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REGNUM KAZAKHSTAN PARLIAMENT APPROVED AMENDMENTS ON DRUGS CONTROL

The Majilis of the Parliament of Kazakhstan approved amendments to the legislation of the republic on the control of trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, their analogues and precursors.

The draft document is aimed at adequate and timely action to counter new challenges and threats posed by drug trafficking and transnational crime.

The document settles the grounds and procedure for inclusion under the state control of narcotic substances. <https://regnum.ru/news/2524017.html>

КАРАВАН POLICEMAN STATED ABOUT THREAT OF MASS DISTRIBUTION OF NEW TYPE OF DRUGS

The threat of emergence of next novelty of the drug industry — synthetic tablets of the drug Carfentanil, which has been called the “White Chinese”, is looming over Kazakhstan. It is claimed that the name of the new drug was given by the Americans, who brought the first consignment of potion to the United States. Experts claim that 1 gram of this drug affects the human body like a kilogram of heroin. The specific difference between “white Chinese” and other drugs is the destructive power and speed of exposure.

Almost the entire dose penetrates directly into the brain, leading to the death of an addict using carfentanil inevitably occurring within a few months.

“White Chinese” is rapidly storming the drug market. In Kazakhstan, the appearance of this deadly drug has already been recorded in the northern Kazakhstan.

“Analysis of the drug situation in East Kazakhstan indicates the presence of a threat of mass distribution of drugs of synthetic origin,” said the head of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of the Semey City Department of Internal Affairs, Mr Amangali Urazaev. - The danger of their consumption lies in the instant addiction and crushing effects on the body.

According to law enforcement officers, night clubs and bars are typical places for drug distribution. <https://www.caravan.kz/gazeta/policejjskie-zayavili-ob-ugroze-massovogo-rasprostraneniya-novogo-vida-narkotikov-499177/>

ПРОФИЛЬ ПАТРУЛ POLICEMEN IN CAPITAL GRAPPLING WITH PHARMACY DRUGS

The 10th polyclinic of Astana hosted a working meeting of the staff of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking with representatives of the Department of Pharmacy Committee of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The meeting was held as part of the operative and preventive measures "Doping".

The event was also attended by representatives of the Public Health Department of Astana, the "Center for Drug Abuse and Psychotherapy", the "Eurasian Medical Association" and more than 200 members of pharmaceutical community of Astana.

The head of the Pharmacy Committee of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Astana, Ms Aizhamal Batralieva delivered an introductory speech.

She noted the importance of issues under discussion related to the sales of medicines containing codeine, tropicamide and tramadol by pharmacy organizations in Astana. She also spoke about the problems and the measures taken against pharmaceutical drug addiction, which does not lose its relevance today and is one of the main problems of society.

A. Batraliyeva also reported that currently the population of Astana is no longer an outside observer for over-the-counter distribution of medicines containing codeine, tropicamide, tramadol, and they are not indifferent to the situation.

An appeal of a city resident about the sale of the drug Tramadol without a doctor's prescription in a pharmacy in March this year was confirmed, and the small business was brought to administrative responsibility. Bringing to administrative responsibility business entities is the basis for inclusion in the list of enterprises to be checked for the next year.

Head of a unit of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of the Police Department of Astana, Mr Sergei Ilinykh, noted that pharmacy drug addiction is a global threat to the health of younger generation.

"The situation with the use and distribution of drugs has changed dramatically, young people are increasingly using either synthetic drugs or pharmaceutical drugs. The sale of narcotic drugs in pharmacies in Kazakhstan without prescriptions is becoming threatening. According to statistics, a quarter of future drug addicts today begin their journey not from the gate, but from the pharmacy porch. Unfortunately, there are pharmacies that "specialize" in the sale of such drugs to the public," he says.

In the course of the "Doping" OPM, offenses in over-the-counter distribution of drugs containing codeine, tropicamide and tramadol are regularly detected in pharmacies in Astana. 80% of persons brought to administrative responsibility are individuals selling medicinal drugs.

The narcologist of the "Center for Drug Abuse and Psychotherapy" of Astana T. Koyshibek spoke on the harmful consequences of substance abuse.

<https://patrul.kz/novost/stolichnye-policejskie-boryutsya-s-aptechnoj-narkomaniej-foto>

ОТЫРАР) OPERATION "DOPING" IS HELD IN SHYMKENT

The Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of the Shymkent Police Department in the city holds the operative-preventive measure "Doping" from November 19 to 23.

It is aimed at identifying and stopping violations in legal turnover of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors.

A total of 1,600 law enforcement officers were involved in the operation, including 14 officers of special forces to combat drug trafficking.

On the first day 12 entities carrying out activities in the field of trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors were checked, during which one offense was identified. <https://otyrar.kz/2018/11/v-shymkente-proxodit-operaciya-doping/>

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

TACC RUSSIA AND ITALY TO CONTINUE COUNTERING TERRORISM AND DRUG TRAFFICKING

Russia and Italy agreed to continue active cooperation in combating terrorism and illicit drug trafficking. This was announced on November 23 by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov following talks with his Italian counterpart Enzo Moavero Milanese.

"We spoke, of course, about our tasks on the front of the fight against terrorism, against illegal drug trafficking, on the front of countering modern challenges and threats. They stressed the need for further active interaction of our relevant departments in these areas," he said.

"We have very good regular contacts between the Foreign Ministries. We agreed to continue consultations on topics that are of mutual interest," Lavrov added.

<https://tass.ru/politika/5827062>

SPECIALISTS OF MIA OF RUSSIA DELIVERED ANTINARCOTIC COURSES IN PERU

On November 21, the 11th Professional Development Courses on the topic "Combating Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances" concluded in Lima (Peru).

Training sessions were organized by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in cooperation with the National Commission for Development and Life without Drugs (DEVIDA) of Peru and the Anti-Drug Directorate of the National Police of Peru.

Within two weeks, 20 representatives of the police, customs, prosecutors and other Peruvian competent departments listened to lectures and took part in seminars and practical exercises under the guidance of experienced teachers from the Siberian Law Institute of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia and Moscow University of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia named after V.Ya.Kikotya.

The purpose of the courses is to familiarize Peruvian colleagues with advanced Russian experience in countering illicit drug trafficking, with modern methods of forensic research of narcotic substances and to develop operational skills.

The Peruvian side highly appreciates the level of professionalism and competence of Russian specialists and considers these training sessions a significant contribution of our country to combating drugs. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15041617/>

NORTH OSSETIA POLICE PARTICIPATED FLASHMOB "YOUTH AGAINST DRUG!"

On November 21, within the All-Russian anti-drug campaign "Report, where they trade in death!", officers of the Special Police Department of the OMVD of Russia in the Alagir district, members of the UKON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the RNO-Alania, representatives of public organization of the military-patriotic club "As-Alani" organized and conducted a flashmob "Youth against drugs!" with senior students of educational institutions.

On the central square of Alagir, boys and girls of senior grades expressed their civic position on the problem of drug addiction. Flashmob was held in the form of an incendiary dance, with the display of posters on promoting healthy lifestyles and on harm posed by drug use.

During the action, police officers in all educational institutions of the district hold lectures, conversations, showed videos on the harmful effects of drugs on the young human body, on the legal responsibility for crimes in drug trafficking, on the most common method of selling narcotic drugs through the Internet.

According to the organizers, such events help young people make the right choice in life, because sports, dancing and socializing with friends is the best alternative to bad habits.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15031974/>

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WORKSHOP ON PREVENTION OF DRUG ADDICTION HOSTED IN KBGAU

On November 23 in the Kabardino-Balkarian State Agrarian University named after V.M. Kokov was held a workshop on the organization of activities in drug abuse prevention and countering drug trafficking in children environment. Employees of the republican Ministry of Internal Affairs, representatives of the Ministries of Education, Science and Youth Affairs, Health Care in the KBR, as well as heads of departments of district police officers and units for minors of the territorial bodies of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia at the district level, heads of educational institutions of the republic took part in it. The organizer of the event is the Department for Drug Control (UNK) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the KBR.

Deputy head of the UNK Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Kabardino-Balkarian Republic, Police Colonel Vitaly Dudarov made an introductory speech to the audience. He called on interested departments to strengthen the work on drug abuse prevention among children. V.Dudarov appealed to representatives of educational institutions with a request for more interaction with employees of the internal affairs bodies and reminded the audience that the helpline in the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the KBR is part of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs' hot line system, which allows one to report all cases of illegal sale of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

"The malefactors come up with new ways to involve young people in drug trafficking each time, and we must immediately respond to any cases related to drug trafficking. The result of our joint work should be a negative attitude towards the pernicious habits of our children, and in some cases their parents, said V. Dudarov.

On increasing the level of effectiveness in drug abuse prevention and countering drug trafficking in children's environment, was reported by the deputy head of OODUUP and PDN MVD for the KBR, police colonel Aslan Aramisov.

"The drug situation in the republic calls for consolidation of the whole society and further targeted operative and preventive work to block the channels of drug supply, curtail activities of distributors of narcotic and psychotropic substances," A.Aramisov said.

He stressed that during 10 months of 2018, members of the PDN of the republic together with representatives of prevention entities carried out more than 800 raids, resulting in 248 juvenile offenders being identified and registered. Targeted work is being carried out with all children who are on preventive registration in the PDN bodies - they are assigned to employees of juvenile affairs departments, district police officers, mentors from active police officers, members of the Council of Veterans of the Department of Internal Affairs and the Air Force.

Topical issues of work in drug prevention, identifying minors who allow non-medical use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, were the subject of a speech by the Senior Operative of the Republican UNK, Police Lieutenant Colonel Irina Davydova.

She noted that prevention of drug abuse is one of the priorities of state policy, for the implementation of which the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic takes all necessary measures. Among the main activities of the Department for Drug Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the KBR is carrying out activities aimed at reducing illicit distribution and non-medical use of drugs. As part of preventive anti-drug activities in 2018 in the Kabardino-Balkaria, division organized and carried out more than 200 events, which were visited by about 90,000 people. Particular attention, according to I. Davydova, is paid to educational institutions in which the registered minors study, as well as institutions located in the most criminogenic areas. Employees of UNK are conducting an additional set of operative and preventive measures. Only in November 2018, the Department, together with representatives of territorial Commissions for the Affairs of Minors and Protection of their Rights, carried out trips to 80 families, where convicted for committing crimes related to drug trafficking reside with their children. <https://vk-smi.ru/regions/07/119977>



B DRUG SEIZURES INCREASED 2.5 TIMES IN TVER REGION

From January to October 2018, in the Upper Volga region, officers of the Department for Drugs Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Tver Region recorded 649 drug-related crimes. In comparison with 2017, the amount of seized drugs increased almost 2.5 times. Law enforcers found 68 kg of narcotic substances, and last year this figure was 24 kg.

This year, 279 people were prosecuted, 28 active participants in drug trafficking were charged with committing crimes in a group.

"Still, the most common drugs in Tver region remain plant-based substances, such as marijuana, hashish, and synthetic: amphetamine, salts, smoking mixtures, and traditional drug - heroin," said Lieutenant Colonel Of Police Konstantin Bezhenar, deputy head of the Department for Drugs Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Tver region on November 22.

Heroin is imported in the Tver region mainly by car; large consignments of up to 1.5 kg by couriers, who are often not residents of our region. "Synthetics" is imported from the Moscow region to the northern and western regions of the Upper Volga region, as well as to the Novgorod region and the city of St. Petersburg.

Several amphetamine laboratories have been disclosed by police in Tver, Rzhev and Nelidovo. https://www.afanasy.biz/news/law_and_order/?ELEMENT_ID=131592

K KOSTROMA POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS REMOVED DRUGS ADVERTISING FROM HOUSES

On November 21, a raid was held under the campaign "Tell, where they trade in death"; drug police officers, members of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the city administration, students took part in it.

The raid participants painted over inscriptions with contacts of drug dealers on houses and household outbuildings. Such campaigns are carried out regularly in the region, and management companies are constantly issued instructions. The data indicated on the "wall advertisement" are checked by the police, often afterwards criminals are detained with seizure of narcotic substances. <http://lifekostroma.ru/novosti/policejskie-kostromy-i-volontery-udalili-s-domov-reklamu-narkotikov.html>

OTHER COUNTRIES

UKRAINE

ФОКУС ARGENTINA AND UKRAINE WILL JOIN EFFORTS TO COUNTER DRUG TRAFFICKING

Head of the National Police of Ukraine, Sergey Knyazev, met with chairman of the Federation of the Argentine Police, Nestor Ramon Roncaglia.

The parties discussed ways of cooperation in countering drug-related crime, in particular, the establishment of a prompt and effective channel for the exchange of information.

Also, the head of the Argentine Police offered to send a liaison officer to Ukraine.

<https://focus.ua/ukraine/412551-argentina-i-ukraina-budut-borotsya-vmeste-protiv-narkotrafika.html>

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