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**NEWS BULLETIN ON PAST EVENTS  
 IN THE COUNTER-NARCOTICS SPHERE**  
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**THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN**

**🌐 OVER 100 WEBSITES ADVERTISING DRUGS DISCOVERED SINCE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR**

On December 8, police officers jointly with public utilities services and volunteers identified and cleaned more than 20 graffiti drawings with addresses of websites supplying synthetic drugs, the official website of the city akimat reports. Since the beginning of the year, police, together with government agencies and the public have conducted more than 300 preventive events for schoolchildren, college students, universities, and parents, including interactive lessons and workshops on prevention and combating drug addiction. "Based on the analysis of drug situation in the capital, shortage of drugs of cannabis group and opium origin has caused a demand for distribution of synthetic narcotic drugs, which are coming to us through orders via the Internet and by mail. After the first intake, metabolism suffers, dependence arises almost instantly. The reason for rapid addiction lies in the slow removal of harmful substances from the body. Even after rejecting the use of "synthetics", consequences will last forever," says Sergei Ilinykh, head of a division of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of the Police Department. Since the beginning of the year, 107 Internet resources have been identified, information on which was provided to relevant departments to block access to these sites.

<http://astana.gov.kz/ru/news/news/17121>

**THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**🌟 REPRESENTATIVES OF MIA OF RUSSIA TAKE PART IN INTERNATIONAL ANTINARCOTIC INTERREGIONAL FORUM OF VOLUNTEER LEADERS OF YOUTH MOVEMENTS**

On December 3, representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia took part in the International Anti-Drug Interregional Forum of Leaders of Youth Volunteer Movements. The forum's guests were greeted by the Deputy Head of the Main Directorate for Drug Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia Sergey Sotnikov, leaders of volunteer movements of counter narcotics, representatives of anti-drug commissions in constituent entities of the Russian Federation, as well as public figures. We are seeing the results of a gradual, but confident movement towards creation of a strong society free from harmful dependencies. Here, at the site of the Anti-drug Interregional Forum of Leaders of Youth Volunteer Movements," Sergei Sotnikov told community activists. He explained that the structure of the drug market is changing significantly, and the practice of spreading drugs on the Internet is constantly expanding. Particularly pressing is the issue of countering drug abuse among young people. This problem puts the health and future welfare of the nation under threat, destroys

generations of economically strong and talented people, and undermines foundations of stability and security of the state. Coordinated, clear and effective prevention and educational methods must be used. And the leading role in this work belongs to the Anti-drug Youth Volunteer Movement," added the deputy head of GUNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15145017>

### **✦ POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS HELD A COMPLEX OF ANTINARCOTIC ACTIVITIES WITH PARTICIPATION OF YOUTH IN A NUMBER OF DISTRICTS OF THE PSKOV REGION**

On December 3, police and volunteers conducted a complex of anti-drug measures with participation of young people in a number of districts of the Pskov region. Officers of UKON UMVD of Russia in the Pskov region carried out a complex of preventive measures with participation of young people in several districts of the region. Under the project "Creating and supporting an Orthodox regional volunteer network to counteract drug addiction of young people at local level," implemented by the Department for Drug Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Pskov Region, together with a rehabilitation center, representatives of the Department visited Ostrovsky, Pechora, Palkinsky, Opochetsky, Plusussky and Pytalovsky districts. During these trips preventive work was carried out aimed at prevention of drug abuse among minors, raising awareness about consequences of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances use, as well as informing about responsibility for participating in trafficking. The policemen met with guys, told them about the tasks facing the Department, and focused on the problem associated with distribution of narcotic drugs in a contactless way. Anti-narcotics videos were shown to the participants of the meetings. In addition, to improve level of legal training and early detection of cases of drug use by minors, conversations with parents and teachers were organized. Over 1,200 students of secondary educational institutions and over 500 parents and teachers participated in these events. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15144878>

### **✦ FIRST DEPUTY HEAD OF GUNK MIA OF RUSSIA KIRILL SMUROV SPOKE ABOUT COUNTERING DRUG TRAFFICKING**

A press conference on the issues of combating drug crime was held on December 6 at the publishing house "Arguments and Facts". The event was attended by the first deputy head of the Main Directorate for Drugs Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, Major General Kirill Smurov. Opening the event, Kirill Smurov recalled that this meeting was marked the 27th anniversary of the formation of specialized units for drugs control in the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs. As you know, combating drug threat does not lose its relevance and is one of priorities in ensuring public and national security in the country. "Thus, as a result of purposeful work of law enforcement agencies, over the first nine months of this year, more than 150 thousand criminal acts related to drugs were revealed, of which almost three quarters are grave and especially grave, 96% of which were prevented by officers of internal affairs bodies" - said the first deputy head of the Main Directorate for Drugs Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia. In recent years, drug situation in the Russian Federation has been characterized by replacement of herbal drugs with synthetic analogues. "Over the past six years, the share of synthetic drugs in the total quantity of seized substances has increased from 5.7% to 22.4%. Its growth is attributed to an increase in their clandestine production.

This year, the number of dismantled laboratories has increased by 14%," Kirill Smurov cited statistical data. In cooperation with Roskomnadzor, to counteract the spread of propaganda and advertising of drugs through the Internet, measures are being taken to block access to information resources containing such information. Over 9 months of this year, over 19 thousand decisions have been taken to block various Web resources after reviewing 25 thousand e-mails received. In his speech, the first deputy head of the Main Directorate for Drugs Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia paid special attention to measures taken to counter organized crime to detect and eradicate drug smuggling channels by law enforcement agencies together with foreign colleagues. Every year, preventive measures are taken, including jointly with volunteer movements and public organizations, aimed at countering involvement of young people in drug use. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15178890>

**THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN**

**★ AMBASSADOR OF INDIA VISITS DRUG CONTROL AGENCY**

On 4 December, the Director of the DCA under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Sherkhon Salimzoda, received the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of India to the Republic of Tajikistan, Mr. Somnath Ghosh. During the meeting, the Director of the Agency introduced the Ambassador and his companions to the Drug Policy of the Republic of Tajikistan, as well as to the activities and achievements of the Agency. Mr. Somnath Ghosh expressed his appreciation for the sincere reception and put forward a number of proposals for development and expansion of bilateral relations in the field of drug control. The parties discussed issues related to strengthening of cooperation in the field of retraining, organizing and conducting training and specialized courses. <http://akn.tj/ru/ташрифи-сафири-хиндустон-ба-агентӣ/>

**TURKMENISTAN**

**TURKMENPORTAL DRUGS AND COUNTERFEIT CIGARETTES DESTROYED IN TURKMENISTAN**

In Turkmenistan, near the village of Bagabatetrap Ak Bugday of the Ahal velayat, a campaign was held to destroy narcotic drugs and counterfeit cigarettes. It was organized by the Government of Turkmenistan, the State Coordination Commission on Combating Drug Abuse under the Cabinet of Ministers and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the country. In special furnaces, drugs and cigarettes were burnt, which were seized during a series of special operations conducted jointly by law enforcement and military agencies. Heads of security agencies, representatives of diplomatic missions and international organizations accredited in the country, as well as public figures elders, youth were present during the campaign. The burning process was controlled by law enforcement officials and authorized experts.

President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has repeatedly stated that Turkmenistan will resolutely fight against any manifestations of this truly universal evil, which is in deep contradiction with the very mentality of the Turkmen people. Evidence of this was the fact of arrest of a group of drug traffickers by divisions of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, who were found to have the tramadol narcotic drug, as well as illegally obtained large amounts of cash in foreign currency, various gold, jewelry and expensive foreign cars.

Regular action of burning drugs shows Turkmenistan's determination to eradicate the problem of drug abuse and distribution. <https://turkmenportal.com/blog/16703/v-turkmenistane-unichtozheny-narkotiki-i-kontrafaktnye-sigarety>

## THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE COORDINATION WORKING GROUP BETWEEN THE MINISTRIES OF THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN**

On December 11, a regular meeting of the Coordination Working Group between the Ministries of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Republic of Kazakhstan under the co-chairs of First Deputy Ministers of the parties was held in Almaty, the Republic of Kazakhstan. The delegation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan consisting of heads of relevant departments was headed by First Deputy Minister Major General D. Nazarmukhamedov. The meeting addressed topical issues, including measures to interact in countering cross-border crime, terrorism and extremism, drug trafficking, illegal migration, human trafficking, cross-border cooperation in this area, as well as expansion of professional partnership. The work on the implementation of mutual agreements of the previous meeting, as well as the Protocol on Interaction between Agencies for 2017-2018, has been critically studied. During the meeting, new tasks were identified, including future work, and areas of cooperation between the Ministries of Internal Affairs, and the parties agreed to continue intensive cooperation and give it as much practical potential as possible. During the meeting, it was also planned to familiarize with the activities of the Central Operational Directorate of the Police Department of Almaty, as well as training center for combat and methodological training for special forces units of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan. <http://www.mvd.uz/ru/lists/view/5155>

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