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**NEWS BULLETIN ON PAST EVENTS  
 IN THE COUNTER-NARCOTICS SPHERE**  
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**Рамблер/ KOLOKOLTSEV CALLED COUNTERING NARCOTICS THE PRIORITY OF RUSSIA AND RUSSIA'S ALLIES**

Head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia Vladimir Kolokoltsev, speaking at the 38th conference of the Association of National Police of ASEAN member states in Brunei, said that one of the priorities of Russia and its partners is the fight against drug trafficking.

"For Russia and many of our partners, one of the priority areas is countering drug trafficking, in particular the spread of synthetic drugs, most of which come from Southeast Asian countries", he said.

The Minister also stressed the timeliness of the decision to hold meetings of "senior officials of Russia and ASEAN on combating drugs" from 2017 "We expect that cooperation with ASEAN countries in this sphere will reach a qualitatively new level and will allow us to more effectively counter the drug threat", he added. <https://news.rambler.ru/other/40721093-kolokoltsev-nazval-prioritetom-rossii-i-ee-soyuznikov-protivodeystvie-narkotrafiku/?updated>

**САХТ-ПЕТЕРБУРГ GOVERNOR OF ST. PETERSBURG HAS BEEN REPORTED ON THE RESULTS OF THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ADDICTION FOR THE YEAR**

Over the past year in St. Petersburg, the number of poisonings with psychotropic substances increased by 38%. Such figures were voiced in Smolny at an expanded meeting of the Anti-Drug Commission.

Also, the execution of the president's order to establish a rehabilitation center for minors was discussed. Georgy Poltavchenko noted that children should be explained the consequences of drug use as soon as possible.

"They need to be scared to death by what can happen to them from using such muck".

The governor suggested making a list of places in which people are constantly identified in a state of drug intoxication. And to report on them through the media in order to protect the citizens from visiting them. Over the past year, more than 700 cases for storage and almost one thousand for the sale of banned substances were instituted. <https://topspb.tv/news/2018/09/6/gubernator-peterburga-predlozhit-publikovat-v-smi-spiski-mest-gde-prodayut-i-upotrebyayut-narkotiki/>

## ON OTHER COUNTRIES

### TANZANIA

#### REGNUM **TANZANIAN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES PRODUCE DRUGS**

The Tanzanian Drug Control Agency states that pharmacological enterprises use pseudoephedrine, which is an important component in the manufacture of certain drugs, but it is also used to produce cocaine and heroin in laboratories.

The Commissioner for Control and Criminalistics of the Drug Control Agency, Bertha Mamuya, stated that the criminals were uncovered during a special operation. A company tried to get chemicals, like all ordinary pharmaceutical companies do, and then use it for their own purposes. The facilitator of the operation was the Food and Drug Authority of Tanzania.

Mamuya expressed her concern about the situation, since, as it turned out, the substance necessary for the manufacture of certain medicines is also used in drug business.

During the inspection, about 500 bottles of drugs were seized, in which opioidetidine was found, and the contents were recognized as a narcotic substance.

Similar cases occur not only in Tanzania, but also in other countries. To solve the problem, an electronic system was introduced, which verifies if an official permit was issued, as well as monitors where the chemical coming into the country is sent. <https://regnum.ru/news/2477037.html>

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