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THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

zakon.kz DRAFT LAW ON THE PROCEDURE OF TRANSMITTING DRUG AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES CONSIDERED IN THE SENATE OF PARLIAMENT

The protocol will contribute to enhancing cooperation in the prevention, detection and investigation of crimes related to drug trafficking.

The Committee on Constitutional Legislation, the Judicial System and Law Enforcement Agencies considered the draft law "On Ratification of the Protocol on the Procedure for the Transfer of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and their Precursors, Firearms, its Major Parts, Ammunition, Explosives and Explosive Devices, which are material evidence on criminal cases".

The protocol determines the order of interaction between competent authorities, the procedure for processing and executing requests for the transfer of objects (drugs and weapons), which are material evidence in criminal cases, for use in criminal proceedings, the grounds for refusing to fulfill such requests.

Besides, it enshrines the provision on the transfer of the above material evidence across the state borders of the Protocol participants, the procedure for ensuring their safety.

The document has been submitted to the chamber. <https://www.zakon.kz/4943049-zakonoproekt-o-poryadke-peredachi.html>



WHY IS IT DIFFICULT TO COUNTER SYNTHETIC DRUGS IN KAZAKHSTAN

Kalmukhanbet Kasymov, Minister of Internal Affairs, explained the difficulties in combating synthetic drugs in Kazakhstan.

"To a large extent, this is due to the imperfection of legislative levers. The police detain distributors, but we cannot bring them to criminal responsibility, because this type of synthetic drug is not on the drug list," said the head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs on the sidelines of the government. He noted that a substance established by such a law is recognized as a narcotic. At the same time, according to him, adding a new type of drug to the list of narcotic substances is a very long process. It is coordinated with government agencies, is considered in the Majilis, the Senate of Parliament. "Usually it takes more than six months. During this time, manufacturers change the formula of the drug and again throw it into the market, and we come across this problem again.

In a number of countries, for example in Russia, Uzbekistan, a government resolution is sufficient for this type to be recognized as a drug. In Belarus, they went even further, there decision of the Minister of Health is enough", added Kalmukhanbet Kasymov.

"In June last year in the Parliament we initiated a bill to simplify the existing mechanism. Then a single government resolution would be enough for all such substances, except for those under state control which are medicinal drugs, to become outlawed, and even those that may appear in the future. We hope that this bill will be supported by the deputies in the near future," the Minister of Internal Affairs concluded.

https://tengrinews.kz/kazakhstan_news/pochemu-kazahstane-slojino-borotsya-sinteticheskimi-356227/

 **RESULTS OF DRUGS CONTROL CONCLUDED IN KAZAKHSTAN**

About 3,000 criminal drug-related offenses, including more than 1,000 drug criminals identified in Kazakhstan.

This became known during the meeting on the results of the annual republican operational and preventive measures "Koknar-2018".

Held from June to October of the current year, the purpose of this event is to identify and dismantle heroin trafficking channels, counter harvesting and export of marijuana and hashish from the southern regions of the country, as well as curbing the activities of organized criminal groups specializing in drug trafficking.

More than 22 tons of various types of drugs were seized, more than 10.5 tons of plants containing drugs were destroyed.

Following the review, specific instructions were given and tasks for combating drug trafficking were defined for the upcoming period. <https://www.inalmaty.kz/news/2197470/v-kazahstane-podveli-itogi-borby-s-narkotikami>

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

 **ANDREI KHRAPOV DISCUSSED WITH IRANIAN COUNTERPARTS THE INTERACTIONS IN COUNTERING DRUG TRAFFICKING**

On October 25 Lieutenant-General of Police Andrei Khrapov, Head of the Main Directorate for Drugs Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, paid a working visit to the Islamic Republic of Iran. During the trip, he held meetings with Major General Eskandar Momeni, First Deputy Commander of the Law Enforcement Force of Iran (LEF IRI); Asadulla Hadinejad, Deputy Secretary General of the Drug Control Headquarters and Brigade General Mohammad-Massoud Zahedian, Chief of the Anti-Narcotics Police of the Law Enforcement Force (ANP LEF).

The delegation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia visited a canine unit and ANP LEF warehouse of seized drugs, as well as a center for rehabilitation and treatment of drug addicts.

The parties discussed issues of cooperation in combating drug trafficking.

Representatives of the Russian delegation shared their experience in establishing state control measures for new psychoactive substances and countering the spread of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances using the Internet.

Following the talks, relevant agreements were reached on the elaboration of proposals for practical cooperation in the anti-drug field.

Police Lieutenant General Andrei Khrapov and Brigadier General Mohammad-Massoud Zahedian signed a meeting protocol, according to which the Main Directorate for Drugs Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia and the ANP LEF will continue to interact on a number of issues, including the exchange of information, experience and annual consultations. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14790095/>

 **ALL-RUSSIAN ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTION "CONSCRIPT-2018" IN THE REPUBLIC OF SAHA (YAKUTIA)**

Autumn stage of the all-Russian preventive anti-drug action "Conscript-2018" among young people of military age will be held from October 1 to December 31, 2018. The purpose of the action is military-patriotic education, promotion of a healthy lifestyle and

prevention of drug-related crimes among future soldiers and sailors of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation. The action is organized by the Office for Drugs Control (UNK) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) jointly with the Republican Military Commissariat.

As part of the campaign, UNK officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) started preventive meetings with conscripts at the Republican assembly point of the Military Commissariat of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). Future soldiers and sailors were informed about the drug situation in the country, the republic, legal responsibility for offenses related to the illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs. Promotion of a healthy lifestyle, the formation of a negative attitude towards drug addiction among young people was organized during the event.

Comprehensive answers were given on the conscripts' questions concerning the problems of drug addiction, about the dangers and consequences of consumption of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. Such meetings help young men called up for military service, in the period of difficult psychological adjustment, to make the right choice in favor of a healthy lifestyle. <https://vk-smi.ru/regions/14/80772>

[Рамблер](#) / **POLICE MET WITH VOLUNTER MOVEMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN IVANOV**

A meeting between officers of the Office for Drugs Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Ivanovo Region and representatives of volunteer movements in the region on new forms of primary drug prevention was held on October 24 at the Ivanovo Center for Prevention of Addiction. The topic for discussion was the ways to involve civil society institutions in anti-drug work. A psychiatrist, a narcologist, a psychotherapist of the Ivanovo Regional Narcological Dispensary and a senior assistant to the prosecutor of the Ivanovo Region on legal support took part in the conversation.

The police informed the participants about the drug situation in the region and the results of the work of police in combating drug-related crime.

Social activists were shown an anti-drug quest room, which was created to work with young people on drug abuse prevention. Volunteers were offered to go through this quest themselves and share their impressions.

During the meeting participants discussed the challenges that volunteers face in their work.

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THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN



SPECIAL MILITARY SERVICE COURSES FOR YOUNG PERSONNEL OF THE AGENCY

Special military service courses commenced for young employees of departments and offices of the Central Office, Agency offices in the GBAO, Sughd and Khatlon regions on October 22 in the building of the Drug Control Agency's Training Center under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, with participation and support of Amelia Hannaford, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Head of Office in Tajikistan and Murtazo Haidarzoda, Deputy Director of the Agency.

Instructors drawn from experienced staff of the Agency will train 26 participants of the

