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3K HIDDEN ADVERTISING OF DRUGS PAINTED OVER IN KARAGANDA

On November 8, anti-drug officers and students of the Karaganda State Polytechnic University painted over 20 advertisements synthetic drugs of in the city center.

The aim of this event is to draw public attention to the existing problem. After all, the proliferation of such drawings and inscriptions not only spoils the appearance of our streets, but also allows criminals to profit on the health of our fellow citizens, especially young people," said Manat Terlikov, head of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of the regional Police Department.

Law enforcement officers promise that such actions will be conducted on regular basis. https://express-k.kz/news/na_mestakh/v_karagande_zakrasili_nadpisi_so_skrytoy_reklamoy_narkotikov-131782

1 ДРОЖЖЫЙ ПАТРУЛЬ PAVLODAR POLICEMEN ORGANIZED TRAINING "YOUTH WITHOUT DRUGS"

On November 8, an event was held at the Center for Youth Initiatives Development. The main objectives of the seminar were to organize systematic preventive work aimed at shaping principles of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, informing about the harmful effects of smoking mixtures and of synthetic drugs.

The problem of drug addiction in the modern world today remains relevant, especially among young people. Organizers told schoolchildren and young people in detail about various forms of addiction and psychological experiments in the form of a video presentation.

During the training, participants were shown videos about the stages of dependence, interviews with a narcologist, a psychologist and results of a blitz survey among residents of Pavlodar of different ages and social status.

The main conclusion reached by the participants of the seminar is that a drug addict cannot cope with the problem without psychological and medical assistance. The main thing in all this is the desire of the person himself to treat drug addiction. About 2,000 children and young people aged from 14 to 29 took part in the seminar "Youth without drugs".

The organizers, in turn, noted that this is not the last event of this nature. <https://patrul.kz/novost/policejskie-pavlodara-proveli-trening-molodezh-bez-narkotikov>

IAIMAI EA POLICEMEN TOLD PETROPAVLOVSK SCHOOLCHILDREN ABOUT SYNTHETIC DRUGS

Synthetic drugs are the main topic on which officers of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of the Department of Police of the North Kazakhstan region deliver presentations in educational institutions.

A regular meeting with students was held at the College of Arts.

"About 50 adolescents have come," says senior operative Lieutenant Colonel Ms Zhanar Baygazina. - Developed, motivated to get knowledge - but even they did not have a clear understanding of the impact of drugs on the human body and psyche, what responsibility is provided by the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan for drug offenses. Meanwhile, many of them visited websites and internet groups selling drugs and "recruiting" distributors on the Internet and popular instant messengers.

Synthetic psychoactive substances, known as "salts" and "spice", are able to develop physiological dependence even after one use. By the destructive effects they surpass the most severe herbal drugs. The life of a "salt" drug addict is short: a fatal outcome is often a matter of 2–3 years.

"Since the beginning of the year, our employees, together with members of regional departments of education and health, carried out about 800 events in educational institutions, over 25,000 students from schools, colleges and universities became students," said Zhandos Basybayev, head of the Department on Combating Drug Trafficking (UBN) in the Northern Kazakhstan. - An online lesson was broadcast to all schools of the North Kazakhstan region via videoconference, about 3,000 high school students became participants.

Work with teachers and parents of students is also underway. Awareness - the most reliable way to put a barrier to drugs and resist the tricks of drug dealers. By the way, at lectures, UBN officers use the video "Salts and Spices. Road to Nowhere", created together with professional videographers. This film is one of the few sources of objective and reliable information on synthetic drugs. Hosted also on YouTube, it has already gained almost 14,000 views. <https://bilimdinews.kz/?p=17977>

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

RUSSIA AND IRAN TO EXPAND INTER-PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION IN COMBATING TERRORISM

Russia and Iran share similar positions in the fight against international terrorism, drug trafficking, cybercrime, and intend to deepen bilateral cooperation in these areas. This was voiced by the chairman of the State Duma Committee on Security and Anti-Corruption Mr Vasily Piskarev on November 7.

During his working visit to Teheran, the parliamentarian met with the Chairman of the IRI Parliament Ali Larijani, the Deputy Interior Minister Hussein Zulfakari, the country's Prosecutor General Jafar Montazeri and Iranian Drug Control Headquarters Secretary Eskander Momeni.

"We had substantive talks with Iranian partners, who showed great interest in cooperation with Russia in law enforcement. At the same time, the Iranians declared their readiness to actively cooperate with us not only in the format of parliamentary cooperation, but also at the level of law enforcers of two countries," noted Piskarev. According to him, priorities of the Russian Federation and Iran are given to legal assistance in countering terrorism and drug trafficking, support for the processes of integration cooperation in the Eurasian space.

The head of the parliamentary committee also recalled the continuing drug threat from Afghanistan. In this country, according to the UN, production of opium poppy increased by 87% and amounted to 9,000 metric tons in 2017.

"We support the previously announced initiative of our Iranian counterparts to create a common database of anti-drug legislation. Russian parliamentarians are ready to cooperate in this direction, because you can eradicate drug production in Afghanistan only by adopting a comprehensive system of measures, including through the use of alternative economic development and the earliest possible resolution of the intra-Afghan conflict," said Piskarev. <https://rg.ru/2018/11/07/rf-i-iran-rasshariat-mezhparlamentskoe-sotrudnichestvo-v-borbe-s-terrorizmom.html>

РЕПРЕЗЕНТАТИВЫ БОЛЕЕ 70 СТРАН ПРИНИМАЮТ УЧАСТИЕ В МЕЖДУНАРОДНОМ СОВЕЩАНИИ РУКОВОДИТЕЛЕЙ СПЕЦСЛУЖБ

The need for a more active measures in combating drug trafficking was discussed on November 8 in Moscow at the International Meeting of Heads of Special Services. Representatives of more than 70 countries took part in it. In his capacity as the head of the Federal Security Service (FSB), Mr. Alexander Bortnikov noted at the meeting that states should combine efforts to curb activities of clandestine laboratories and drug dealers. He stressed that a significant part of the money received in this way goes to financing terrorist groups around the world. Another direction of joint work stressed by Mr Bortnikov is countering radicalism among young people. <https://www.1tv.ru/news/2018-11-08/355353-v-mezhdunarodnom-soveschani-rukovoditeley-spetsslužb-prinyali-uchastie-predstaviteli-bolee-70-stran>

"YOUTH" DRUG POSES THREAT IN PRIMORYE

In Primorye, the "youth" drug is gaining popularity - a psychostimulant called "speed". According to the report of the anti-drug commission of Primorye on drug situation in the region in 2017, 1,213 patients who use drugs were hospitalized to medical organizations. Experts note a decrease in the number of patients with opioid addiction, but they also suggest an increase in cannabinoid addicts, psychostimulants and other drugs. Such trends may contribute to an increase in demand for synthetic drugs this year.

"Speed", driving out opium drugs, is youth drug. According to statistics, youngster at the age of 15-17 years get attached to it.

Synthetic drugs cause hallucinations, give a pleasant euphoria, fill with energy, keep one awake, allow to dance all night in nightclubs. Natural human feelings and emotions die. Feelings become possible only with the use of "speed".

Such addicts quickly become aggressive, they do not feel pain, they do not like sudden movements and loud conversations. Such people can regard anything as a threat and attack.

After the drug effects discontinue, a state of psychosis occurs. A sick person can tear off clothes and run naked through the streets. At this moment pressure goes up, liver and kidneys suffer, blood becomes very thick, body temperature goes beyond 40 degrees. The brain, trying to protect itself from the chemistry that burns it, somewhere squeezes, somewhere expands blood vessels. But brain cells still dissolve.

Psychosis is difficult to break even with adequate treatment. It can last up to six months. Synthetics are very slowly leaving human body, some compounds remain there forever destroying it.

Death occurs from heart failure in 5% of cases. One is lucky if the ambulance manage to deliver the patient to emergency room for narcological assistance.

The high concentration of substances does not help to calculate the dosage: having

tried, many die from drug overdose, not having time to become addicts.
<https://vostokmedia.com/news/society/11-11-2018/molodyozhnyy-narkotik-ugrozaet-primoryu>

HMB ACTION AGAINST DRUGS HELD IN KISLOVODSK

We choose life! - say participants of an anti-drug campaign taking place in Kislovodsk. The initiators were the Department of Education of the city administration and the juvenile affairs department of the city jointly with the Youth Center. The participants were pupils of schools 15 and 19. Under the guidance of mentors, guys expressed their protest against drug addiction via sports and creative activities. Promotion of a healthy lifestyle among young people, their involvement in socially useful activities is one of the most effective methods of preventing drug addiction in youth environment.

The action, of course, was also informative, because the enemy must be known in person. Adolescents were explained in detail the danger of certain types of drugs, legal consequences for the use, storage and distribution of drugs. <http://kmvexpress.ru/novosti/siti-news/v-kislovodske-proveli-akcii-protiv-narkotikov.html>

THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN



HEAD OF COUNTERNARCOTICS BODY OF TAJIKISTAN MET WITH THE AMBASSADOR OF FRANCE

Issues of cooperation between Tajikistan and France in countering drug trafficking were discussed earlier in Dushanbe.

According to the Tajikistan Drug Control Agency's public relations center, on November 7, the director of the DCA Mr Sherkhon Salimzoda met with the French ambassador to Tajikistan, Mrs Yasmin Guedar.

At the beginning of the meeting, the director of the Agency informed the ambassador of the drug situation, trends and forecasts of its development, main drug transportation routes, detection and prevention of drug-related crimes in comparison with other Central Asian countries.

Yasmin Guedar thanked Sherkhon Salimzoda for the information provided and noted that it helps to realize measures the Government of Tajikistan is taking in combating drug trafficking.

During the meeting, the parties discussed establishment of cooperation between the Agency and French authorities in detection and prevention of crimes related to drug trafficking.

Also discussed were the organization and execution of training sessions, construction of stadiums and sports grounds in rural areas of the country, which, according to the parties, contributes to prevention of drug addiction and promotion of healthy lifestyles among the population. <http://avesta.tj/2018/11/08/glava-antinarkoticheskogo-vedomstva-tadzhikistana-vstretilsya-s-poslom-frantsii/>

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