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A. Akimbek, bailiff of the Specialized Interdistrict Criminal Court of the Karaganda region: "The contingent of participants in criminal drug trafficking is heterogeneous. They can be distinguished on the basis of the scale of criminal activity, the degree of its sustainability, professionalism, motivation, role-playing function, entry into an organized structure or occupation of one's own small drug business.

With this in mind, the following personality types of participants in crimes related to drug trafficking can be distinguished:

- major drug traffickers, heads of organized groups and communities, and their closest assistants. They are characterized by authoritarianism, cruelty, willingness to do anything to achieve their goal, organizational skills, the ability to subjugate others, confidence in their own superiority, domination motivation, lack of empathy, attitude to people as mere tools to achieve the goal.;
- ordinary members of criminal groups and communities. They are characterized by greed, selfishness, lack of compassion for the victims, cruelty and willingness to use force to resolve conflicts and ensure their own security;
- people who grow narcotic plants. As a rule, their personal characteristics are adjacent to the averaged characteristics of the inhabitants of the respective area. For them the motive of self-interest is not obligatory – it is enrichment. They are largely focused on meeting needs that cannot be considered as excessive;
- collectors of wild narcotic plants. Among them are 3 groups: professionals, random people who came "for the company", "out of curiosity", drug addicts; enrichment oriented distributors. They have close connections with people who involve new people to use drugs. Traders and involvers are characterized by resourcefulness, assertiveness, the ability to find and convince customers, the desire to establish mutually beneficial relations among law enforcement officers serving this territory.

There are 2 main motives for crimes related to drug trafficking: the desire for enrichment; the desire to provide themselves with drugs for their own consumption.

Men represent high number of drug addicts, a high proportion of single people. Recently, there has been an increase in drug addicts among the unemployed, university students, people engaged in creative work, people leading an anti-social and criminal lifestyle.

In recent years, there has been an increase in the use of drugs and other intoxicating substances by socially neglected children.

Drug addicts are characterized by egoism, selfishness, lack of will, indecisiveness, secrecy, deceit, indifference to others and friends.

Some addicts develop a certain type of psychopathy over time because of substance abuse." <https://www.zakon.kz/4940969-kriminologicheskaya-harakteristika.html>

24.kz MORE THAN THOUSAND DRUGS DISTRIBUTION SITES CLOSED IN KAZAKHSTAN

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1133 Internet sites for the distribution of drugs have been blocked In Kazakhstan. This was reported by Saltanat Azirbek, official representative of the Department of Internal Affairs of Almaty.

The press center of the Almaty city branch of the Nur Otan party held a briefing on the situation with the distribution of synthetic drugs in Almaty. On it, the speakers reported that, by decree of the city akim, now members of the Nur Otan party will, together with the Almaty Department of Internal Affairs, resist the spread of narcotic and synthetic drugs among all segments of the population.

“Today, together with members of the party, a special operation was conducted in the Medeu district of Almaty to detain a previously convicted man who stored drugs. It was revealed that he had come to a cache to receive the next dose. To date, the forces of the city of Almaty to counter the spread of drugs identified more than 80 sites, including instant messengers. Already 70 sites of them are blocked by our initiative. Throughout Kazakhstan, 1,133 such sites were identified, where narcotic drugs were distributed,” says S. Azirbek. As the chief psychiatrist of the city of Almaty Mr Sapar Rakhmensheev noted at the briefing that since last year the number of drug-dependent adolescents in the Center for Psychiatric Care of the City has decreased.

“In the early 2000s, heroin was the most common, and now it is replaced by synthetic drugs. The problem is that it is cheaper and more potent than heroin 2 times. Parents should always pay attention to the behavior of their children. The danger of this drug also lies in the fact that after initial use it even affects the human brain activity,” notes S. Rakhmensheev in turn. We also actively counter the screen advertising of synthetic drugs. In each district police department of the city, working groups were established, focused on identifying such facts and eliminating them together with the owners of administrative buildings and Flat Owners’ Cooperative (KSK) representatives. In addition, as Stanislav Kankurov, the first deputy chairman of the Almaty city branch of Nur Otan, reported, photographs of people who use synthetic drugs will be published in the media in order to counter the spread of drugs.<https://24.kz/ru/news/social/item/271024-bolee-tysyachisajtov-po-rasprostranenyu-narkotikov-zakryli-v-kazakhstane>

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About 50 complaints are sent to the hotline on Internet sites where drugs are sold daily. Despite the fact that synthetic drugs appeared 5 years ago, drug traffickers stepped up their distribution this year. If earlier dealers used cell phones for sale, now they use not only the Internet and social networks. This was reported by Dauren Kobeev, operative on especially important cases of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of the Department of Internal Affairs of Almaty, during a press conference at the site of the Almaty city branch of the Nur Otan party.

D. Kobeev said that among the blocked sites on which drugs were sold, there are foreign ones. In general, a complaint about the dubious Internet resources from citizens amount up to 50 per day.

"Among the identified are more than 80 websites, including foreign sites. We monitor not only local sites, but also sources from various other countries. If we monitor in the territory of another country, we will send them information that such address has been identified and ask them to take further measures. Last year, not many sites were found in the territory of Almaty, active work began this year, a lot of advertising of narcotic drugs, even in social networks people are sent messages to earn extra money. This information comes to the hotline, people often contact us 10, 20, it happens 50 times a day. In 2015, drug addicts used simple phones, now they use the Internet. Now there are frequent cases on social networks — 90%. Spice, crystals, etc.", - shared the employee of the department.

Kobeev also added that recently, as part of the Anti-doping ("Антидопинг") preventive measure, a pharmacy was discovered, where over-the-counter medicines were sold used for manufacture of synthetic drugs. Pharmaceutical control has issued an administrative penalty to the pharmacy, in case of repeated violation, its license will be withdrawn.

Sapar Rakhmensheev, the head of the "Mental Health Center" ("Центр психического здоровья"), said that there are 1,613 drug addicts in the Center in Almaty at the dispensary, 7 of them are minors. In general, over the year there was a decrease in the number of drug addicts by 12%. <https://www.zakon.kz/4941412-v-kazahstane-90-sinteticheskikh.html>



IN TARAZ, ALL THE DRAWINGS CONTAINING THE HIDDEN ADVERTISEMENT OF DRUGS HAVE BEEN PAINTED OVER

Zhambyl police and youth activists of Taraz city did not want to tolerate anymore aggressive drug propaganda on the streets of their hometown. Together they took the brushes in their hands and painted over about a hundred nasty inscriptions that were on fences and walls of houses.

While for the uninitiated person it is just graffiti, employees of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of the Department of Internal Affairs of the Zhambyl region know for sure: art on brick and concrete like "Work@TRZwork", "JV MUKA CRIS, salary from 130 thousand tenge per month" "@SoltanTRZ" and the like are nothing but links to websites containing information about drugs and contact numbers that allow drug dealers and their clients to find each other.

The work of dangerous sites is now suspended, and the phone numbers are blocked," commented on the situation Askhat Almetov, Head of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking. - Work is underway to identify those who planned to use the Internet for the promotion and possible sale of drugs. https://express-k.kz/news/na_mestakh/v_taraze_zakrasili_vse_nadpisi_soderzhashchie_skrytuyu_reklamu_narkotikov-130356

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION



SVERDLOVSK DOCTORS DISCOVERED NEW SYNTHETIC DRUG

On October 11, a substance with a difficult to pronounce name was found in a patient's body in the Regional Drug Treatment Hospital of Yekaterinburg.

Specialists of the chemical-toxicological laboratory of the Regional Drug Treatment Hospital revealed a new narcotic substance in the patient's body. Additional studies have found more than 10 metabolites of the substance.

Samples taken from a patient admitted to the clinic this summer allowed the doctors of the Regional Drug Treatment Hospital to find a new synthetic drug substance.

During the study of the biological material of the person, who underwent a procedure of examination on the state of intoxication, the substance was detected for the first time - 3,4-methylenedioxy-pyrrolidino-hexanophenone (3,4-MDPHP) (3,4-метилендиоксипирролидиногексанофенон).

Highly sensitive analysis and additional studies allowed to detect and identify more than 10 metabolites of the synthetic substance. "More and more precise and highly sensitive methods of working with biological material are required to identify modern synthetic drugs. In the Sverdlovsk region today there are 6 chemical toxicological laboratories that allow to identify new, previously unknown drugs," said the Chief doctor of the Regional Drug Treatment Hospital A. Poddubny.

Now the data on the drug has been introduced to the General Regional Register, which has already made it possible to identify it from another patient of the Sverdlovsk Regional Center for the Treatment of Acute Poisoning, who had been delivered to the Intensive Care Unit.

http://www.ural.aif.ru/health/situation/sverdlovskie_vrachi_obnaruzhili_novyy_sinteticheskiy_narkotik

OTHER COUNTRIES

BELARUS

 **BELARUSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNODC DISCUSSED JOINT STEPS IN COMBATING DRUG THREAT**

Joint steps in countering drug trafficking and combating human trafficking were discussed in Minsk by Vladimir Makei, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belarus and Yuri Fedotov, the UN Deputy Secretary General - Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

At the meeting, the parties discussed joint steps in countering drug trafficking and combating human trafficking, cooperation within the framework of the UNODC Regional Programme for Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine in curtailing crime and drug trafficking.

The participants of the meeting noted a steady high level of cooperation between the Republic of Belarus and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime.

V. Makei noted with satisfaction the support provided by UNODC in the implementation of Belarusian anti-trafficking initiatives. The Minister also thanked the Head of the UNODC for his contribution to the preparation and participation in the international conference on combating terrorism in the digital age.

<https://www.interfax.by/news/belarus/1248866>

USA

 **42 MILLION DOLLARS TO COUNTER DRUG TRAFFICKING ALLOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES**

The US administration will allocate an additional 42.4 million dollars to programs to combat drug trafficking, said on October 8, US President Donald Trump.

"Today, I am announcing the allocation of 42.4 million dollars to programs to combat drug trafficking in the most affected areas to counter this epidemic," said Trump, speaking at the congress of the International Association of Chiefs of Police in Orlando (Florida).

He said that the funds will go to finance more than 50 innovative programs to combat



the spread of drugs. <https://ria.ru/world/20181008/1530233590.html>

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