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KAZAKHSTAN AND USA TO COOPERATE ON ISSUES OF COUNTERING DRUG TRAFFICKING AND ORGANIZED CRIME

Heads of Department for Combating Drug Trafficking and of the Department of Criminal Police held a meeting with Theodore Ling, Chargé d'affaires at the US Embassy in Kazakhstan, at the Ministry of Internal Affairs On October 30.

During the meeting, prospects for cooperation in countering drug business and organized crime were discussed.

Head of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking Mr Arystangani Zapparov underlined that the issues of combating drug trafficking remain priority areas in bilateral cooperation.

Head of the Criminal Police Department Mr Armanbek Baimurzin spoke about the work currently being done in countering transnational crime, including countering human trafficking.

T. Ling, representative of the US Embassy noted the importance of the meeting and gave a high assessment of the activities of the internal affairs bodies of Kazakhstan. <http://www.kp.kz/12616-kazakhstan-i-ssha-budut-sotrudnicat-po-voprosam-protivodeystviya-narkobiznesa-i-organizovannoy-prestupnosti>



DEPARTMENT OF PENITENTIARY SYSTEM IN CAPITAL HELD ANTINARCOTIC ACTION

Drug use always begins with the desire to get new sensations, but as a result there is a dependency and almost always with fatal consequences.

"That is why drug use is either prohibited or strictly controlled. Use of drugs entails administrative and criminal liability. From the moment of purchase to the use of a "dose", an addict falls under the article on drug possession. Moreover, if such substances are stored in large quantities, then it has already met requirements for a criminal article and can threaten with a long sentence," says Major of Justice Ms Bibigul Munaitpasova.

To prevent the use of narcotic substances in places of deprivation of liberty, officers of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of Astana jointly with officers of the Penitentiary System Department (DUIS) for the city of Astana conducted an anti-drug action on the prevention of drug use by convicts.

This event was attended by A.K. Kibatkyzy - operative officer of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of Astana, T. Koyshybekov - Oncologist at the Center for Addiction and Psychotherapy in Astana, O.M. Kulzhabaeva - Director of PF "Rehabilitation Technologies and Concepts", Head Coach of the Republic of Kazakhstan "StreetWorkout" A.Zhakupov.

The event was held in the form of a lecture, as well as watching preventive videos.



During the event, representatives of the Department of Police and DUIS in Astana informed convicts about the changes in legislation on drug trafficking and measures taken by the state to humanize and reduce inmates, to prevent the use of narcotic substances and alcoholic beverages in prisons.

Representatives of the public health and public foundation held a dispute-lecture to motivate convicts to maintain a healthy lifestyle both in facilities and after release, including refusal from drug use, prevention of HIV infection and its prevention in the penitentiary system.

Head coach of the Republic of Kazakhstan "StreetWorkout" Mr Aytym Zhakupov demonstrated a master class on strength exercises on parallel bars and a horizontal bar. He spoke about a new sport that can be started at any age.

"After demonstration of strength exercises, convicts expressed a desire to practice this sport, asking the athlete where to start," concluded DUIS in Astana.

<https://patrul.kz/novost/v-stolichnom-duis-proveli-antinarkoticheskuyu-akciyu-foto>



CENTER FOR ASSISTANCE TO DRUG ADDICTS AND ADOLESCENTS TO BE BUILT IN KAZAKHSTAN

On November 2, the International Community Foundation "Residence of Mercy" («Обитель Милосердия») presented a large-scale project of the similar-named project for rehabilitation of children, adolescents, young people and girls from socially unadapted and low-income families who need treatment for drug addiction and assistance in social and psychological adaptation.

The charity project involves construction of centers in 3 countries: a rehabilitation center will be built in Turkey for drug-addicted children and young people, in Russia for sexually abused children, in Kazakhstan for difficult-to-be-grown children and teenagers.

The age of patients whom the centers will assist varies from 8 to 27 years.

The initiators of the Charity project are kazakhstani businesswomen Yana Krasnopskaya, director of the "Prana Yana" rehabilitation and anti-stress programs and the founder of the Neurobiological Science Institute "Louis Pasteur" Assel Khairova.

During press conference, the project founders spoke about the situation with rehabilitation of children and adolescents in Kazakhstan, the concept of centers, treatment methods and project development plans.

According to the plans of the organizers, the rehabilitation center for drug-addicted children and adolescents in Turkey will start accepting first patients already in July 2019.

- Kazakhstan at the moment is on a transit route between Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan and countries such as Russia and European countries used to transport and distribute drugs. Therefore, there is increased drug traffic in the country and easy access to drugs for both adults and children and adolescents," commented Y. Krasnopskaya. - At the same time, there are no charity centers outside religious structures that would specialize in effective assistance and the return to society of children and adolescents who have become addicted to drugs neither in Russia, nor in Kazakhstan.

The center will be equipped with necessary modern equipment of leading manufacturers, there will be offices, canteens, rooms with all facilities for classes and necessary therapy. The classes will be conducted by specialists of the highest medical qualification (with a full workload of the center, about 900 specialists will be involved in the work), including psychologists, psychotherapists, narcologists and teachers, as well as spiritual mentors of

major religions. It is also supposed to organize a charity center for distribution of clothing and food to person in need and homeless individuals.

Moreover, the center will be provided with round the clock security and video surveillance. The project also includes its own power station, solar panels and heating of all kinds, as well as extraction of water from a well located at the center.

According to the founders, the Rehabilitation Center for drug addicted adolescents, boys and girls will receive 360 people per year and work in the following areas: psychological rehabilitation, medical support, social support and adaptation, training in various specialties, including psychology, employment assistance and selective (for homeless) accommodation in a rehabilitation village.

Treatment in the center on a charitable basis will be provided to residents of Kazakhstan, Russia and Turkey from low-income and socially unadapted families.

A. Khairova noted that the execution of the Center's work will be possible thanks to the joint coordinated work of the authorities, society and business.

- Such cooperation within charitable projects has become a traditional practice all over the world. The government of Turkey supported the project by allocating land for construction of a social village in a rehabilitation center. We are counting on the support of the governments of Kazakhstan and Russia, as well as business communities in these countries," Ms. Khairova stressed.

The center for sexually abused people today is 80% ready for use and is located in a picturesque place in the Moscow region. The center will work with post-stress states of children and adolescents, including various types of fears and phobias. In the near future the center will begin to receive its first guests.

As part of the construction of a center in Kazakhstan to work with difficult-to-educate and prone-to-depression children and adolescents, the organizers are negotiating with the Government of Kazakhstan to obtain a permit for the construction of this center and implementation of its activities. <https://www.arnapress.kz/astana/life/113698/>

61 NARCO-WEBSITES BLOCKED IN NORTH KAZAKHSTAN

In the northern Kazakhstan the problem of distribution of synthetic drugs is a growing concern for the police. Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of the Department of Internal Affairs of Petropavlovsk met with personnel of children's and teenage clubs in the city to tell them about new threats of "designer" psychoactive substances and outline ways to combat them. According to chief of Department for Combating Drug Trafficking in Petropavlovsk, D.Mukhametrakhimov, in recent years traditional drugs have given way to synthetic substances. The terrible consequences of their use were shown in the film "Salts and Spices. Road to Nowhere" («Соли и спайсы. Дорога в никуда»), from watching which the meeting began. Specially invited narcologist Natalia Putyutko told the club organizers in detail how "synthetic" drug addicts literally destroy their identities within a year. She says that suddenly changing behavior of a teenager may indicate that he or she tried a "designer potion". Having noticed the signs of drug intoxication, you should immediately contact the doctors.

Since the beginning of the year, North Kazakhstan policemen have taken measures to block 61 drug traffickers websites. <http://www.pkzsk.info/v-severo-kazakhstanskojj-oblasti-zablokirovali-61-narkosajjt/>

[ОТЫРАР] DEADLY HAZARDOUS ADVERTISING FLOODED SHYMKENT

Dangerous advertising is flooding Shymkent. Unknowns using stencils paint the walls of houses with a strange set of letters and numbers.

Yet with careful reading it becomes clear that we are talking about drugs. Residents of the city are terribly outraged.

Stencilled inscription appeared on the fence of the house of Ms Gulzira Kyzylhodzhaeva a few months ago. The same happened to other homes in the neighborhood Kitepas-1. Locals have to wash such advertising away from the walls themselves. They say that local authorities do not provide help, nor they show any reaction to dangerous signs.

Not far from this street in district Kaitpas there is a school, which means those who can read such an advertisement and use it, pass by twice a day. In addition, such inscriptions can be found in other areas of Shymkent. Locals demand to find and punish those who share dangerous information.

Shymkent police throws up their hands. Raids seem to be carried out, but they have not yet managed to detain anyone. According to law enforcement, advertisers are operating at night and they are not at all frightened by a fine of 20 MCI.

“We are holding raids, we identify violators. We haven’t found such ads yet. It is due local executive bodies who should remove this advertisement, we have sent them letters. It is difficult to identify the source of this advertisement, but drug control authorities are already engaged in this,” said Aliev Danabai, acting head of the department of the Local Police Service of the Shymkent Department of Internal Affairs.

<https://otyrar.kz/2018/11/smertelno-opasnaya-reklama-zapolonila-shymkent/>

Kokshetau Asia AKMOLINSK KICKBOXERS AGAINST DRUGS

The kickboxing championship in Akmola region attended by 135 athletes was held in Kokshetau on October 26-28.

The goal of the tournament is to attract adolescents in kickboxing as an alternative to harmful habits such as drug use, preventing youth delinquency and promoting healthy lifestyle. In organization of the championship significant support for the regional kickboxing federation was provided by the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking and the Physical Education and Sports Administration. 12 teams took part in spectacular fights, representing all parts of the region. <https://kokshetau.asia/sport/34241-akmolinskie-kikbokseriy-protiv-narkotikov>

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

AVESTA PARTICIPANTS OF THE ISTANBUL PROCESS DISCUSSED DRUG SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN

A regular meeting of the Regional Technical Group of the Istanbul Process took place in Moscow on October 3.

The event was attended by representatives of Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Egypt, Iran, India, Italy, Kazakhstan, Canada, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Turkey, as well as the UN Office on Drugs and Crime and the EU mission in Russia.

During the discussions special attention was paid to the problem of consolidating the anti-drug potentials of the Istanbul Process member countries, including through training and deployment of relevant infrastructure.

A common view was in favor of enhancing intergovernmental efforts aimed at countering the global drug threat and rendering further assistance to authorities of Afghanistan in

improving the national anti-drug potential.

National, regional and global efforts to counter the transnational heroin threat were also identified. The role of UNODC was noted as a consolidating beginning during this process. The participants in the Moscow meeting expressed the opinion that its results would contribute to strengthening the anti-drug component of the Istanbul Process and strengthen the contribution of the world community to the fight against global narcotics danger. <http://avesta.tj/2018/11/03/uchastniki-stambulskogo-protsesta-obsudili-narkosituatsiyu-v-afganistane/>

MKRU RUSSIA AND AUSTRIA WILL UNITE EFFORTS TO COMBAT DRUGS

On October 30, Head of the Interior Ministry Vladimir Kolokoltsev and his Austrian counterpart Herbert Kickl discussed issues of combating terrorism, illegal migration and drugs.

Illegal migration has become one of the main issues on the agenda of the international meeting. In particular, it was noted that illegal migration continues to be a factor contributing to the growth of cross-border crime, the emergence of interethnic and interfaith tensions. Head of the Russian Interior Ministry also underscored that countering terrorism and extremism should be one of the priority areas of joint work. In this regard, he outlined the importance of information exchange through INTERPOL channels.

V. Kolkoltsev also stressed that one of the contemporary threats to security is drug trafficking expansion, which damages entire states and is closely connected with transnational crime, smuggling and human trafficking. The Internet is considered by criminal elements not only as an advertising and propaganda platform, but also as a means of communication, recruiting merchants and couriers, as well as the method and place of sale of drugs.

Towards conclusion Kolokoltsev offered his Austrian colleague to unite efforts in identifying "financial centers" of the drug business and to share positive experiences in countering legalization of drug-trafficking-derived proceeds. <https://www.mk.ru/social/2018/10/30/rossiya-i-avstriya-obedinyat-usiliya-po-borbe-s-narkotikami.html>

АНТИМАЙДАН NEW LEGISLATION WILL HELP COUNTER DRUG TRAFFICKING, NOT DRUG-ADDICTED PEOPLE

The State Duma will consider several bills related to drug use.

The first draft law proposes to clarify the concept of "drugs containing preparations". For this, it is necessary to make changes in the Federal Law "On Narcotic Substances and Psychotropic Substances", in particular, to introduce the concept of "preparations, specially made mixtures of substances ... ready for non-medical use in order to obtain an intoxicating effect".

An explanatory note to the document clarifies that it is necessary to distinguish between "control measures for preparations containing narcotic substances, psychotropic substances that are used for medical purposes" and preparations "specially manufactured for non-medical use." This will help create a stronger legal framework for combating use of smoking mixtures, as well as remove from the blow those who were detained with a potent medicine without a prescription..

In the second, it is proposed to transfer responsibility for the purchase and possession of drugs on a large scale from the category of grave crimes to the category of moderate

crimes, but without the purpose of sale. Accordingly, the punishment for this will be from 2 to 5 years of imprisonment instead of the current from 3 to 10 years. Instead of combating drug trafficking, there is a massive penalization of drug users suffering from drug addiction or other diseases in need of treatment and rehabilitation. As an argument the statistics are given: for the first half of 2017 according to Article 228 of the Criminal Code, without sale, 11,275 people were sentenced to actual deprivation of liberty, according to Article 228.1, for sale - 9,024 people. The third bill concerns the serving of sentences by minors, many of whom end up in prison under article 228. It is proposed that convicted youth with a positive characteristic be transferred upon reaching 18 years of age from an educational colony to a colony-settlement. An explanatory note states that the current situation in which convicted persons are transferred to an adult colony only complicates the subsequent return of the young convicted person to the society. <https://antimaidan.ru/news/16680>

LAW ENFORCEMENT COULD USED HELP OF CYBERTROOPS

Social activists positively evaluate the project on cybertroops to detect forbidden information in the network, as they believe that with rapid growth of the media field, the capacity of law enforcement agencies alone is not enough to monitor and delete dangerous content.

Earlier, State Duma deputies from United Russia prepared a draft law on the creation of cybertroops in Russia, which together with law enforcement agencies will be able to detect illegal information on the Internet, including extremist statements. According to the authors of the initiative, cybertroops will be created in the format of a public organization; citizens of the Russian Federation who have reached the age of 18 will be able to participate in them.

Vladimir Kashirov, a member of the Presidium of the Coordination Council of the Non-State Security Sphere (NSS) of Russia, noted that more and more different kinds of threats appear in the information space: in addition to conventional crimes, citizens are now recruited into terrorist organizations, sects and criminal subcultures. A separate topic is the Darknet, and according to the expert community today there are major flows of drug trafficking, illegal arms sales and many other illegal operations.

"At the same time, we have to admit that with such a rapid growth of the media field, not a single state will have enough power of law enforcement agencies to track and catch all intruders and delete dangerous content. Therefore, the emergence of new forces that have additional capabilities and will be able to actively join in is quite positive," said the expert. <https://ria.ru/society/20181102/1532019750.html>

REGIONAL DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY SERVICE: DRUG ADMINISTRATION IN THE REGION IS RESTLESS

According to the results of toxicological monitoring, as well as official information from the Tomsk Oblast Narcological Dispensary, the total number of acute poisonings of chemical etiology is the proportion of poisonings caused by drug use in 2018 tends to decrease compared to the same period of 2017.

Despite this, the drug situation in the region continues to be tense. This situation is attributed, among other things, with a large number of young people - students of higher educational institutions who come from almost all regions of the country, as well as from the territory of the countries of near and far abroad. Among the factors affecting the

prevalence of synthetic drugs - the availability of their purchase through the Internet. Since the beginning of this year, the Department has cut off a number of interregional and international channels for the supply of banned substances, including from the countries of Central Asia and Asia-Pacific.

Sources of domestic consumption of drugs have been identified and localized. Large quantities of drugs of synthetic and herbal origin, including more than 2 kg of heroin, have been seized. Since the beginning of the year, the Investigative Division of the Department has instituted 7 criminal cases. 8 persons were convicted. <http://www.tvtomsk.ru/vesti/company/42536-regionalnoe-ufsb-narkosituaciya-v-regione-ostaetsya-napryazhennoy.html>

ВЕЧЕРНИЙ КУРЬЕР POLICE CONDUCTED ANTINARCOTIC MEASURES FOR PERSONNEL OF DETENTION FACILITY

October 30, officers of the Directorate for Drugs Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Astrakhan region organized an awareness-raising event on the prevention of drug abuse, crimes and offenses with personnel of SIZO-1 of the Federal Penitentiary Service (Federalnaya Sluzhba Ispolneniya Nakazaniy - FSIN) of Russia in the Astrakhan Region.

The audience was familiarized with drug situation in the region, presented information about the consequences of use of products containing psychoactive substances, problems related to the spread of new types of synthetic drugs among young people, primary signs of a state of drug intoxication and responsibility for illegal acts in this area. During the conversation, videos were presented showing detrimental effects of drugs on the body. The participants received printed information and propaganda materials of anti-drug content promoting a healthy lifestyle. <https://vk-smi.ru/regions/30/88398>

ПРОГОРОДА DRUG POLICE AND SOCIAL ACTIVISTS CALLED YOUTH TO A MAINTAIN HEALTHY LIFESTYLE IN MORDOVIA

In Mordovia, within preventive operation "Healthy Lifestyle", officers of the regional Division for Drugs Control (UNK) and Vadim Samylin, member of the Public Council under the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Republic of Mordovia organized information and educational platforms for students of the Saransk Technical School in the service sector and industrial technologies.

Discussion platforms provided an overview of the psychological characteristics of chemical dependencies and their consequences on human activity, as well as the study of issues related to the legislation of the Russian Federation in the field of illicit drug trafficking, countering the threat of drugs and the characteristics of rehabilitation of drug users. <https://pg13.ru/news/28793>

THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

CA-News.org TAJIKISTAN AND SAUDI ARABIA AGREED TO STRENGTHEN JOINT EFFORTS IN COUNTERING DRUGS

On November 5, the Minister of the Interior of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Prince Abdulaziz ibn Saud ibn Noif ibn Abdulaziz Al Saud met with the Director of the Drug Control Agency of Tajikistan Sherkhon Salimzoda.

During talks the parties agreed to take all necessary measures to effectively tackle drug trafficking.

It is noted that the parties discussed the establishment of mutually beneficial cooperation between the two departments in the field of drug control.

Director of the Agency briefed the head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Saudi Arabia on the drug situation and measures taken by the Government of Tajikistan in this direction.

Also, Prince Abdulaziz ibn Saud ibn Noif ibn Abdulaziz Al Saud got acquainted with the Agency's achievements in the field of drug control, took part in the Agency's search for narcotic drugs and in the burning of drugs in a special furnace of the Agency.<https://ca-news.org/news:1479393>

OTHER COUNTRIES

UKRAINE

fr.НОВОСТИ **FIVE AIRPORTS OF UKRAINE WILL HAVE PATROLS WITH CANINE**

Patrols will be reinforced by dog handlers with service dogs, which will allow to curtail drug traffic to Ukraine in the 5 largest airports of Ukraine.

This was stated by the deputy head of the National Police Vyacheslav Abroskin.

Operatives of the anti-drug crime units will also be patrolling.

"For now we want to conduct an experiment at the airports of the Kiev region, in particular, at the Borispol and Zhulyany airports, as well as in Odessa and Lviv. Subsequently, such work will begin in Kharkov. Jointly patrol police and dog handlers will begin work in the arrival and departure areas, as well as in adjacent territories. This work will start on November 5," he said. <https://news.finance.ua/ru/news/-/437850/v-pyati-aeroportah-ukrainy-poyavyatsya-patruli-s-sobakami>

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