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THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

NEWS ПЕТРОПАВЛОВСК 3rd STAGE OF THE REPUBLICAN PREVENTIVE MEASURE "DOPING" HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN THE NORTHERN KAZAKHSTAN REGION

The action was carried out in order to identify and prevent drug offenses related to non-medical consumption, illicit trafficking and production of narcotic drugs and their analogues. The operation involved complex police forces. Together with local police inspectors, patrol officers and officers from other units, drug fighters carried out inspections of leisure places for young people and possible places for drugs use. In the shortest possible time, operational information on probable drug offenses was processed. The operation revealed 13 drug abuse cases.

-In addition, in the course of the measure, huge work was carried out to identify facts of cultivation of narcotic plants," adds Zhandos Basybayev, head of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of the Department of Internal Affairs of the North Kazakhstan Oblast. –Only during the operation "Doping", law enforcement officers seized 283 kg of marijuana. <http://www.pkzsk.info/v-petropavlovske-rassleduyut-delo-po-sbytu-narkotikov-v-krupnom-razmere/>

NOMAD КОСОВИЦА ALMATY INTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT TALKED ABOUT DRUG ADDICTION

On September 27, during a meeting of the Anti-Drug Trafficking Commission, Nurlan Moshkalov, Acting head of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of the Almaty Department of Internal Affairs, said that today, to prevent the spread of narcotic, psychotropic and potent substances, police officers are monitoring and analyzing various Internet resources, social networks, and messengers chats.

"As a result of monitoring, since the beginning of the year, 81 sites have been identified, including chats in the Telegram messenger. The addresses of identified Internet resources have been sent to authorized bodies for blocking. Currently, 69 sites are blocked. In general, 1,133 Internet resources are blocked in Kazakhstan, through which drugs and psychotropic drugs could have been sold," N. Moshkalov said. <http://nomad.su/?a=13-201809280010>

TENGRI NEWS POLICE OF ALMATY HAS CREATED WHATSAPP ACCOUNT FOR DRUG ADVERTISING MESSAGES

According to Nurlan Moshkalov, Acting head of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of the Almaty Department of Internal Affairs, work is being done on stencil advertising of synthetic drugs. Local police inspectors and youth organizations of the city should identify such facts and eliminate them together with owners of administrative buildings and representatives of the Apartment Owners' Cooperative (KSK). Workgroups are in the process of identifying people who draw these advertisements on walls. The



Almaty City Department of Internal Affairs also warns that participation in the distribution of synthetic narcotics and drugs, namely, burying in the ground or masking in the doorways of residential buildings or in urns, as well as drawing advertising signs about narcotic substances is a criminal offense. If such wall advertisements for the sale of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances are detected, we recommend to take photos of the inscriptions and record their locations and send them to Whatsapp numbers to the staff of the working group on +7 708 300 0611, +7 776 088 8820. <https://tengrinews.kz/crime/politsiya-almatyi-otkryila-WhatsApp-soobscheniy-reklame-354435/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

KNEWS ALTERNATIVE ROAD NORTH - SOUTH MAY BECOME A NEW "NORTH ROUTE"

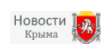
The new alternative North-South road under construction in the Naryn and Issyk-Kul oblasts with low population density in some places and minimal law-enforcement infrastructure, can be used by criminals as a new offshoot of the so-called Northern Route of Afghan drug trafficking. This was announced on September 28 by the Deputy Prime Minister Zhenish Razakov during a meeting of Coordination Committee on drug control in Osh.

"Being in close proximity with the largest producer of opiates in the world - Afghanistan, where last year a record crop of opium poppy was grown, Kyrgyzstan is in danger of an influx of cheap heroin, which can provoke not only a worsening of situation with drug trafficking, but also a criminal situation in general", - he said.

The Deputy Prime Minister also focused on new challenges and threats that have become an objective reality in the country in the past few years.

"Firstly, this is the problem of the so-called "new psychoactive substances", which are not formally drugs, but reproduce their psychoactive effect. We have to make decisions on their inclusion in the lists of controlled substances in a short time, however, new types of them appear on the market and, therefore, this work needs to be organized in a more efficient manner," said the Deputy Prime Minister. <https://knews.kg/2018/09/28/zhenish-razakov-alternativnaya-doroga-sever-yug-mozhet-stat-severnym-marshrutom-narkotrafika/>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION



RUSSIAN INTERPOL CELEBRATES 28 YEARS

On September 27, the National Central Bureau of Interpol of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation celebrates its professional holiday - 28 years since the Day of creation of the Unit.

History of international police cooperation covers more than a century. The starting date for the creation of INTERPOL is considered to be the International Criminal Police Congress, held in April 1914 in Monaco. The forum was attended by representatives from 14 countries, including Russia.

In 1923, with a view to develop agreements reached at the congress, the International Criminal Police Commission was established, which received in 1946 its modern name - INTERPOL.

Today, the Organization unites 192 countries, being the second in the world in the number of member states after the UN. The Soviet Union joined Interpol in 1990. At the same time, the Interpol National Central Bureau was created within the structure of the



Ministry of Internal Affairs. After the collapse of the USSR, the Russian Federation took its place in the Organization.

By joining Interpol, Russia was able to bring to the international police level a vast array of information on wanted individuals, vehicles, cultural values, invalid (fake, stolen, lost) documents and much more.

It is generally recognized that INTERPOL's secure information channels are by far the fastest and most effective. The INTERPOL I-24/7 global telecommunications system (24 hours a day, 7 days a week), to which the Russian Interpol Bureau joined as one of the first, allowed for increasing the efficiency and quality of cross-border transmission of information. Today, it is not difficult to transfer a photograph of a stolen picture or fingerprints of a wanted criminal to almost any country of the world.

Being an important link in the system of international police cooperation, the Russian INTERPOL Bureau provides information support in the fight against terrorism, transnational organized crime, human trafficking, sexual exploitation of children, drug trafficking, financial crime, illegal car business, cybercrime and contributes to effective coordinated work on the search of accused and missing persons.

Over the past years, the capabilities of the Russian law enforcement agencies in organizing searches of accused persons, cultural and historical value objects, hijacked cars and missing people have dramatically increased. Together, the police authorities around the world are detaining up to 5 thousand criminals every year. Only in the first 9 months of this year, INTERPOL personnel managed to return to Russia and to bring to criminal responsibility more than fifty wrongdoers.

Territorial divisions of the Bureau in the constituent entities of the Russian Federation (departments, divisions, groups and directions of Interpol NCB), being in constant contact with territorial law enforcement agencies directly in their region, ensure the timely announcement of persons on the international wanted list, promptly fulfilling requests received through INTERPOL from foreign law enforcement agencies, as well as the regular provision to the INTERPOL General Secretariat of information on crimes of international character in the region.

An important aspect of the NCB INTERPOL activities is ensuring participation of competent authorities of Russia in international projects and operations aimed at fighting crime. <https://crimea-news.com/incident/2018/09/27/445330.html>

LipetskMedia.ru LIPETSK JOURNALISTS LEARNED HOW TO WRITE ABOUT DRUGS

A seminar on "Regional media coverage mechanisms for the prevention of drug addiction" was held on September 27 at the initiative of the regional press, television and radio broadcasting and communications department in the administration of the Lipetsk region.

The seminar was attended by journalists from district, city and regional print and online publications, radio and television. And its main speakers were the senior operative O. Snezhkova, the Chief doctor of the regional drug dispensary M. Korostin and the chief editor of the information and analytical portal "No to Drugs" («Нет – наркотикам») A. Kolgashkin.

It was noted that regional and district media are called upon to carry out educational activities on the prevention of drug addiction, and not to be limited only to the statement of facts about crimes revealed. Given that young people are poorly informed in jurisprudence, it is necessary to constantly remind them of responsibility for anti-legal

acts. For example, that you can face a life sentence for drug trafficking and up to 15 years in a colony for inclining to use psychotropic substances.

- I believe that it is not permissible to write "drug business" in the media. Because the word "business" makes associations about legal commercial activity among adolescents. Everything should be called by their names - drug crime, drug aggression, drug threat, - said O.Snezhkova.

It is also unacceptable to call drugs light or designer, eiphoretic or stimulants. Potion is a potion. And boys and girls should learn it from childhood.

According to sociologists, almost all adolescents, from the age of 14, get information about life on the Internet. Including drugs, that are sometimes openly advertised by criminal communities. Therefore, the media need to conduct counter-propaganda and preventive work with young people on social networks. And constantly remind them about where to report if the potion is still used. Publications about this should be brief, given the thinking of young people. For example, "Lipetsk, Krupskaya Street, 2. Free of charge".

The stake in information prevention of drug addiction must be made on the facts that cause negative associations among young people. For example, the use of psychotropic substances, including their one-time test, in any case puts an end to a career and makes people unsuccessful in life, ruins health, leads to premature ageing and death. http://www.lipetskmedia.ru/news/view/105701-Kak_pisat.html

THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

TAJIKISTAN AUTHORITIES DESTROYED OVER 2.5 T OF DRUGS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, REVEALED MORE THAN 500 CRIMES CONNECTED WITH DRUG TRAFFICKING

The number of crimes related to drug trafficking in January-June 2018 in Tajikistan increased by 14.5% compared to the same period last year and amounted to 536 crimes, during this period 2 tons 736 kg of drugs were seized from illicit trafficking, 15.7% more than in 2017.

According to the Drug Control Agency (DCA) under the President of Tajikistan, since the beginning of the year, more than 2.5 t of drugs have been destroyed in a special DCA furnace, of which almost 358 kg of heroin, 321 kg of raw opium, about 100 kg of hashish and 912 kg of cannabis group drugs.

Moreover, during the reporting period, the Agency identified and suppressed activities of 28 criminal groups consisting of 52 people, of which 7 are members of organized transnational criminal groups, 61 criminal cases were sent by investigators to the court.

In cooperation with law enforcement agencies of Tajikistan and foreign countries that cooperate with the city of Dushanbe in the fight against drug trafficking, 11 joint operations were carried out, nearly 404 kg of drugs were seized from illicit trafficking.

According to the authority, in Tajikistan there are 6,888 drug addicts, of whom 162 are women. <http://interfax.az/view/744461>

RUSSIA HELPED TAJIKISTAN TO SEIZE MORE THAN 3 TONS OF DRUGS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

Murtazo Haydarzoda, Deputy Director of the Drug Control Agency (DCA) under the President of the Republic, reported that since the beginning of the year the agency's

operational units have conducted 5 joint international search operations with law enforcement agencies of Afghanistan and the Russian Federation, including in relation to organized criminal groups involved in drug trafficking and drug smuggling that had interstate communications.

"3 operations were carried out with Russia and 2 with Afghanistan, 122.8 kg of drug were seized from illegal circulation," the DCA deputy head said.

He clarified that DCA conducted 3 joint operations with the Main Directorate for Drugs Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation, which resulted in more than 2.8 kg of heroin seized in Russia.

"Also, DCA staff stopped criminal activities of 2 transnational organized criminal groups and 1 organized criminal community in the territory of Tajikistan, which included citizens of both Russia and Tajikistan," said Haydarzoda.

According to him, during the eight months of this year, DCA and the Ministry of Interior Affairs of Afghanistan conducted 2 joint operations to curb the smuggling of narcotic drugs from Afghanistan to Tajikistan, as a result of which 2 Afghans were detained, more than 120 kg of drugs were seized from illicit trafficking.

Russian and Afghan law enforcement agencies constantly exchange operational information with each other. <https://ru.sputnik-tj.com/country/20181001/1026957024/tajikistan-russia-afganistan-izyali-bolee-3-tonn-narkotiki.html>

 **DRUG POLICE OF TAJIKISTAN HAVE OPENED REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE UNDER THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF RUSSIA**

Drug Control Agency (Tajikistan) was established under the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia.

Deputy Director of the Drug Control Agency (DCA) under the President of the Republic, Murtazo Haydarzoda made clear that a representative office of the DCA was organized at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia after dissolution of the Federal Drugs Control Service (FSKN) in 2016.

"For the development of cooperation, especially in the field of organizing search and investigative activities, a representative office of the DCA was established for the timely exchange of information at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation," he said.

Haydarzoda added that thanks to the financial support of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in 2016-2017, they bought and reconstructed a building in Tursunzade, purchased premises in Istaravshan, repaired offices in the Khatlon region for an interdistrict DCA department and a department of operational services in the Sughd region.

In addition, Tajikistan annually sends young people to the Siberian Law Institute of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation in Krasnoyarsk to train specialists.

17 Tajik students are currently studying there.

DCA Deputy Director added that in the near future the parties plan to adopt an agreement on rendering assistance in the sphere of countering illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors for 2018-2020. <https://ru.sputnik-tj.com/country/20181001/1026959549/narkopoliceyskie-tajikistan-predstavitelstvo-mvd-russia.html>



JOURNALISTS VISITED REGIONAL NARCOLOGY CENTER IN KULYAB

Under the framework of the Central Asia Drug Action Programme (CADAP), media representatives visited Regional Narcology Center in Kulyab, Khatlon Oblast.

Last year, the Central Asia Drug Action Programme (CADAP), funded by the European Union, donated specialized medical equipment (medical beds, laryngoscopes, a defibrillator, monitors, an oxygen concentrator, a semi-automatic biochemical analyzer, etc.) to Regional Narcology Center №2 in Kulyab.

A press tour was organized in Kulyab, which is located 200 km from Dushanbe, so CADAP could have a look at this equipment and get acquainted with the work of the Narcology Center.

Mahmadrakhim Malakhov, director of the Republican Clinical Center for Narcology, together with Zoir Saburov, director of the regional narcological center also participated in the event.

“We are convinced that the implementation of joint projects in key areas of drug policy will increase effectiveness of measures to reduce supply and demand for drugs and help reduce the threat of drugs,” Dr. Malakhov told reporters.

Medical equipment will be used in the emergency room. Within the premises of this department, specialized narcological assistance is provided in cases of overdose and other conditions. The equipment was purchased by the CADAP program on the basis of an official request from the Republican Clinical Center for Narcology. The equipment costed 41,000 euros.

For 4 years - from June 2015 until September 2019, the European Union allocated about 1 million 26 thousand euros for CADAP events in Tajikistan (for training, purchasing medical equipment, educational trips to European countries, etc.). <https://www.news.tj/ru/news/tajikistan/society/20180929/zhurnalisti-posetili-oblastnoi-tsentr-narkologii-v-kulyabe>

THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

REGNUM BORDERS GUARDS AND CUSTOMS OFFICIALS OF UZBEKISTAN PASSED TRAINING UNDER THE EU PROGRAM

A three-day workshop to improve practical skills of customs and border guard authorities in the prevention and detection of illegal trafficking of goods and vehicles was held in Uzbekistan from September 25-27.

This initiative is aimed at improving the efficiency of inspection and procedures for working with smuggled goods. As part of the workshop, practical exercises will be conducted on risk analysis and detection of caches in the process of customs inspection, and identifying fake seals and modified containers.

Also, participants will become familiar with the use of various technical means, methods and practices applied in the Lithuanian Customs Service and the European Union. <https://regnum.ru/news/2488067.html>

ON OTHER COUNTRIES

USA

TACC UN SECRETARY-GENERAL STATED THE NECESSITY OF STRENGTHENING COOPERATION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG DANGER IN THE WORLD

The world community should intensify cooperation in combating drug trafficking, as well as improve the effectiveness of assistance for addicts. This was announced by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on September 24 at a High-Level meeting on the fight against drug threat at the New York headquarters of the world organization.

The administrative head of the UN stressed that the world production of opium and cocaine "has never reached such a high level." As he stated, "450 thousand people die every year due to overdoses or health problems associated with drugs." Guterres stressed that "of 6 people in the world who need help with drug use, only 1 receives it." "This figure is even lower for women who use drugs," he added.

"To cope with this difficult crisis, decisive action is needed in 2 areas. First, these are tough measures against drug trafficking and against those who profit from the suffering of people," the Secretary General said. "This means that those involved in drug trafficking should be cut off from obtaining safe havens," he explained.

Furthermore, Guterres spoke in favor of "strengthening international cooperation in countering criminal groups and pursuit of their leaders", as well as "more effective exchange of intelligence data and general analysis of the entire chain of drug trafficking". Speaking of the second direction, Guterres stressed that "it is necessary to ensure that those who need treatment receive it." The Secretary General made it clear that he considers the Portuguese experience in this area to be useful.

US President Donald Trump, who spoke at the meeting, also focused on the need to intensify international cooperation in the fight against drug trafficking. "For the welfare of the population and in terms of national security, it is important that we eradicate drug addiction, stop all types of drug trafficking, with which cruel international cartels profit," Trump stated. <https://tass.ru/mezhdunarodnaya-panorama/5598601c>

UKRAINE

ПрессОПІ **UKRAINE AND KAZAKHSTAN WILL BE JOINTLY FIGHTING DRUG TRAFFICKING**

The police of Ukraine and Kazakhstan have identified ways to cooperate in countering transnational crime.

"There is great potential in the interaction of Ukraine and Kazakhstan. The very first steps of our cooperation give tangible practical results, and in the long term - the creation of a reliable barrier to the so-called "Northern route" of heroin smuggling," said Andrei Kikhtenko, Head of the Department for Combating Drug Related Crime, National Police of Ukraine.

He also noted that the effectiveness of law enforcement structures of Ukraine and Kazakhstan will contribute to the exchange of positive experience in strengthening the control over illicit trafficking of new psychoactive substances and countering drug related crime in the Internet.

Both sides also discussed the possibility to conduct special joint operations and the exchange of operational information about illegal intentions of international drug groups and representatives of criminal community.

Roman Osuhovsky, Head of the Department of Strategic Investigations, noted the need to study successful judicial practice of the Republic of Kazakhstan on bringing to justice the so-called "thieves in law" and representatives of organized groups and criminal organizations.



In addition, Olzhas Zhappasbayev, Head of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of the National Security Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan, assured that the National Police of Ukraine has become a reliable partner in the field of countering transnational drug related crime. <http://pressorg24.com/news?id=416532>

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