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THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



DRUG DEALERS TO BE EQUAL TO TERRORISTS IN KAZAKHSTAN

ASTANA, December 20 - Sputnik.

The chairman of the Senate of Kazakhstan, Kasym-Zhomart Tokayev, stated the need to toughen prison sentences for drug dealers in Kazakhstan. Drug dealers, according to Tokayev, pose great danger to the whole nation.

"We, senators, need to seek tougher prosecution of drug dealers. Up to maybe life imprisonment. Or even more severe punishment, since it is already in contact with national interests of the state and can be equated to terrorist activities," said speaker of the Senate at a plenary session of the House.

The prevalence of drug abuse among children in the country, according to senator Saule Aitpayeva, requires decisive action.

The world drug income, according to the senator, exceeds from 320 billion to 600 billion dollars a year, which exceeds the GDP of 90 countries of the world. At the same time, no one in Kazakhstan can provide accurate data on human and economic losses.

Earlier, a member of the Committee on constitutional legislation, judicial system and law enforcement agencies of the Senate, Mr. Vladimir Volkov, said that this year alone, law enforcement and special agencies revealed more than 6.5 thousand criminal drug offenses.

In total, about 19 tons of drugs, including 55 kilograms of heroin, 740 kilograms of hashish, seven kilograms of opium, 16 tons of marijuana were seized from illicit trafficking. Ninety-five percent of criminal cases on such facts were terminated due to the absence of legal mechanisms in the lists of narcotic substances under control.

At the chamber's meeting, senators adopted a law allowing for the prompt introduction of new types of synthetic drugs into the banned list in two readings.

<https://ru.sputniknews.kz/incidents/20181220/8553927/narkodilery-predlozhenie-senat-tokaev.html>

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

ANDREY KHRAPOV MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SERVICE FOR COMBATING ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING OF MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC AND UNODC PROGRAMME OFFICE

On December 13, a working meeting was held at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia

between head of the Main Directorate for Drugs Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, Lieutenant General Andrey Khrapov, and head of the Service for Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Bakyt Matmusayev and representatives of the Programme Office of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the Kyrgyz Republic.

During conversation, the participants exchanged views on current drug situation in Russia and the Kyrgyz Republic, as well as in the Central Asian region as a whole and its development trends.

The parties discussed topical issues of anti-drug cooperation, stressed the need to strengthen international cooperation in order to counter new challenges and threats in the field of illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

The event ended with awarding of employees of GUNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia with departmental awards of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic for their work in strengthening international cooperation.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15242879/>

THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

MOBILE TRAINING COURSES

From 10 to 21 December this year, mobile training courses for law enforcement officers of the Republic of Tajikistan began at the training center of the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan.

These courses are organized on the basis of a request from the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Central Asia for 28 operational officers of the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan and the State Committee for National Security of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Instructors were drawn from a number of employees of the All-Russian Institute for Advanced Studies of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia.

Participants of the courses theoretically and practically studied operational activities, observance of security measures, use of special means in operational service, methods of countering illicit drug trafficking.

At the end of the course, participants were awarded certificates.

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TURKMENISTAN



TURKMENISTAN AND UN DISCUSSED "ROAD MAP"

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In the capital of Turkmenistan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan held a meeting with delegation led by Ms. Ashita Mittal, Regional Representative of the United

Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) for Central Asia, who arrived in Ashgabat on a working visit, official website of the Turkmen MFA said.

At the beginning of the talks, the Turkmen side thanked the UNODC Regional Representative for accepting an invitation to participate in events dedicated to International Neutrality Day and active participation of UNODC representatives in various international forums held in country.

During the meeting, parties reviewed a number of issues related to the draft Plan of Practical Measures ("Road Map") on further cooperation of Turkmenistan with UNODC for the period from 2019 to 2021. Also, having highly appreciated results of the work done by the Government of Turkmenistan in the field of drug control and crime prevention, an exchange of views took place on further expansion of cooperation between Turkmenistan and UNODC.

During the meeting, parties highly appreciated effectiveness of bilateral cooperation and, reviewing achievements of the Turkmen customs service, recognized success of Turkmenistan's efforts to integrate into the world economy and open new international trade relations.

<https://turkmenportal.com/blog/16737/turkmenistan-i-oon-obsudili-dorozhnuyu-kartu>

OTHER COUNTRIES

PAKISTAN



PAKISTAN WILL EXPAND COOPERATION WITH IRAN IN COMBATING ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING

Pakistan will expand its cooperation with the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran in combating drug trafficking, said Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister for Drug Control of Pakistan, stressing the need to expand cooperation with neighboring countries, Trend reports with reference to [ИРНА](#).

"Expanding regional cooperation with Iran and Afghanistan in the context of a decisive measures in countering drug trafficking is a priority for the new government of Pakistan," said the Minister.

Muhammad Khan also expressed satisfaction with the fact of holding regional anti-drug meetings devoted to drug trafficking along the common borders of Pakistan and Iran and the actions of the Government of Pakistan in combating smuggling gangs.

"We hope that by developing partnerships and holding joint meetings, we will also reach a comprehensive solution in this regard," he added.

<https://www.trend.az/iran/society/2992840.html>

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