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INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR, DEDICATED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION AND CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES IN ASIA, WAS HELD IN ASTANA

On October 18, in implementation of the instructions of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan N. Nazarbayev on the commencement of practical work on development and strengthening of cooperation in the military-political dimension of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-building Measures in Asia at the National University of Defense of the Ministry of Defense was held an international seminar dated to the 26th CICA anniversary.

The seminar objectives were discussion of the implementation of confidence-building measures in the military-political dimension of CICA, strengthening mutual cooperation aimed at ensuring peace, stability and security in Asia.

The seminar was led by the Deputy Minister of Defense of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Lieutenant General Talgat Mukhtarov.

Attending the event were the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassadors of Qatar, Palestine, representatives of military departments of more than 20 Member States and CICA observer countries, the Ministries of Defense and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the CICA Secretariat, military attaches on defense issues accredited in Kazakhstan, as well as international organizations "OSCE Programme Office in Astana", RATS SCO and CARICC. <https://www.mod.gov.kz/rus/press-centr/novosti/?cid=0&rid=5587>



KAZAKHSTAN AND LITHUANIA AIM TO FURTHER COUNTER TERRORISM, DRUG TRAFFICKING AND CONSEQUENCES OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Kazakhstan and Lithuania intend to continue active comprehensive cooperation and partnership at the political level, to enhance economic diplomacy and interaction in the international arena. This is the main agenda of the last Kazakh-Lithuanian consultations between the foreign ministries of two countries.

The Kazakh delegation was headed by Deputy Foreign Minister Roman Vasilenko, the Lithuanian delegation - by Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Darius Skusevičius.

The interlocutors confirmed "mutual focus on continuing to increase the effectiveness of the joint measures taken to counter international terrorism, drug business, consequences of climate change and other new challenges and threats".

The Foreign Ministry draws attention to the fact that a solid legal framework for mutual relations has been created between the countries, including in the trade, economic, scientific, educational, cultural and humanitarian spheres.

The priority direction remains transport cooperation. The issues of transit, transport communications and logistics were discussed by parties, which is connected with the

need to develop and diversify cargo flows. The launch of new container transportation services, which took place in May 2018, the opening of direct flights between Astana and Vilnius open up new horizons for cooperation between the two countries in the transport area. <https://zonakz.net/2018/10/15/kazakhstan-i-litva-naceleny-na-dalnejshuyu-borbu-protiv-terrorizma-narkobiznesa-i-posledstvij-izmeneniya-klimata/>

ЛИТЕР COUNTERING VIRTUAL DRUG LORDS

A briefing on the distribution of synthetic drugs in Almaty was held on October 16 at the press center of the Astana city branch of the “Nur Otan” party.

– Unfortunately, new technologies and means of communication are being adopted by representatives of the drug business, so not only law enforcement agencies, but also members of the public should be involved in combating this dangerous tendency. Moreover, we are talking about synthetic drugs that cause uncontrolled behavior, quick addiction, and are extremely life-threatening, and we see that the drug business involves our youth and adolescents,” said Stanislav Kankurov, first deputy chairman of the Almaty city branch of the “Nur Otan” party.

At the initiative of the “Nur Otan” party” a number of preventive measures are being taken, including raids, briefings, meetings with schoolchildren.

There is also a hotline and posters showing information about dangers of drugs and reminders for parents, allowing to recognize drug use. In addition, the party intends to initiate an expansion of the list of substances on the schedule of controlled narcotic drugs, and systematically combat this phenomenon by voicing the names of people identified during police raids in nightclubs, educational institutions and other places. <https://liter.kz/ru/articles/show/51874-borba-s-virtualnymi-narkobaronami>

POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS OF KOSTANAY PAINT OVER GRAFFITI WITH DRUGS ADS

Encrypted graffiti on the walls of the houses in Kostanay, which, as it turned out, are advertisements for synthetic drugs, were eliminated by the police of the city together with volunteers.

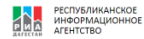
Throughout the year, encrypted inscriptions “KST 420”, “Speed” as well as hashtags with the names of narcotic substances began to appear on the walls of buildings in the regional center. In most cases, citizens do not realize this. The uninitiated only see scribbles on the walls of houses, illegible graffiti, taking it for self-indulgence. In fact, this is a direct lead, where you can easily and without intermediaries order synthetic drugs.

Staff of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking (UBN), the Local Police Service and volunteers carried out an action on painting over such “arts”. In the Department of Internal Affairs of the Kostanay region, citizens are urged to immediately report about the inscriptions to the police. The police officer of the UBN of the Department of Internal Affairs in the Kostanay region, police major Aigul Eradilova urges citizens to join and paint over such inscriptions to prevent the consequences of this “advertising campaign”.

“Often young people respond to these inscriptions, find sites with suspicious content, where they are offered to order synthetic drugs. We are countering this, we are working to identify drug traffickers,” says A. Eradilova. Also, the police warned about the responsibility for advertising the sale of drugs. The police handed each volunteer from among the students of Kostanay social and technical college a T-shirt with the inscription “No to drugs!” Then, a mobile group of police, volunteers and journalists traveled

through more than 20 city sites where inscriptions had been found. And it is not only the facades of residential buildings, but also public places, cafes. As part of the action, the police met with the owners of cafes, where they were warned about the need to remove illegal signs. Entrepreneurs agreed that volunteers paint over graffiti. In turn, law enforcement officers told the volunteers participating in the action, that it is necessary to promptly report on the facts of synthetic drugs sale. Police officers, having received the message, will check it and, if confirmed, will take necessary measures to curtail criminal activity. https://www.inform.kz/ru/policeyskie-i-volontery-kostanaya-zakrashivayut-graffiti-s-reklamoy-narkotikov_a3428405

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION



DRUG SITUATION IN KISLAR CAUSES ALARM IN SECURITY FORCES

Every year the drug situation in the city is steadily becoming more complicated and represents a very real threat to the health of citizens. This was announced on October 18 at the regular meeting of the Anti-Drug Commission of the administration of the city of Kizlyar by Police Lieutenant Colonel Vitaly Semenchenko, Head of the OMVD of Russia in Kizlyar,.

The problem of drug trafficking, as he noted, is quite acute. "The city has become an object of active drug expansion, and thus drug crime expands its borders. Statistics today can not reflect the real picture. The chief policeman called the most serious threat looming over young people, the problem of using synthetic drugs known as spices, various smoking mixes, salts, herbal food supplements, various kinds of aromatic blends. A. Shuvalov, Mayor of the city, inquired about the measures being taken by law enforcement agencies with regard to, first of all, drug dealers. The chief policeman of the city complained that with the activity of young people in social networks, through which most often the distribution of narcotic substances is carried out, it became much more difficult to combat drug dealers' illegal activity. According to him, there are dozens of people in the city, mostly women, selling the drug "Lyrika" and other synthetic drugs. He said that this year they managed to apprehend one woman who actively traded death and was confident in her impunity. They, as Semenchenko said, immediately turn to various social and public organizations, saying that they, exemplary mothers, wives, are illegally detained and brought to justice. Semenchenko said that the thirst for profit prevails over the mind.

In his opinion, along with the implementation of law enforcement tasks to combat drug trafficking, there is an acute issue of preventive measures and without the support of the population, youth, public, religious and other organizations, it will be difficult to overcome drug addiction.

Head of the Police Department announced data for 9 months of the current year. In particular, in the OMVD of Russia, an increase of 31.4% occurred in Kizlyar in the area of illicit drug trafficking. 67 against 51 were registered, 64 against 42 were revealed. The percentage of detection was 98.5% versus 97.7%, in the zone - 98.9%, in the Republic of Dagestan (RD) -96.2%. Unsolved cases - 1, of which associated with the sale of drugs: an increase of 166.7%. Registered - 16 against 6, solved - 12 against 6. The percentage of solved cases was 92.3% versus 100%, in the RD -82.9%.

Narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances seized: marijuana - 1367.15 g, hashish - 98.33 g, tramadol - 21.21 g, amphetamine -13.4 g, voluntarily surrendered 1364.1 g of marijuana.

Currently, 126 people are registered with drug addiction syndrome in the territory of the city of Kizlyar, of which 41 are "intravenals", 31 are consumers of narcotic drugs. Fifty submissions from the investigating and inquiry bodies were reviewed, for which citizens' assemblies were organized at the place of residence, where propaganda events were held on the need for public reprimand of such cases related to trafficking and use of narcotic drugs.

According to the department of UKON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Northern zone, 9 crimes in the sphere of illicit drug trafficking were identified in Operation "Poppy" («Мак»). Within criminal cases 5 people were arrested.

Concluding the meeting, Shuvalov said that, based on the statistics, the problem of the mass distribution of synthetic drugs remains relevant and therefore a set of actions and tough measures are needed.

https://www.riadagestan.ru/news/g_kizlyar/narkosituatsiya_v_kizlyare_vyzyvaet_trevogu_u_silovykh_struktur/

REGNUM **PSKOV CLEANED FROM GRAFFITI WITH DRUGS ADVERTISING**

On October 19, in the city of Pskov, police officers jointly with volunteers organized a raid, during which more than 100 graffiti with illegal advertising of drugs were removed from the facades of houses.

Illegal inscriptions were found not only on the facades of apartment buildings, but also in places of rest and mass stay of citizens. The raid was attended by employees of the Depart for Drugs Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Pskov Region, anti-drug movement volunteers, as well as members of the Youth Parliament under the Pskov Regional Assembly of Deputies.

"These inscriptions are targeting primarily young people: they are most often the addresses of various Internet sites, to which middle-aged and elderly people simply do not pay attention, and a young man who wants to acquire the so-called "easy high", seeing this inscription, can use it," said V. Yakovlev, member of the youth parliament.

<https://regnum.ru/news/2504120.html>

СУПЕРОМСК OMSK PUBLIC SERVANTS REWARDED FOR COMBATING "NARCOGRAFFITI"

In the Soviet District, volunteer groups were organized to identify illegal inscriptions. Social activists paint over advertisements for drugs on the walls of houses, fences, posts, garages and pass a photo of the "narcograffiti" to law enforcement officers for further actions. The duty to remove drug advertising is imposed by law on the owners of the buildings themselves, but most often it is indifferent public figures along with voluntary people's squads who go to raids with the police.

Consciousness of Lyudmila Reshko, Chairman of the CTOS "Zaozerny-3", who weekly goes to the raids on painting over graffiti advertising on the sale of drugs, was praised by the Omsk Police.

The indifferent social activist for cooperation in combating drug trafficking and a great personal contribution to the prevention of drug addiction was commended by E. Chizhov, Head of the Department for Drugs Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Omsk Region.

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OTHER COUNTRIES

CANADA

 **CANADA LEGALIZED MARIJUANA**

October 17, the federal law on the legalization of marijuana entered into force in Canada, now residents of the country will be able to use marijuana for recreational purposes. Canadian Senate passed a federal law on the legalization of marijuana for medical purposes in June. Later, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said that Canadians will be able to use marijuana for recreational purposes from October 17, 2018. Marijuana sales started at midnight in the country's easternmost province, Newfoundland and Labrador. "The ban is over. Now we have made a story," the channel cites the words of the first buyer. He said that he would not use his first purchase, but would hang it on the wall in a frame for memory. "Marijuana is no longer illegal. Use is permitted to persons over the age of 19. Do not call the police because of this," the Toronto police wrote on Twitter. Persons over 18 years old have the right to store 30 g of the substance. It is also allowed to "share" the same amount of marijuana with other adults. It is noted that the legalization of marijuana does not mean that there will be a licensed distributor in each province. In particular, in Ontario, the sale will be made online. https://tengrinews.kz/world_news/kanada-legalizovala-marihuanu-355809/

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