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#### REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

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#### NUMBER OF ADDICTS IN AZERBAIJAN ANNOUNCED

Currently, 32,000 people are registered at drug treatment facility, and unofficial figure is much higher than that.

This was reported by director of the Republican Drug Treatment Center Araz Manuceri, informs Report.

According to him, 300 women and about 50 teenagers are registered at the dispensary.

Director reported that 50% of drug addicts use heroin, synthetic heroin, opium: "In recent years, the total percentage of opioid users has decreased. The number of users of amphetamine and methamphetamine has increased. Drug addicts prefer pills to injections. Psychological disorders associated with the use of synthetic drugs have increased".

As director of the Centre also noted, some schoolchildren use psychotropic substances: "Psychotropic drugs are sold to special patients who have a prescription with three seals. For various reasons, these substances have entered black market, where they are available to schoolchildren. The substance on the illicit market is not amphetamine but a psychotropic drug. It causes cancer, diabetes, epilepsy and other serious diseases".

<https://media.az/society/1067750375/obnarodovano-chislo-narkomanov-v-azerbaydzhane/>

### RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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#### DEVICE FOR DETECTING DRUG ADDICTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN RUSSIA IN 2020

Moscow. October 16. INTERFAX.RU - A new device, which will allow to identify drivers in the state not only of alcohol but also of drug intoxication, will be used in Russia in 2020, said the head of the Main Department of Road Traffic Safety of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia Mikhail Chernikov.

As Chernikov said at the opening of the international specialized exhibition "Road-2019" in Ekaterinburg on Wednesday, this device was presented at this event.

As reported in July 2019 by a number of media, earlier Chernikov reported that the innovation center "Skolkovo" specialists have developed a device that will be able to check drivers for drug intoxication by analyzing their saliva. Then it was noted that with the help of a new gadget traffic police officers will be able to prevent hundreds of accidents.

<https://www.interfax.ru/russia/680546>

**OTHER COUNTRIES**

**GEORGIA**



**HOW MANY DRUG DEALERS HAVE BEEN CAUGHT IN GEORGIA SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR?**

TBILISI, October 17 - Sputnik. In 2019, Georgian police detained 113 people for illegal sale of drugs, according to a report on the website of the Georgian Interior Ministry.

Also since the beginning of the year, police officers have seized more than 26 kilograms of heroin, two kilograms of cocaine, 13.7 thousand Subutex and Suboxin tablets, more than 23 kilograms of MDMA, almost ten kilograms of psychoactive substances and one and a half kilogram of psychotropic drugs.

The Interior Ministry noted that in August this year, the number of drug-related crimes in Georgia increased by almost a third. In total, more than 3.8 thousand crimes were registered, of which more than 75% were solved.

The Ministry attributes these indicators to improvements in statistics rather than an increase in crime in the country.

According to the Interior Ministry, heavy drugs are entering Georgia from the East through the "Ponichala Canal" (on the outskirts of Tbilisi). So-called "club drugs" are brought from Europe to Georgia, and the main channel for distribution and sale of drugs is the Internet.

<https://sputnik-georgia.ru/incidents/20191017/24677762/Skolko-narkotorgovtsev-poymali-v-Gruzii-s-nachala-goda.html>

**IRAN**



**IRAN IS READY TO PASS ON ITS DRUG CONTROL EXPERIENCE TO SLOVAKIA**

The Secretary-General of the Iranian Drug Control Headquarters reported on readiness of the Islamic Republic of Iran to transfer knowledge and experience in combating drug trafficking to Slovakia.

Eskandar Momeni at a meeting with Slovak police chief Milan Lucianski in Vienna, said: "Iran is geographically located on main drug transit route, mainly from Afghanistan, which produces about 90% of the world's opiates to European countries. That is why Iran faces many threats, such as drug trafficking and terrorism.



Pointing to some of Iran's achievements in the fight against drugs, Momeni added: "In the last 10 days alone, eight tons of drugs destined for European and Western countries have been discovered on Iran's western borders.

At the meeting, head of the Slovakian police, Milan Lučansk, in turn, highly appreciated efforts of Iran in the fight against drugs, informed about Bratislava's readiness to cooperate with Tehran in the field of breeding and training of dogs to search for drugs, as well as joint operations to detect drugs and experience exchange.

We recall that the Secretary-General of the Iranian Drug Control Headquarters arrived in Vienna on Sunday as part of a high-level delegation to sign a memorandum of understanding with the United Nations.

<https://parstoday.com/ru/news/iran-i106176>

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