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

**19.07. to 29.07.2023**

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From 19 to 29 July 2023, based on information from the media, law enforcement agencies of CARICC Member States seized **300.6 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 7.7 kg, opium - 20 kg, cocaine - 1 kg, cannabis-group drugs - 232.7 kg and synthetic drugs - 39.1 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	5.5			2.1			0.195
Opium	20						
Cocaine				1			
Cannabis group drugs	32.3	190		10			0.405
Synthetic drugs	2		30	7.1			
<b>Total</b>	<b>59.8</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20.2</b>			<b>0.600</b>

During this period, other countries seized **13 tons and 70 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 12 tons and 923 kg of cocaine and 147 kg of synthetic drugs.**

**CARICC MEMBER STATES**

**REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**

**21.07.2023** Police officers in the city of Astara stopped a vehicle arriving from Iran. During a search of the vehicle, they found and seized **20 kg of opium, 1 kg of methamphetamine, 20 kg of marijuana and 5 kg of heroin.**

<https://ru.oxu.az/society/755557>, <https://dmp.unodc.org/case?id=64bdf949fe60afd367fd2560>

**24.07.2023** Police officers detained a man who had **3 kg of marijuana** at his place of residence in Ismayilli city in the course of investigation and search measures.

<https://ru.oxu.az/society/756658>

**26.07.2023** Police officers in the town of Akhsu stopped a car with two men inside. During a search of the vehicle, they found and seized **1 kg of methamphetamine, 1.1 kg of marijuana and 510 g of heroin.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/757837>

**27.07.2023** State Border Service officers found and seized **8.2 kg of marijuana and 1,725 tablets of Pregabalin** in the service territory of the "Geytepe" border detachment near the village of Melikgasymlı in Jalilabad district. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/758448>

## REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

**27.07.2023** Police officers detained a 31-year-old resident of Taraz, seizing **190 kg of cannabis** in the Shu district of Zhambyl region in the course of investigative measures. <https://polisia.kz/ru/okolo-190-kg-kannabisa-iz-yali-politsejskie-u-31-letnego-zhitelya-taraza/>

**28.07.2023** As part of the operational and preventive measure "Karasora-2023" officers of the Department of combating Drug Crime of the Police Department of Kostanay region uncovered a case of illegal cultivation of plants prohibited for cultivation containing narcotic substances. **264 poppy bushes** grew in the yard of a resident of Zhdanovka settlement, which he cultivated for personal consumption. <https://polisia.kz/ru/bolee-200-kusov-maka-iz-yali-u-zhitelya-kostanajskoj-oblasti/>

## KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

**27.07.2023** The National Security Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan in conjunction with the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic carried out an operation to dismantle a large-scale production of psychotropic substances being distributed in Central Asian countries. Leader of a local drug group and two of his accomplices were detained in Bishkek. During a search, they found and seized **30 kg of mephedrone**, 2.2 tons of precursors, and equipment for drug production. [https://www.kt.kz/rus/crime/sovместnuyu\\_spetsoperatsiyu\\_po\\_likvidatsii\\_narkolaboratorii\\_1377953361.html](https://www.kt.kz/rus/crime/sovместnuyu_spetsoperatsiyu_po_likvidatsii_narkolaboratorii_1377953361.html)

## RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**19.07.2023** Officers of the Drug Control Department of the Kaliningrad Region Department of Internal Affairs of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs foiled operations of organizer and participants of an Internet store selling illegal substances. Members of the group specialized in the sale of cocaine and hashish by contactless method using a system of dead drops on the territory of the Kaliningrad and Tula regions. During a search of the detainees' residence in the Bagrationsky district of the Kaliningrad region, they found and seized **1 kg of cocaine and 6 kg of hashish**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40056500>

**19.07.2023** During investigation and search measures in the city of Noginsk, Moscow region, police officers detained a 30-year-old man and seized **800 g of heroin**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40066327>

**20.07.2023** Police officers in the course of investigation and search measures in the city of Ryazan detained two foreign nationals and seized **347 g of heroin**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40103187>

**20.07.2023** Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the Oktyabrsky district of Krasnoyarsk Krai detained two local men who were engaged in cannabis cultivation at their place of residence. During a search, they found and seized **30 cannabis bushes** weighing **4 kg** in total. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40062332>

**21.07.2023** Police officers in the course of investigation and search measures in Nefteyugansk district of Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Okrug detained a 47-year-old man



who had set up a laboratory for production of synthetic drugs at his place of residence. During a search, they found and seized laboratory equipment and **5.1 kg of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40131040>

**22.07.2023** Police officers in the city of Samara stopped a car driven by a local resident. During a search of the car, they found and seized **2 kg of mephedrone** under the upholstery in the trunk of the car. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40131056>

**28.07.2023** Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the city of Vladivostok, Primorsky Krai, detained two men and seized **970 g of heroin**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40336973>

## REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**21.07.2023** Officers of the Customs Department of Khorezm region together with the State Security Service prevented importation of narcotic drugs near Urgench International Airport. A man who flew to Uzbekistan disguised 10 packets of **heroin** weighing **175 g** and 16 packets of **hashish** weighing **405 g** as candies. <https://uznews.uz/posts/66506>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### AUSTRALIA

**20.07.2023** Australian Police officers in the city of Melbourne detained a 24-year-old man who was found in possession of **112 kg of methamphetamine** at his residence. Drugs had arrived from China inside a shipment of commercial machinery. <https://www.9news.com.au/national/former-child-star-arrested-after-112kg-methamphetamine-seizure/2d8c6db9-a8ab-484a-94f3-786b733c83f7>

### BELGIUM

**19.07.2023** Police officers in the port of Antwerp during inspection of a container arriving from Ecuador, inside a shipment of bananas, found and seized **6.8 tons of cocaine**. Four suspects were detained in connection. <https://www.brusselstimes.com/belgium/607535/major-drug-catch-police-seize-6-8-tons-of-cocaine-in-port-of-antwerp>

### BRAZIL

**21.07.2023** Officers of the Federal Revenue Service in the port of Paranaguá, during inspection of a container bound for the Netherlands, in the engine compartment of a refrigerated container, found and seized **30 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2023/07/pf-apreende-cocaina-escondida-em-conteiner-no-porto-de-paranagua-pr>

### GUATEMALA

**26.07.2023** Police officers at the port of Puerto Quetzal stopped a truck with a tanker. During a search inside the tanker, they found and seized **140 kg of cocaine**. <https://dca.gob.gt/noticias-guatemala-diario-centro-america/hallan-cocaina-oculta-en-cisterna/>

## ITALY

**24.07.2023** Police officers seized **5.3 tons of cocaine** being transported between ships off the southern coast of Sicily. The shipment is worth approximately 850 million euros. Five people were arrested in connection with the seizure. Police were tracking the ship, which sailed from South America and spun off in the early hours of Wednesday morning, when a surveillance plane spotted several packages dropped from the deck into the Strait of Sicily to be picked up by a fishing trawler.

<https://www.marineinsight.com/videos/italy-seizes-a-record-5-3-tonne-cocaine-off-the-southern-coast-of-sicily/>

## THE NETHERLANDS

**25.07.2023** Investigative services in the port of Rotterdam found a **525 kg** shipment of **cocaine** on board a ship that was about to set sail.

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/07/25/tip-leidt-naar-650-kilo-cocaine-in-rotterdamse-haven>

## PANAMA

**19.07.2023** National Naval Service agents at a port terminal in the Pacific Ocean area searched a container arriving from Ecuador in transit through Panama to Mexico, then found and seized **120 kg of cocaine**. [https://www.tvn-2.com/nacionales/buque-transito-panama-iba-cargado\\_1\\_2066805.html](https://www.tvn-2.com/nacionales/buque-transito-panama-iba-cargado_1_2066805.html)

## USA

**21.07.2023** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Presidio Port of Entry in Presidio, Texas, stopped a vehicle entering from Mexico. During an inspection of the vehicle, they found and seized **8 kg of cocaine** inside a shipment of cheese wheels.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-intercept-cocaine-filled-cheese-presidio-port-entry>

## TÜRKIYE

**25.07.2023** Police officers in Muradiye district, Van province, stopped a vehicle driven by a local resident. During a search of the vehicle, they found and seized **35 kg of methamphetamine**.

<https://www.sondakika.com/haber/haber-van-da-narkotik-kopegi-yoga-nin-tepkisiyle-35-kilo-16154365/>