum of leaders of youth volunteer movements," addressed social activists S.Sotnikov.

He explained that the structure of drug market is changing significantly, the practice of distributing drugs on the Internet is constantly expanding.

Particularly important is the issue of countering drug abuse among young people. This problem impairs the health and future well-being of the nation, destroys generations of economically strong and talented people, and undermines the foundations of the stability and security of the state.

"Under these circumstances we are clearly aware that only law enforcement measures cannot overcome the threat and change the attitude of country's population towards the problem of drug addiction. Coordinated, clear and effective prevention and educational methods must be used. And the leading role in this work belongs to the Anti-Drug Youth Volunteer Movement," added deputy head of GUNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15145017/>

## **SEA OF POPPY. POLICE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COLLEAGUES FROM OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES DETECTED OVER 16 THOUSAND PLACES OF DRUG-CONTAINING PLANTS**

The Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia jointly with the Ministry of Defense of Russia, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, the Federal Security Service of Russia, the Federal Guard Service and the Federal Customs Service of Russia organized an inter-departmental integrated preventive operation "Poppy-2018" («Мак-2018») between May and October this year.

Its main purpose was to identify, prevent and combat offenses in illicit trafficking of drugs of herbal origin, to detect and eradicate illegal cultivations and hotbeds of wild plants containing narcotic substances.

The events were attended by about 45,000 employees of internal affairs bodies as part of 14,716 operational search groups, at 2,056 stationary and 1,706 additional posts and barriers.

The household and dacha plots of citizens, as well as territories of enterprises and organizations were examined, as a result of which 978 illegal cultivations of drug-containing plants were revealed with a total area of more than 6 hectares, including 236 (0.62 hectares of opium poppy) and 728 cannabis (5.54 hectares). For illegal cultivation 826 people were brought to various types of responsibility (493 - to criminal, 333 - to administrative).

In addition, 16,460 plantations of narcotic plants were discovered in an area of over 12.5 thousand hectares.

In respect of 620 land users, protocols on administrative offenses have been written, the responsibility for which is provided for in Article 10.5 of the Administrative Code of the Russian Federation.

More than 8,000 crimes related to trafficking of narcotic drugs of herbal origin have been identified, including illegal production, sale or shipment - 1,585, smuggling - 27, illegal cultivation - 552, organization or maintenance of dens - 122.

18,870 citizens were prosecuted for illegal activities, 6,464 of them were criminalized, 12,406 were administratively, including 55 foreign citizens were criminally liable and 71 were administratively criminalized.

3 tons 756 kg of drugs of herbal origin, including 3 tons 275 kg of marijuana, 92 kg of poppy straw, more than 123 kg of hashish and 17 kg of hashish oil were seized from illicit trafficking. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15098560/>

#### **REGNUM ANTINARCOTIC CONTEST ON THE DON IN 2019 WILL BE HELD IN NEW FORMAT**

In 2019, a contest of municipalities of the Rostov region for the best organization of anti-drug work in the adolescent-youth environment will be held in a new format. According to the press service of the Youth Policy Committee of the Rostov region, a number of changes will be made to competition regulations.

Specifically, category of participants of the competition will be expanded. If previously territories were divided into 2 groups by status (urban districts and municipal districts), now such an urban district as Zverevo with a population of 20,000 people had to compete on the same level with the million-plus city Rostov-on-Don. Now the category of participants in the competition has been extended to 3 groups depending on the population:

- municipalities with a population of over 60,000 people (18 territories);
- 30,000 to 60,000 people (20 territories);
- less than 30,000 people (17 territories).

In addition, next year there will be an additional nomination of the competition "The best technologies and forms of anti-drug work in the adolescent-youth environment." Thus, individuals and legal entities (representatives of youth public organizations and associations, institutions operating in municipalities) will have an opportunity to submit their own projects and programs for the competition. The content and criteria for evaluation of this nomination will be approved annually (the best project, event, booklet and others).

Evaluation of materials in the main nomination is carried out in 4 areas: management effectiveness in the anti-drug field of activity; organization of anti-drug propaganda among adolescents and young people; involvement of young people in socially active, useful activities, support of volunteer and public organizations; dynamics of the drug situation in municipality.

For each area, absolute and relative indicators have been developed that allow to be mathematically processed and to make a final rating of municipalities.

Winners of the competition are municipalities, activities of which have led to a significant improvement in prevention of drug abuse among adolescents and young people.

Identifying the best practices based on results of the competition will enable representatives of municipalities and public organizations to increase level of anti-drug

work and use its results to participate in competitions for grants and allowances of federal and regional levels. <https://regnum.ru/news/2526263.html>

## ALMOST THOUSAND ASTRAKHANIANS ARE DRUG DEPENDENT

This was announced at the last meeting of the regional anti-drug commission this year, which was headed by the acting Governor of the Astrakhan Region Sergey Morozov. The commission was comprised of the Chairman of the Regional Parliament I. Martynov, a deputy and the head physician of the OGUZ Narcological Dispensary T. Ulezko.

According to the information voiced out by head of apparatus of the Anti-Drug Commission of the Astrakhan region, Olga Kaverina, in 2018 the work plan of the organization is implemented in full. Comprehensive rehabilitation of drug addicts continues. Also in the region, activities are underway to identify and destroy wild-growing cannabis. During the reporting period, more than 1 thousand 150 hectares of this hallucinogenic plant were destroyed.

Juvenile drug addicts in the current year, as before, were not registered. At the same time, the total number of drug users in the Astrakhan region remains significant - 2,784 people. 998 of them are drug addicts, and 1786 use drugs with unhealthy consequences. "This year we observe a slight increase in the number of drug addicts in our region, as well as throughout the country," commented T. Ulezko, "This is due to the improved detection of this disease".

Head of the Volodarsky district, B. Mindiev, informed the Commission of the effectiveness of implementation of anti-drug activities on the territory of the municipal entity. He reported that in 2018 they managed to reduce the number of registered crimes in illicit drug trafficking by 12.5%. 19 drug users after completion of rehabilitation courses were employed. Registered in the Drug Treatment Office of a local district hospital are 21 people diagnosed with "drug addiction", 124 Volodarovets seen using drug. <https://arbuztoday.ru/pochti-tysyacha-astraxancev-imeet-narkoticheskuyu-zavisimost/>

## THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN



### DELEGATION OF KYRGYZ MIA VISITED AGENCY

On November 29, 2018, official delegation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic under the leadership of the Minister of Internal Affairs of the country Kashkar Astakanovich Dzhunushaliyev paid visit to the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan to hold a working meeting.

During the meeting, the sides discussed issues of bilateral cooperation in the field of drug control. In order to expand further cooperation in this area, an agreement was signed between the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic on combating illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors.

The agreement was signed with the aim of enhancing bilateral cooperation and increasing effectiveness of joint efforts in countering drug trafficking in the region.

Towards the end of the meeting, the parties noted that significant results can be achieved in a united fight against threats of the modern world, such as drug trafficking.

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