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**HOW MUCH MONEY DRUG ADVERTISING YIELDS**

In Almaty, two men were detained for outdoor advertising of drugs. They told law enforcers how much they earned from it, Tengrinews.kz reported citing the city police department.

Two men were taken to the Police Department from one of the busiest streets in Almaty by district police inspector of the Medeu district.

"The police were contacted several times by representatives of one of the offices located on Zhibek Zholy Street. They signalled that unknown people were advertising drugs on the facade of their building or the surface of a terminal. Feedback from the company's representatives has been established. Today, the office security team, having spotted two suspicious men, reported them to the local police inspector. It turned out that these people used stencils on the surface of ATM to advertise drugs. Detainees reported that they earned 15,000 tenge a day for advertising. Their task was believed to be to draw 30 inscriptions in places of mass gathering of people," said Bolat Totybayev, head of the Medeu District Police Department.

"Materials of this case will also be transferred to the Department on Combating Drug Trafficking of the Almaty City PD for taking further measures", - summed the Almaty PD.

[https://tengrinews.kz/kazakhstan\\_news/skolko-zarabatyivayut-trafaretchiki-za-reklamu-narkotikov-379599/](https://tengrinews.kz/kazakhstan_news/skolko-zarabatyivayut-trafaretchiki-za-reklamu-narkotikov-379599/)

**RUSSIA FEDERATION**



**FOOD DELIVERY COURIERS USE DRUGS TO KEEP THEM FROM  
GETTING TIRED**

Food delivery couriers in the pursuit of increasing orders often resort to drug use, which allows them not to feel tired at all. News.ru reported this with reference to a source close to one of Moscow's courier services.

The problem is evidenced by reports of the Ministry of Internal Affairs available to the portal, as well as the words of chief freelance narcologist of the Ministry of Health, Evgeny Brun.

The most popular stimulants are amphetamines. They quickly cause addiction, severe withdrawal, insomnia and apathy. According to the data of the Zonal Information Center of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation for Moscow, 1110 violations have been recorded this year under the article on drug use of the Code of Administrative Infringements of the Russian Federation.

Criminal liability in the Russian Federation is incurred in case of purchase, storage, transportation and sale of drugs.

Couriers choose stimulants because of their low wages and the form of payment they make. Amphetamine allows to work longer, feeling the burst of energy. Yevgeny Brun, chief freelance drug abuse psychiatrist at the Ministry of Health, said he has no doubts about the popularity of stimulants among couriers. According to him, Russia has regulations to control the overwork of certain groups of workers.

<https://polit.info/469091-kurery-po-dostavke-edy-upotrebyayut-na-narkotiki-chtoby-ne-chuvstvovat-ustalosti>

## **LENТА.RU REASON FOR CLOSURE OF RUSSIA'S LARGEST DRUG MARKET "RAMP" REVEALED**

Russia's largest drug sales platform in the Darknet Russian Anonymous Marketplace (RAMP) was destroyed by its main competitor Hydra, found out "Lenta.ru" in the framework of a special research project "Russia under drugs".

At the end of 2016, RAMP tried to lure suppliers of precursors from the Far East away from the founding platforms of Hydra - Legal RC and WayAway. As a result of this, Hydra organized large-scale DDoS attacks on RAMP, which paralyzed its main sources of income, i.e., instant stores with ready-made caches with drugs.

At the same time, Hydra began to lure illegal wholesalers and retailers from RAMP, promising them better terms of trade. Hydra hackers also found a vulnerability in the vBulletin engine that hosted the RAMP forum and identified one of the site's developers, a 20-year-old Chelyabinsk resident. As a result, several major suppliers and drug manufacturers, as well as a team of moderators led by a man named Lizard, departed from RAMP for Hydra.

The final blow to RAMP was the collapse of the BTC crypto-exchange, where about \$60 million of RAMP dealer deposits and the emergency budget of the site administration were stored.

As a result, RAMP stopped working, and Hydra became a monopolist on the drug market on the Russian Darknet.

<https://lenta.ru/news/2019/09/23/rampdeath/>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### MEXICO

#### **Рамблер/ NOBEL PEACE PRIZE NOMINEES CALLED ON COUNTRIES TO RETHINK DRUG CONTROL STRATEGIES**

TASS, September 22nd. Some 30 Nobel Peace Prize nominees have called on governments around the world to consider changing their strategies to combat drug use, including by legalizing drugs. This was reported by the newspaper Milenio on Sunday.

During the 17th Nobel Peace Prize Summit held this week in Merida, Mexico, participants agreed that drugs should be considered a "health problem, not a crime".

"We call for a study of innovative strategies to combat the drug crisis. For example, those that have been introduced in some countries and regions to reduce and legalize drug use," says newspaper quoted by Liberian human rights activist Leymah Gbowee, who won the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize.

<https://news.rambler.ru/other/42870969-laureaty-nobelevskoy-premii-mira-prizvali-strany-izmenit-strategiyu-borby-s-narkotikami/?updated>

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