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zakon.kz MORE THAN 800 INTERNET SITES WITH DRUGS ADVERTISING DETECTED IN KAZAKHSTAN

At a plenary session of the Majilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the deputies approved a draft law "On ratification of the Protocol on the transfer of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors, firearms, their main parts, ammunition, explosives and explosive devices that are physical evidence in criminal cases".

While discussing the protocol, deputy Nurlan Abdirov recalled that at the initiative of the Head of State in Almaty, an interstate body has been established and is functioning successfully for over 10 years - The Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre for Combating Illicit Trafficking Of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances And their Precursors (CARICC). The Centre's Member States are the countries through which Afghan drug smuggling passes - all five countries of Central Asia, Russia and Azerbaijan.

"Over 20 years in our country, the level of drug related crime and drug abuse has more than halved. Recently, CARICC has signaled a special danger of new psychoactive substances. There is evidence of an increase in their illegal trafficking penetrating into our region. Not the last role in such penetration is played by Internet resources. 845 Internet resources were found, where drugs are advertised and distributed. The Ministry of Information and Communications has blocked 529 such sites. 12 channels were detected in the Telegram messenger", noted the deputy.

According to him, in these conditions there is even more demand for close international cooperation.

"The results of the recently conducted anti-drug operation "Channel - Red Barkhan" in the territory of the CSTO Member States testify to the serious potential that exists. It was also attended by Iran and China. 9 tons of drugs were seized, including 5 tons of opiates and 2 tons of synthetic drugs. About 7 thousand criminal cases were instituted. During this operation alone, 115 firearms and about 2.5 thousand ammunition were confiscated together with drugs", added the mazhilisman.

In general, the deputies approved the ratification of the Protocol. As noted in the conclusion of the relevant committee of the Majilis, the Protocol determines procedure for interaction of competent authorities of CIS Member States in the transfer of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors, firearms, ammunition, explosives and explosive devices that are physical evidence in criminal cases. Ratification of the Protocol will enhance effectiveness of cooperation of CIS Member States in combating crime. <https://www.zakon.kz/4938854-v-kazahstane-obnaruzhenno-bolee-800.html>

ЛИТЕР 9 TONS OF DRUGS SEIZED DURING SPECIAL OPERATION

The international anti-drug operation "Channel-Red Barkhan" with participation of anti-drug structures of Member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the People's Republic of China ended in Shymkent on September 15. These parties summed up the grandiose operation, which was developed more than 2 months and was carried out for a week in the territory of 7 states.

"The operation was conducted in the territory of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and the Russian Federation – all are CSTO Member States. We conducted special search operations in the territory of Kyzylorda region, where Indian cannabis has been cultivated in recent years. We identified 37 plantations and destroyed about 600 kg of marijuana," said Kazakh Deputy Interior Minister Rashid Zhakupov.

Over a week, more than 5 tons of opiates, more than 800 kilograms of hashish, more than 38 kilograms of heroin, 2 tons of synthetic drugs, and more than 830 kilograms of marijuana were seized. 719 drug crimes were detected, about 7 thousand criminal cases were instituted.

"499 people were brought to administrative responsibility for illegal drug trafficking, more than 127,000 dollars, 115 pieces of firearms, and about 2,500 ammunition were seized", said Arystangani Zapparov, head of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Interaction of CSTO Member States for a number of years has allowed to reduce the overall traffic of Afghan heroin along the northern route through Kazakhstan and Russia. According to some estimates, the international drug business operates trillions of dollars. The specific nature of the operation stage of the "Channel - Red Barkhan" operation in the Turkestan region was work in a remote hard-to-reach desert area, for which the fighters of the Berkut special forces had to be brought in. In addition, Mikhail Melikhov, CSTO Secretariat Counselor stressed, this year, as part of the operation, interaction of cynological services of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan was brought to a new level. https://liter.kz/ru/news/show/50936-9_tonn_narkotikov_izyato_v_hode_specoperacii

Кокшетау Азия АҚМОЛА ПОЛИСІ ТALKED TO SCHOOLCHILDREN ABOUT HARM OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS

On September 19, senior students of Stepniak got acquainted with information about the harm of using synthetic drugs, legal responsibility for distribution of narcotic drugs, as well as an alternative to the use of various psychoactive substances. This event was conducted by the regional Division To Combat Drug Trafficking jointly with SF "Right" (Pravo), as well as with the participation of representatives of the regional mental health center. Head of the Department of Prevention of UBN of the Department of Internal Affairs of the region Lieutenant Colonel Meiram Zhapbasov talked about synthetic drugs, as well as their effects on the human body. For instance, the effect on body of synthetic cannabinoids are 5 times higher than the effect of herbal analogs (marijuana, anasha), because they accumulate and are not removed from the body for a long time. As a result, toxic encephalopathy develops, which leads to early mental and behavioral disorders. Also, the policeman talked on responsibility for drug offenses, noting that for illegal possession of drugs on an especially large scale with intention of marketing, one can face up to 15 years of imprisonment. And if the crime was committed by an

organized criminal group or with regard to minors, or trade was conducted in educational organizations, the punishment for the offender is from 15 to 20 years, up to life imprisonment. <https://kokshetau.asia/obshchestvo/33535-akmolinskie-politsejskie-rasskazali-shkolnikam-o-vrede-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov>



YOUTH AGAINST DRUGS

In the regional center sports-mass events under the motto "We are for a healthy lifestyle" was held among college students.

The annual contest was organized by the Department to Combat Drug Trafficking and the Regional Department of Continuing Education. Head of the Division to Combat Drug Trafficking of the Department of Internal Affairs of the East Kazakhstan region, Major of Police Damir Zhakupov welcomed the participants and wished them success during the opening ceremony.

- As you know, drugs are a common problem of society. It would be wise to work together to prevent this malevolent act. - said the head of the division.

Representatives of 9 colleges came to the start. Winners and those who made to top three were awarded diplomas and valuable prizes by the organizers. <https://www.sports.kz/blogs/blogger/kayrkanov/post/molodj-protiv-narkotikov>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

ON BARNAUL STREETS DRUGS ADVERTISING WERE PAINTED OVER

In Barnaul in the central streets during the course of a day, several dozen inscriptions were painted over, which contained advertisements of sites where one could buy prohibited substances.

The event was conducted by the staff of the Drug Control Department of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Altai Territory together with representatives of rehabilitation centers.

According to the organizers, the main goal of the action is to protect young people from drug business. Attractive amounts of earnings can cost dozens of years of imprisonment. <https://vesti22.tv/news/na-ulicah-barnaula-zakrasili-nadpisi-s-reklamoy-narkotikov>



POLICE OFFICIALS OF PERM REGION CONDUCTED PREVENTIVE ACTIVITIES AS PART OF THE INTERAGENCY OPERATION "CHILDREN OF RUSSIA - 2018"

Policemen from different parts of the Perm Krai conducted an operation on the territory under the jurisdiction the operation "Children of Russia 2018" to prevent the spread of drug abuse among minors, to prevent and suppress administrative offenses in the sphere of drug trafficking, to identify the facts of involving minors in criminal activities, and to raise public awareness about the consequences of drug use and on the liability provided in the legislation of the Russian Federation.

Specifically, in Krasnokamsk law enforcement officers together with employees of the local branch of the Perm regional narcological dispensary visited educational institutions. Law enforcers told schoolchildren and students about criminal and administrative responsibility for crimes and offenses related to drugs, explained the causes and consequences of non-medical use of prohibited substances, introduced them to simple rules how not to get involved in drug trafficking.

Police called all participants in the event to run a healthy lifestyle, to comply with legal

norms and be law-abiding citizens. <https://vk-smi.ru/regions/59/49753>

OTHER COUNTRIES

RSA



STORAGE AND CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA LEGALIZED IN SOUTH AFRICA

The Supreme Court of the Republic of South Africa legalized the use of marijuana. The judges unanimously decided that now adult citizens of the country can take drugs outside public places. In addition, South Africa is now allowed to grow and store cannabis for personal use. The precedent for such a decision was the case of 3 Africans convicted of using marijuana. According to them, the existing ban "unjustly invaded their personal life".

The use of marijuana in public places, as well as its sale and production for the purpose of distribution, remain outside the law. The Council for the Development of Cannabis in South Africa (CDCSA) approved the court's decision and called on the government to amnesty previously convicted of possession of psychoactive substance. The organization is engaged in protection of consumer rights and development of industrial use of cannabis.

<https://www.unian.net/world/10265370-v-yuar-legalizovali-hranenie-i-upotreblenie-marihuany.html>

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