

**WEEKLY SUMMARY
 ON THE FACTS OF THE SEIZURE OF NARCOTIC DRUGS,
 PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND THEIR PRECURSORS**

(based on mass media reports)

27.03. to 02.04.2023

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In the period from 27 March to 2 April 2023, based on information from mass media law enforcement bodies and security agencies of CARICC Member States seized **785.2 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 11.1 kg, opium – 31.3 kg, cocaine - 200 kg, cannabis group drugs – 312.2 kg, synthetic drugs – 230.6 kg and 15 tons of precursors.**

Seizures of drugs in the CARICC member states from 27 March to 2 April 2023, based on information from the media

Type of drugs (kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	11			0,130			
Opium		30		1,3			
Cocaine				200			
Cannabis group		102	13,7	196,5			
Synthetic drugs	3	200,1		27,5			
Total	14	332,1	13,7	425,4			

In other countries, during the specified period, 2 t 274 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances were seized from illicit trafficking, including: heroin – 65.5 kg, opium – 33 kg, cocaine – 2 t, cannabis group – 170 kg and synthetic drugs – 5.9 kg.

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC

27.03.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Barda region detained 12 men involved in drug trafficking. During the search, **1 kg of heroin** was seized from the detainees. <https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/711254>

30.03.2023 Police officers in the course of operational-search activities in the city of Baku detained a man who was seized **4 kg of heroin**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/712636>

30.03.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Lankaran region detained two local men, who seized **6 kg of heroin**. The detainees received drugs from an Iranian citizen. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/712648>

01.04.2023 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the city of Khachmaz detained a man who was seized **3 kg of methamphetamine**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/713240>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

26.03.2023 in the Mangistau region, at the final stage of the operation, the NSC officers detained the organizer of the drug channel and three of his accomplices. The detention was carried out by blocking the coastal zone with boats of the NSC Border Guard Service. Control was carried out using unmanned aerial vehicles. During the inspection of the smugglers' water transport, **30 kg of opium** was found and seized. <https://www.gov.kz/memleket/entities/knb/press/news/details/529332?lang=ru>

29.03.2023 The National Security Committee liquidated a large laboratory for the production of psychotropic substances. **200 kg of alpha-PVP** and 15 tons of precursors, as well as laboratory equipment, were seized from illegal circulation. During the development process, a foreign citizen came to the attention of operatives who arrived in Kazakhstan with the aim of organizing large-scale production of prohibited substances and their subsequent sale in the CIS countries. Further operational measures made it possible to establish an underground production base in the Turkestan region. <https://www.gov.kz/memleket/entities/knb/press/news/details/527735?lang=ru>

29.03.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Kostanay region detained two men, who seized **2 kg of marijuana** and **119 g of alpha-PVP**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/kanaly-rasprostraneniya-narkotikov-presekli-kostanajskie-politsejskie/>

31.03.2023 Police officers in the city of Aktobe during the operational-search activities detained a 40-year-old local resident, who was found and seized **100 kg of marijuana** at his place of residence. <https://ic24.kz/news/bolee-sta-kilogrammova-narkoticheskikh-sredstv-obnarudgili-politseyskie-v-garadze-v-aktobe-u49022>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

26.03.2023 Law enforcement officers in the city of Bishkek during the operational-search activities detained three men, who seized **12.8 kg of marijuana** and **67 g of hashish**. https://24.kg/proisshestviya/261926_vbishkeke_zaderjali_mujchinu_spryatavshego_narkotiki_vbanke_varenya/

29.03.2023 Law enforcement officers on the Bishkek-Osh highway stopped a car with two men inside. During the search of the car, **834 g of hashish** were found and seized. https://24.kg/proisshestviya/261961_natrasse_bishkek_oshoperativniki_sbnon_zaderjali_dvuh_narkotorgovtsev/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

27.03.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Moscow region detained a man who was found and seized **190 kg of marijuana** at his place of residence. The detainee was engaged in the cultivation of cannabis. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/36813121/>

27.03.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Yekaterinburg stopped a car with two men inside. During the search of the car, **1.3 kg of methadone** was found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/36877299/>

28.03.2023 Police officers in the course of conducting operational-search activities in the Sverdlovsk region detained a foreign citizen who was seized **130 grams of heroin**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/36917344/>

28.03.2023 Police officers in the Saratov region stopped a car driven by a 31-year-old man. During the search of the car, **8 kg of mephedrone** were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/36912714/>

29.03.2023 Police officers in the Ulyanovsk region stopped a car driven by a resident of the Leningrad region. During the search of the car, **5 kg of hashish** were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/36918546/>

29.03.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Abakansky district of the village of Samoilovka detained a 51-year-old man, who was found and seized **1.5 kg of marijuana** at his place of residence. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/36939824/>

29.03.2023 Police officers in the Voronezh region stopped a car driven by a 35-year-old resident of the Kaluga region. During the inspection of the car, a plastic bag containing **3 kg of N-methylephedron** and **1 kg of mephedrone** was found in the luggage compartment. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/36940968/>

29.03.2023 in the Krasnodar Territory, employees of the State traffic inspectorate stopped a car driven by a 25-year-old resident of the city of Sochi. While searching the vehicle, the police officers seized a bundle with a powdered substance, which, according to the expert's conclusion, is a derivative of **N-methylephedron** with a total weight of **500 g**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/36947806/>

31.03.2023 Police officers on the highway near the city of Perm stopped a car driven by a 59-year-old resident of the Leningrad region. During a search of the car, **5 kg of mephedrone** were found and seized in the trunk. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/36998792/>

31.03.2023 As a result of operational-search activities in St. Petersburg, two previously repeatedly convicted local residents were detained. It was preliminary established that they had equipped caches with drugs in a truck transporting fruits. The police seized more than **200 kg of cocaine**, worth 800 million rubles. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/37010026/>

31.03.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Bataysk, Rostov Region, detained a 30-year-old local resident, who equipped a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs at her place of residence. During the search, laboratory equipment and **10 kg of mephedrone** were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/37016195/>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

28.03.2023 Law enforcement agencies have detained a man who tried to bring into Australia **35 kg of heroin** hidden in a model truck. The market value of which is estimated at more than 14 million dollars. <https://www.9news.com.au/national/man-charged-after-14-million-worth-of-heroin-found-in-model-truck/56edd980-fc3f-44c7-92db-3499d1dc4ffa>

BELARUS

27.03.2023 A large batch of hashish intended for sale in Russia was found in a car at the Brest checkpoint. It is reported that **80 kg of hashish** was carried by a citizen of Moldova, who was traveling from Poland to Belarus. The hashish was hidden in a hiding place between the floor and the bottom of the car. <https://www.belta.by/incident/view/grazhdanin-moldovy-pytalsja-provezti-cherez-belorusskuju-granitsu-80-kg-gashisha-557697-2023/>

INDIA

28.03.2023 Border Force officers detained two suspects and also seized a drone, a handgun and **10 kg of heroin** in four separate incidents reported at the India-Pakistan border in Punjab. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/chandigarh-news/bsf-nabs-2-suspects-seizes-10kg-heroin-in-three-drone-intrusions-along-punjab-border-101680019070274.html>

PAKISTAN

31.03.2023 The Anti-Narcotics Force seized more than **90 kg of hashish, 33 kg of opium** and **12 kg of heroin** from a vehicle in the Islamabad Highway Square and arrested three drug traffickers. <https://pakobserver.net/anf-foils-smuggling-bids-seizes-narcotics/>

PERU

29.03.2023 The Peruvian police at the port terminal in Callao seized **2 tons of cocaine**, which was packed in a batch of majolica. The final destination of the seized substance was Türkiye. <https://www.belta.by/world/view/politsija-peru-izjjala-bolee-2-t-kokaina-na-summu-20-mln-557957-2023/>

USA

31.03.2023 U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at the port of entry of Laredo, Texas, stopped a freight car. During the search of the car, **5.9 kg of fentanyl** and **8.5 kg of heroin** were found and seized. The drug cost was \$623,244. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-over-600k-hard-narcotics-rail-bridge>