

**WEEKLY SUMMARY
 ON THE FACTS OF THE SEIZURE OF NARCOTIC DRUGS,
 PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND THEIR PRECURSORS**
 (based on mass media reports)

01.03. to 08.03.2023

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In the period from 1 to 8 March 2023, based on information from mass media law enforcement bodies and security agencies of CARICC Member States seized **463 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 1.5 kg, opium – 10.4 kg, cannabis group drugs – 286 kg and synthetic drugs – 165.5 kg.**

Seizures of drugs in the CARICC member states from 1 to 8 March 2023, based on information from the media

Type of drugs (kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin				1,5			
Opium	10						0,400
Cannabis group	86		8,7	121,5	70		
Synthetic drugs	4	0,495		161			1020 pc tropicamide
Total	100	0,4	8,7	284	70		0,4

In other countries, during the specified period, 3 t 256 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances were seized from illicit trafficking, including: heroin – 62.5 kg, cocaine – 2 t 913 kg and synthetic drugs – 280.8 kg.

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC

01.03.2023 Employees of the State Border Service on the territory of the Goytepe border outpost of the Imishli region detained a 37-year-old resident of the Agsu region, who was seized **17 kg of marijuana** and **1,430 methadone tablets**. <https://dsx.gov.az/news/1469>

05.03.2023 Employees of the State Border Service on the territory of the border outpost, located near the village of Gazakhlar, Fizuli region, stopped a car with two men inside. During the search of the car, **69 kg of marijuana, 10 kg of opium** and **4 kg of methamphetamine** were found and seized. <https://dsx.gov.az/news/1470>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

01.03.2023 Police officers in the city of Shymkent stopped a car driven by a 34-year-old man. During the search of the car, **495 g of mephedrone** were found and seized.
<https://newtimes.kz/obshchestvo/165191-c-oruzhiem-i-narkotikami-razezhal-shymkenec-na-gelendvagen>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

06.03.2023 Employees of the Service for Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking in the course of operational-search activities in the Kara-Buura district of the Talas region detained a man who was found to have **8.7 kg of marijuana** at his place of residence.

https://24.kg/proisshestviya/260049_pochti_9kilogrammov_narkotikov_pyitalsya_prodat_jitel_talasskoy Oblasti/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

01.03.2023 Police officers in the course of conducting operational-search activities in the city of Ryazan detained two foreign citizens who were seized **1.3 kg of heroin**. The detainees planned to sell the drug in the city through hiding places. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/36103731>

01.03.2023 Police officers at the 9th km of the Tyumen-Omsk highway, Tyumen region, stopped a car driven by a 32-year-old man. During the search of the car, **13 kg of methylephedron** were found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/36087520>

01.03.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the village of Lukyanovka, Moscow Region, detained a 35-year-old man who was seized **500 g of mephedrone**. The detainee was engaged in the sale of narcotic drugs through caches-bookmarks. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/36094944>

01.03.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the village of Tambovka, Amur Region, detained a man who was found and seized **1.5 kg of hashish** and **120 kg of marijuana** at his place of residence.
<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/36104680>

02.03.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Solnechnogorsk, Moscow Region, detained a 27-year-old man who was seized 1 kg of mephedrone. The detainee was engaged in the sale of narcotic drugs through caches-bookmarks. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/36122480>

02.03.2023 Police officers during in the course of investigations in the Kaluga region detained two men who had equipped a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs in their house. During the search, **6.5 kg of mephedrone**, laboratory equipment and precursors were found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/36158102>

03.03.2023 Police officers in the course of operational-search activities in the city of Penza detained a 27-year-old man, who was seized **200 g of heroin**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/36186649>

03.03.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Zima, Irkutsk region, detained three men who had equipped a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs in their house. During the search, **140 kg of alpha-PVP**, laboratory equipment and precursors were found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/36155156>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

08.03.2023 Employees of the Department of the State Committee for National Security in the Farkhor region of the Tajik-Afghan border prevented an attempt to smuggle a large consignment of drugs into Tajikistan. A criminal group of five people - citizens of Afghanistan did not obey the demands of the Tajik border guards, as a result of which fire was opened on them. During the inspection of the scene of the incident, the bodies of two Afghan smugglers were found, as well as a hunting rifle with 8 rounds, an F-1 hand grenade, and **70 kg of hashish** were found.

<https://www.asiaplusi.info/ru/news/tajikistan/laworder/20230311/na-yuge-tadzhikistana-u-kontrabandistov-izyato-70-kg-narkotikov>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

03.03.2023 Law enforcement officers in the course of investigations in the Kurgantepa district of the Andijan region detained two men, who were seized **1020 pieces of tropicamide**. <https://iiv.uz/news/kontrabanda-yoli-bilan-olib-otilgan-kuchli-tasir-etuvchi-dori-vositalarining-noqonuniy-savdosiga-chek-qoyildi>

07.03.2023 Law enforcement officers during the operational-search activities in the Karshi region stopped a car driven by a local resident. During a search of the car, **400 grams of opium** were found and seized. <https://iiv.uz/news/avtomashinadan-39718-gramm-opiy-aniglab-olindi>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

03.03.2023 Australian Border Patrol officers at an import point in Sydney, while checking a shipment of silk tablecloths sent from Thailand, found and seized **3 kg of heroin**. A 31-year-old local man was detained on this fact. <https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/8115196/afp-sting-operation-uncovers-3kg-of-hidden-heroin/?cs=14231>

BRAZIL

05.03.2023 Officers of the Federal Police at the port of Santos, while checking a vessel bound for Europe, found and seized **5 kg of cocaine** inside the ship's toolbox.
<https://santaportal.com.br/baixada/receita-federal-encontra-tabletes-de-cocaina-escondidos-em-caixa-de-ferramentas-de-navio-no-porto-de-santos/>

COLOMBIA

06.03.2023 Police officers at the port of Barranquilla, while checking a container bound for Spain, seized **874 kg of cocaine** mixed in liquid form with an export cargo inside a can of

aloe vera. <https://emisoraatlantico.com.co/judiciales/incautados-874-kilos-de-clorhidrato-de-cocaina-en-un-cargamento-de-bebidas-de-aloe-vera-con-destino-a-espana/>

HONG KONG

02.03.2023 Two Nigerian men and a Thai woman were arrested in Bangkok after seizing **8.5 kg of heroin** in fruit cans destined for Hong Kong.

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2518915/8-5kg-of-heroin-found-stuffed-into-fruit-cans>

INDIA

07.03.2023 A 30-year-old Delhi woman smuggling **8 kg of heroin** was detained at the Mumbai airport by the Revenue Intelligence Agency after she arrived from Zambia.
<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/dri-seizes-heroin-worth-54-crore-at-airport-1-held/articleshow/98504203.cms>

ITALY

07.03.2023 Law enforcement officers in the port of Marghera, during a search of a Maltese-flagged ship, found **23 kg of cocaine** hidden in a bag partially submerged in water. <https://newsbook.com.mt/en/malta-flagged-vessel-found-carrying-23-kilos-of-cocaine/>

PAKISTAN

07.03.2023 A Pakistani Naval Service ship foiled a major drug smuggling attempt and seized **280 kg of methamphetamine** in a regional maritime security operation.
<https://en.dailypakistan.com.pk/07-Mar-2023/pakistan-navy-seizes-drugs-worth-rs4-billion-in-arabian-sea>

PHILIPPINES

01.03.2023 Customs officers at the Port of Clark, inspecting a consignment of women's dresses from Zimbabwe, found and seized **838 grams of methamphetamine** inside 255 buttons and on the side of a cardboard box. <https://customs.gov.ph/boc-clark-seizes-p5-7m-shabu-concealed-in-dress-buttons/>

SPAIN

06.03.2023 Employees of the Civil Guard in the port of Algeciras, during the inspection of a container that arrived from Ecuador, seized **2 tons of cocaine** hidden in tuna cans in the container. <https://www.guardiacivil.es/es/prensa/noticias/8502.html>

TAILAND

06.03.2023 Customs officials at Suvarnabhumi Airport found **43 kg of heroin** worth 107.5 million baht hidden in clothes bound for Hong Kong.

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2522425/>



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USA

07.03.2023 US Customs and Border Protection officers at the port of entry in Hidalgo, Texas stopped a vehicle arriving from Mexico. During the search of the car, **11 kg of cocaine** were found and seized. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-over-4-million-cocaine-hidalgo-international-bridge>