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CARICC MEMBER STATES

THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

09.10.2018 Personnel of the State Border Service have stopped drug smuggling to Azerbaijan from Iran. An Iranian citizen violating the Azerbaijani-Iranian state border was detained on the service territory of the frontier guard in the village of Sim of Astara district. Officers found **1.2 kg of heroin, 710 g of opium, 200 tablets and 15 boxes of drugs containing potent substances**. <http://www.dsx.gov.az/xeber/715>

11.10.2018 As a result of operational and military measures in the official territory of a frontier post in the village of Bala-Bakhmanli of the Fizuli district, the State Border Service officers detained a resident of the Sabirabad district of Azerbaijan and a citizen of Georgia with **725 g of heroin** transported from Iran. In the course of further search operations, the third participant in the crime, a resident of the Beylagan district of Azerbaijan, was identified and detained.

<https://ru.sputnik.az/incidents/20181011/417391489/azerbaijan-pogranichniki-geroin.html>

THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

06.10.2018 Police officers detained a 36-year-old resident of Talgar for trying to smuggle a large consignment of drugs through a police station on the Almaty-Bishkek highway. A cache of drugs was discovered by a specially trained canine dog used to inspect the vehicle's cabin. The cache was equipped under one of the seats of a Mercedes-Sprinter car. **5 kg 360 g hashish were seized**. The culprit is detained in the Zhambyl district police unit.

https://www.kt.kz/rus/crime/krupnuju_partiju_narkotikov_v_tajnike_pitalsja_provezti_cherez_policejskij_post_zhitelj_talgara_1153663634.html

08.10.2018 Police in the course of operational and preventive measures "Koknar-2018" detained a resident of Kostanay in a taxi car and found and seized more than **120 g of heroin** during a personal search. The detainee had been previously convicted of crimes related to drug trafficking. <https://24.kz/ru/news/social/item/270024-120-grammov-geroina-iz-yali-u-zhitelya-kostanaya>

THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

03.10.2018 During search operations, the State National Security Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic exposed and destroyed an international channel used for transportation of narcotic drugs of Afghan origin from the neighboring republic through the territory of Kyrgyzstan to the CIS countries. Transporting drugs of cannabis group - **12 kg 810 g of Afghan chars (чарс)**, a foreign citizen, organizer of the drug channel, was caught red-handed and detained. <http://gknb.gov.kg/press/post/355>

10.10.2018 Staff of the Anti-Drug Trafficking Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs dismantled a drug transportation channel. Two men, a 56-year-old resident of the Issyk-Kul region and a 47-year-old from of the Chui region suspected of illegal possession, manufacture and transportation of narcotic drugs, were detained during joint search operations in the Tyup district. Officers found 45 matchboxes with **hashish, with a total weight of 780 g.**

https://24.kg/proisshestvija/98480_vkyirgyzstane_zaderjanyi_dva_narkodilera_sgashishem/

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

08.10.2018 Officers of the Directorate for Drugs Control (UKON) of the Main Department (GU) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Kemerovo region during a complex of search operations detained a 48-year-old resident of Leninsk-Kuznetsky, suspected of illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs. The drug dealer was detained in an attempt to sell **400 g of synthetic "salt"**. During a search in the apartment the drug dealer had been hiding in, the police discovered and seized more than **300 g of "salt"** prepared for sale to drug users.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14628460>

08.10.2018 Staff of the Drugs Control Directorate (UNK) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Kaluga region detained two residents of a neighboring region suspected of involvement in illicit drug trafficking. After inspection of the vehicle belonging to one of the suspects, 322 convolutions with **heroin weighing more than 600 g** were found and seized. The consignment of prohibited substances was to be further sold in Kaluga territory.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14624883>

09.10.2018 Staff of the UNK GU of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Krasnoyarsk Territory stopped the activity of an online drug store. During search operations, the police established its organizers, a 43-year-old resident of Krasnoyarsk and his 35-year-old female flat mate. Dealers collected large wholesale consignments from a cache, and then made drugs of it, which were sold via other caches in the region. During a search in the apartment of the offenders, police discovered and seized **870 g of various synthetic drugs and 53 g of cocaine.**

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14637408>

09.10.2018 Police officers in Perm near a post office detained a 22-year-old local resident on suspicion of drug smuggling. The man was detained at the moment he received mail from Europe sent in to his name. After the envelope had been opened, police found LSD drugs in the form of 6 postal stamps.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14636946>

09.10.2018 In the course of search operations by officers of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Amur Region and the Main Directorate for Drugs Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in cooperation with the Unit of the Regional Department of the Russian Guard in abandoned site of the Chernetcheno village of the Belogorsk district discovered a specially equipped, autonomous, camouflaged place used for the production of narcotic drugs of cannabis group. Police found and seized more than **140 kg of marijuana**, as well as items and tools used for the production and processing of drugs - a metal press, a device for driving cannabis oil, a container with chemical liquid, and others. In carrying out further search operations and investigative measures in a forest area near the Chernetcheno village, police discovered a cache with six containers with 1.3 kg of

hashish oil. 46-year-old resident of the Blagoveshchensky district of the Amur region was detained.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14638914>

10.10.2018 Officers of the Directorate for Drugs Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Far East Federal District at a railway station of the city of Khabarovsk detained a drug trafficker who arrived from Moscow, and in her suitcase they found plastic bags with a narcotic substance - **N-methylephedron, with a total weight of over 10 kg**. The suspect received this consignment of narcotic drugs and a large sum of money from a friend who specializes in the illegal sale of narcotic drugs through an online store, subsequently placing them into caches in the cities of Khabarovsk, Komsomolsk-on-Amur and Vladivostok. Five more suspects in illegal sale of drugs aged between 25 to 29 were detained. During searches at the place of residence, in three of them police found packaging bags with the logo of the online store, scales, and over **9 kg of synthetic drugs**. In the Kursk region, police detained the main interregional courier of this online store. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14647496>

10.10.2018 Staff of the Division for Drugs Control (ONK) of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Leninsky district of the Moscow region as a result of search operations in the Pugovicino village detected and detained a 22-year-old resident of the Kaluga region suspected in the illegal possession of drugs, and found and seized a parcel with **hashish, weighing more than 600 g** during a personal search. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14650919>

THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

04.10.2018 Staff of the Drug Control Agency (DCA) of Tajikistan in the city of Dushanbe in the course of search operations detained two citizens of Tajikistan who were delivering drugs to Dushanbe from areas bordering with Afghanistan. During their detention, a package of **1 kg of heroin** was seized.

<https://ru.sputnik-tj.com/country/20181004/1026996511/tajikistan-dushanbe-kilogramm-geroina.html>

08.10.2018 Staff of the DCA in the Khatlon region detained a member of a criminal gang trafficking drugs. During a personal search, bags of **heroin with a total weight of 2 kg** were found and seized from a 36-year-old resident of Kulyab. The man had previously been convicted twice for crimes related to drug trafficking on a large and very large scale.

<https://ru.sputnik-tj.com/country/20181008/1027039768/tajikistan-zaderzhanie-muzhchina-narkotiki.html>

11.10.2018 In the Shugnan district of the Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region (GBO) of Tajikistan, a fighting clash between law enforcement officers and smugglers emerged. According to the State Committee of National Security of Tajikistan, as a result of the clash on October 2, four Kalashnikovs, **10 kg of heroin, 13 kg of hashish and 2 kg of opium** were seized from smugglers, who they tried to ship it to Tajikistan from Afghanistan. Crime organizers are in the list of wanted persons.

<https://ru.sputnik-tj.com/country/20181011/1027076317/tajikistan-afghanistan-stolknovenie-boi.html>

THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

06.10.2018 In the Urtachirchik district of the Tashkent region, as a result of search operations carried out by officers of the internal affairs agencies, **2.9 kg of marijuana** were found and seized in the house of a resident of the Yangikhat makhalla. <http://www.mvd.uz/ru/lists/view/4475>

09.10.2018 In the Yukorichirchik district of the Tashkent region, as a result of measures officers of the internal affairs agencies found and seized **1 kg 583 g of marijuana** in a summer house (dacha) located in Nurli makhalla zamon and from a resident of the Navruz makhalla. <http://www.mvd.uz/ru/lists/view/4455>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

08.10.2018 As a result of joint operation of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and the Australian Border Force (ABF) in Sydney, three people were arrested for trafficking **496 kg of MDMA**. The drug was contained in 248 packages and was hidden in four industrial meat grinders in a shipping container from Turkey that arrived at the Botany Port, located 8 km from Sydney. <https://newsroom.abf.gov.au/releases/almost-half-a-tonne-of-mdma-seized-in-sydney>

09.10.2018 In the Sydney International Airport, the Australian Border Force (ABF) officers detained a 47-year-old Cyprus citizen in an attempt to smuggle drugs. When a foreign citizen was detained **4 kg of methamphetamine** were found in the double bottom of his suitcase. The man was selected to baggage check after arriving in Sydney from Doha, Qatar. ABF officers handed the case over to the Australian Federal Police (AFP). <https://www.afp.gov.au/news-media/media-releases/man-arrested-sydney-airport-after-attempting-import-four-kilograms-%E2%80%9Cice%E2%80%9D>

ARMENIA

05.10.2018 The Operational Search Division of the Anti-Smuggling Department of the State Revenue Committee obtained operational information that during a search of a female Guatemalan citizen who arrived in Yerevan on a flight from Dubai, four metal containers with **3.5 kg of cocaine** were found. A criminal case has been initiated in the investigation department of the SRC on this fact. It was established that the Guatemalan citizen transported drugs to Armenia from the Brazilian city of São Paulo. She was supposed to give the smuggled shipment to an unknown person. As a result of search operations, a female citizen of Kazakhstan was detained, who arrived by air from Turkey to Armenia on the same day to receive drugs and transport them to Turkey. <http://newsarmenia.am/news/incidents/inostrantsy-tranzitom-cherez-erevan-pytalis-provezti-kokain-v-turtsiyu-iz-san-paulu/>

BRAZIL

10.10.2018 Customs officers at the Federal Revenue Office in the port of Santos, Sao Paulo found **463 kg of cocaine** in a container that was to be exported to Europe. The drug was detected by analyzing the risk profile of the cargo. It was a batch of polyamide packed

in octabin (packaging, usually corrugated cardboard, in an octagon form) of 1000 kg each. Drugs were hidden in one of the four containers that formed the batch. 14 sports bags were found containing packs with 463 kg of cocaine. The final destination of the cargo was the port of Le Havre in France.

<http://idg.receita.fazenda.gov.br/sobre/aco-es-e-programas/aco-es-da-receita-federal/noticias/2018/outubro/8a-regiao-fiscal/receita-federal-localiza-463-kg-de-cocaina-em-carga-de-exportacao-no-porto-de-santos>

VENEZUELA

08.10.2018 At the docks of the Jose Antonio Anzoátegui petrochemical complex, troops of the Inspectoria General of the Bolivarian National Guard (GNB) seized a large quantity of cocaine. On a ship under the flag of Panama, 124 packages of **cocaine** with total weight of **147.5 kg** were found attached to the outside of the submerged hull of the vessel Jose Progress. Military guardsmen discovered a cache during routine underwater inspections. <https://noticiero52.com/incautado-buque-con-cocaina-en-los-muelles-del-complejo-petroquimico-jose-antonio-anzoategui/>

GERMANY

07.10.2018 Customs officers at Frankfurt Airport inspected a postal consignment that came from Bolivia for a private person in the Netherlands. Wrapped in plastic, the contents of the shipment turned out to be chocolate and chewing gum. An X-ray showed unusual shadows on the chocolate image. Chocolate contained "stuffing" in the form of a flat package containing cocaine.

http://www.zoll.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/Rauschgift/2018/y25_kokain_in_schokolade.html

ITALY

10.10.2018 Joint operation of the Customs and Monopoly Agency (ADM) of Gioia Tauro, in collaboration with Guardia di Finanza and coordinated by the Office of the Public Prosecutor of Reggio Calabria - the District Mafia Authority in the Port of Gioia Tauro has resulted in seizure of **17 kg of cocaine**. Cocaine was hidden in 16 packs inside a container with sunflower seeds, which came from the Argentine port of Buenos Aires and was going for Libya.

<https://www.adm.gov.it/portale/documents/20182/4410604/Cre-s-20181010-Gioiataurococaina.pdf/6720a8c2-3e32-4f4a-adb3-36f2835d5ab3?version=1.0>

CANADA

09.10.2018 In the port of Montreal, more than **106 kg of cocaine** were found in one of the containers transported by ship arriving from the Dominican Republic. Cocaine was hidden in four nylon bags and placed in a container with boxes of men's shirts. The drug ship was handed over to the Royal Mounted Canadian Police, which is conducting further investigations. <https://www.lapresse.ca/actualites/justice-et-affaires-criminelles/affaires-criminelles/201810/09/01-5199607-saisie-de-107-kg-de-cocaine-dans-le-port-de-montreal.php>

THE NETHERLANDS

10.10.2018 800 kg of cocaine were seized in containers loaded with bananas in the port of Vissingen. The drugs were confiscated and destroyed. The first shipment of 400 kg was

found by customs in a container with bananas. During an inspection of a number of pallets by customs in the company in Vlissingen, a second similar consignment of cocaine weighing 400 kg was found. Bananas came from South America by the same ship the first batch arrived. <https://www.politie.nl/nieuws/2018/oktober/10/08-cocaine-vlissingen.html>

USA

12.10.2018 The Customs and Border Protection officers at the port of Nogales, Tucson, Arizona, detained a 29-year-old Mexican citizen in an attempt to smuggle meth in the United States. Officers seized more than **15 kg of methamphetamine** under the inner lining of the roof of a Volkswagen car. Drugs and car were seized by officers. A man was arrested and then transferred to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s Homeland Security Investigations. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/nogales-cbp-officers-seize-100k-methamphetamine>

12.10.2018 The US Customs and Border Protection officers arrested two people in an attempt to smuggle methamphetamine in the port of San Luis, Tucson, Arizona. Officers found methamphetamine bags in Toyota’s spare tire when it tried to enter the United States from Mexico. As a result of the inspection activities, officers found packages containing **4.54 kg of methamphetamine** inside the car's spare tire. In addition, during a personal inspection of a 30-year-old resident of San Luis, officers discovered a pack of methamphetamine taped around his leg. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/meth-smugglers-nabbed-port-san-luis>

PAKISTAN

09.10.2018 Pakistan’s Anti-Narcotics Forces conducted 19 anti-drug operations across the country in September and seized **24.3 kg of hashish, 5.8 kg of heroin, 5.875 kg of amphetamine, 1.18 kg of methamphetamine and 240 liters of hydrochloric acid precursor**. http://anf.gov.pk/press_release/pr09Oct2018.pdf

ECUADOR

06.10.2018 The National Anti-Narcotics Directorate reported that agents of the Anti-narcotics Investigation Unit (UIAN) implemented activities under Operation “Impact 377” and, as a result, detained six suspects - citizens of Ecuador, Colombia, Spain and Venezuela, and also seized over **245 kg cocaine hydrochloride**. The suspects belonged to an international criminal organization specializing in the contamination of legal containers with drugs. <http://www.policiaecuador.gob.ec/operativo-antinarcoticos-impacto-377-deja-seis-detenidos-y-245-420-gramos-de-cocaina-aprehendida/>

UKRAINE

08.10.2018 Police seized about **500 kg of dried and green cannabis plants** from a resident of the Berdychiv district in the Zhytomyr region. In a small building between the villages of Kikishevka and Markushi, the 27-year-old local resident kept considerable supplies of dry potion, similar to cannabis. In total, almost 500 kg of dried and green cannabis plants, as well as its seeds, were collected from the cache. The expected value of raw drugs



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is about 2 million hryvnia. Also police seized a gun with cartridges and brass knuckles.
<https://www.rbc.ua/rus/news/zhitomirskoy-oblasti-politsiya-izyala-mestnogo-1538996245.html>

