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19-25.11.2018**Nº 48****CARICC MEMBER STATES****THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**

10.11.2018 Customs officers (SCS) at the "Julfa" checkpoint of the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic foiled an attempt to smuggle a large quantity of heroin through the territory of the Autonomous Republic. A Renault car, run by a Turkish citizen, was tested using x-ray equipment, which resulted in discovery of caches on the floor of the vehicle trailer containing 104 packages of **heroin weighing 105.4 kg**. The car loaded with drugs was supposed to deliver cargo to the Republic of Turkey through the territory of the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic. On this fact, a criminal case was instituted. <http://customs.gov.az/en/faydali/xeberler/3034/>

20.11.2018 Officers of the State Border Service (SBS) of Azerbaijan in the service area of the border unit "Goytepe" of the SBS Border Troops, in the area of the frontier outpost located near the village of Garavuldash, Yardimly region, found a package containing **990 methadone tablets, 655 g of marijuana and 550 g of chemical precursor substances**. In addition, at the checkpoint "Bilasuvar" on the border to Iran, a border and customs inspection of Iranian citizens, born in 1991 and 1992, who arrived from Iran to Azerbaijan was conducted. Both drug couriers were detained for smuggling using the intracavitory method **380 g of heroin**. According to these facts, the necessary operative and investigative measures are being conducted. <https://minval.az/news/123842100>

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

19.11.2018 Officers of the Syzran linear department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in transport during the maintenance of the train "Moscow-Chelyabinsk" revealed two passengers - citizens of a neighboring country aged 43 and 27, who during personal searches were found to carry bags with **21.19 g of hashish and heroin weighing 574.77 g**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15012519>

19.11.2018 Officers of Directorate for Drugs Control (UKON) of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (UMVD) of Russia in the Ryazan region halted work of an online drug store. Arrested were 15 people - men aged 23 to 36 years and a 30-year-old woman. During the monitoring the Internet and operative-search measures, the drug police identified and suppressed activities of a group of people involved in illegal distribution of synthetic drugs through caches. The detainees include residents of the Ryazan and Moscow regions, as well as a 33-year-old citizen and resident of Ukraine who temporarily lives in Ryazan. During inspections of detainees, **1.9 kg of synthetic narcotic drug** were seized from their homes, vehicles, and places already bookmarked. Policemen detained an interregional courier, one wholesale warehouse holder, two wholesalers and 11 retail stash handlers. The Investigation Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the

Ryazan region initiated criminal cases on organization of a criminal community and participation in it. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15015850>

19.11.2018 As a result of special operation, officers of the Main Directorate for Drugs Control (GUNK/UKON) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia together with colleagues from the Amur Region with participation of the Rosgvardia in the village of Chernetcheno (Чернетчено) of the Belogorsk district of the Amur region discovered a cannabis-group drug laboratory. More than **140 kg of marijuana**, equipment necessary for manufacture, including a metal press, and a tank with chemical reagents were seized. The location of the cache, in which there were six containers of **hashish oil with a total weight of more than 1.3 kg** prepared for sale was established. A preliminary investigation is currently underway. A 47-year-old local resident and a drug maker who was hiding in Blagoveshchensk were detained along with the organizer of illegal activities. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15018109>

19.11.2018 A 25-year-old resident of St. Petersburg was detained by officers of the Division for Drugs Control (OKON) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Dmitrovsky district of the Moscow region in the village of Fedorovka. In the course of search, more than **993 g of heroin** were found and seized in a building where the perpetrator lived. On this fact, a criminal case was initiated. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15014379>

20.11.2018 Investigators of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Trans-Baikal region concluded a criminal investigation into an organized group that sold synthetic drugs through an online store. Illegal activities were suppressed by officers of the UKON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Trans-Baikal region and the regional department of Federal Security Service (FSB) in 2017. On suspicion of drug trafficking, five people were detained. During the searches, **700 g of drug of synthetic origin** were seized. The organizer of the illegal drug business was a 28-year-old resident of Chita who was the operator of an online store and a courier delivering large quantities of drugs to Chita, as well as packing them into small doses. Other members of the organized group played the role of operators of stashes. Currently, a criminal case against members of the organized group has been sent to court. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15022321>

20.11.2018 Officers of UKON of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (UMVD) of Russia in the Smolensk region detained an 18-year-old young man, during the inspection of a backpack of whom found and seized about **200 g of heroin**. Drug was packaged in more than 100 bundles and ready for further marketing in a contactless manner in the territory of the Smolensk region. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15019850>

20.11.2018 Officers of the OKON of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (UMVD) of Russia for Petrozavodsk jointly with colleagues from the UNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Republic of Karelia found that a criminal group specialized in distribution of drugs functions in Petrozavodsk. Drug traffickers traveled to a major subject of the country, from where they transported drugs to the North-Western and Volga federal districts. In Petrozavodsk, a group of people helped the wrongdoers to set up hiding stashes and operated through Internet channels. In mid-November, two residents of Petrozavodsk were detained, transporting over 220 g of synthetic drug in a car. In total,

eight suspected drug offenders aged 20 to 30 years were detained. More than **1 kg of synthetic drugs** were seized from illicit trafficking. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15030429>

21.11.2018 Investigators of the South Ural Linear Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for Transport completed an investigation of a criminal case on the activities of an interregional criminal group specializing in smuggling and selling large amounts of narcotic drugs. In addition, members of the criminal group created a drug processing lab for the production of mephedrone. The defendants are two natives of the Rostov region and the Krasnodar territory at the age of 30 and 32 years. Members of the drug group came to the attention of transport police officers when they planned to create a distribution channel through the Internet for various types of drugs on the territory of the Chelyabinsk region, including those received via international mail from the EU countries (cocaine, LSD, Ecstasy, amphetamine, and marijuana and hashish). One of the suspects was detained red-handed at a post office while receiving a package with narcotic drugs. Several parcels from Belgium and Germany have already arrived to his name. The man distributed drugs in Ufa, Orenburg, Tolyatti and other cities of the Volga Federal district in large quantities, weighing from 1 to 10 kg. Also in the city of Ufa in cemeteries of the city 240 caches with drugs were found. In the course of further work, police officers in the Rostov region discovered an underground laboratory with an area of more than 600 square meters, where production of mephedrone in a large scale took place. During a search in the premises of this laboratory, more than **20 kg of the finished narcotic substance** and **about 100 kg of raw materials and precursors** used for its production, as well as expensive equipment were seized. The organizer of drug production is detained. Also, police officers became aware of illegal activities of the group in St. Petersburg. In a forest area in the Leningrad region, more than **10 kg of methamphetamine** were collected from two caches. The total weight of the seized drugs was **more than 100 kg and almost as many precursors and raw materials** needed for their production. Currently, a criminal case has been sent to the court for consideration. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15037693>

21.11.2018 During the operative and preventive event "Report where they trade in death!" («Сообщи, где торгуют смертью!») officers of the OKON of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Vologda region received information that two residents of Cherepovets were involved in sale of prohibited substances. The suspects - a man born in 1984 and a woman born in 2000 were apprehended red-handed while transporting drugs of synthetic origin in a car. Drug police found a bag in the back seat of the car, in which there was a plastic bag with **505 tablets of methamphetamine with a total weight of more than 200 g**. Methamphetamine was to be further distributed in Cherepovets. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15043527>

22.11.2018 Employees of the UKON of the Department of Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (UMVD) of Russia in the Ryazan region detained a 26-year-old resident of Ryazan, suspected of contactless distribution of synthetic drugs. The man laid into caches on the outskirts of Ryazan containers with prohibited substances. More than **600 g of synthetic drugs** were seized from illicit circulation. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15047935>

24.11.2018 Officers of the GUNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, together with their Moscow counterparts with participation of the FSB of Russia put a halt to the activity of an underground laboratory producing potent substances (anabolic steroids). In an attempt to ship nine postal parcels with a prohibited substance, a 37-year-old resident of the city of Vidnoe, Moscow region, was detained. During an inspection of the suspect's car officers found a canister with testosterone. During searches, steroids ready for sale, laboratory equipment for spilling potent substances, packaging material, and company labels were seized. The total weight of **testosterone seized exceeded 10 kg.** <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15064225>

THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

23.11.2018 Officers of the Dushanbe City Department of the Internal Affairs in the course of operative-search activities in Dushanbe on suspicion of selling and supplying psychotropic substance Ecstasy detained 4 local residents. The suspects purchased 44 Ecstasy tablets for personal use and resale. They consumed 20 pills, some of them were illegally sold, but 24 **MDMA tablets with a total weight of 6.4588 g** were seized during the relevant measures. On this fact a criminal case was initiated. <http://mvd.tj/index.php/ru/sobytiya/21963-dastgir-gardidani-4-nafar-bo-gumoni-muomiloti-ajri-onunii-tabletka-oi-ekstaz-2>

OTHER COUNTRIES

INDIA

20.11.2018 Rural police in Jalandhar detained a 23-year-old man - a resident of the village of Meonwal in Fillaur, who was transporting **500 g of heroin** by car "Honda Amaze". The suspect obtained heroin from a Nigerian in Delhi and sold it in different parts of the city in small quantities. <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/jalandhar/youth-held-with-500-gm-heroin/686641.html>

21.11.2018 On the Hanumangarkh highway police detained two residents of the village of Doonda in the Goindval quarter of Tarn Taran, who were transporting **300 kg of poppy straw** in a truck. The drugs were packed in 20 bags and hidden under bags of onions that were loaded in Madhya Pradesh. The shipment was to be delivered to Tarn-Taran. Meanwhile, another police team discovered and seized **10 kg of opium and 4 kg of poppy straw** under the seat of a truck driver. The owner of the truck and the driver were arrested. The truck was loaded with 430 bags of onions in Maharashtra, and the cargo was bound to Chandigarh. The cargo was intended to be sent to Punjab.
<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/punjab/2-nabbed-with-300-kg-poppy-husk/687074.html>

IRAQ

24.11.2018 Kurdish security forces in the city of Soran seized **31 kg of heroin** smuggled from neighboring Iran. The car in which the shipment of heroin was transported was confiscated, the driver from the city of Harir in the province of Erbil was arrested. Drug was smuggled out of Iran via its mountainous areas. <http://www.kurdistan24.net/en/news/3956a392-214f-4e24-87dd-69629ca4a79d>

IRAN

20.11.2018 Forces of the Intelligence Ministry in the province of Kerman conducted three major special operations to curb drug smuggling from the eastern borders into the country using vehicles. Smuggling organizers were arrested. **1.3 tons of opium** were seized, a machine gun and three cars were confiscated. Iran, having a total border length of 900 km with Afghanistan, was used as the main channel for smuggling of Afghan drugs into Europe.
<https://www.tasnimnews.com/en/news/2018/11/20/1880153/1-3-tons-of-opium-seized-in-se-iran>

24.11.2018 Police in Sistan and Baluchestan province detained two smugglers during a special operation in an attempt to import drugs from the Saravan region, near the border with Pakistan. **783.67 kg of opium, 77.1 kg of heroin, 26.725 kg of morphine, 338.67 kg of other drugs**, and 10 AK-47 assault rifles with ammunition were confiscated.
<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/139878/1-2-tons-of-drugs-seized-in-south-eastern-Iran>

COLOMBIA

22.11.2018 With assistance of the CTI of the General Prosecutor's Office in Barranquilla, a special operation was carried out in a warehouse by the National Navy, where 1020 packages containing **1 ton 17 kg of cocaine hydrochloride** were discovered in bags of mineral salt with the help of dogs trained to detect drugs. The cocaine consignment belonged to an organized armed group known as "Los Pachenkas", which commits crimes in departments of Magdalena and Atlantico and was intended to be sent to the United States. Cocaine were seized. The street value of the consignmnet is about 35 million US dollars. Three people who guarded the collection center were detained and placed at the disposal of the General Prosecutor's Office. <https://www.armada.mil.co/es/content/armada-nacional-y-fiscalia-incautan-una-tonelada-cocaina-en-barranquilla>

MALTA

21.11.2018 As a result of risk analysis carried out by the Container Monitoring Group and the inspection of a refrigerated container from Ecuador, officers of the Customs Department seized **44 kg of cocaine**. After scanning the container using an X-ray unit, 35 packages were found hidden behind a panel above the refrigerant compressor. The container was delivered to Cyprus from Ecuador. The worth of the consignment is estimated at about 4.5 million Euros.

<https://www.newsbook.com.mt/artikli/2018/11/21/e4-5-million-euros-worth-of-cocaine-seized-by-customs/?lang=en>

PAKISTAN

22.11.2018 The Anti Narcotics Forces (ANF) of Pakistan crippled an attempt to smuggle drugs from Multan International Airport in the Pakistani province of Punjab. ANF officers found **1.5 kg of heroin** in a cache in the baggage of a passenger traveling to the United Arab Emirates. Drug trafficker resided in the northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. He was later arrested. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-11/22/c_137624888.htm

24.11.2018 The Airport Security Force (ASF) thwarted an attempt to smuggle **1.88 kg of heroin** into the new international airport of Islamabad. Drugs were discovered as a result of

a passenger's baggage screening in a halvah box. Drug trafficker, a resident of Svabi, was supposed to fly a flight to Jeddah and was subsequently arrested.
<https://dunyanews.tv/en/Crime/467695-smuggle-ice-heroin-Islamabad-Airport>

PERU

23.11.2018 Police officers in Ancona confiscated **more than 100 kg of high-purity cocaine**. Drug was to be delivered to the open sea on a ship bound for Europe. Dirtandro special forces agents detained two people. Drug groups use self-made torpedoes and all sorts of objects to conceal drugs: false breast implants, surfboards, wheelchairs, cans, toys, and refrigerators. More than **100 kg of cocaine** were concealed in a cache, equipped at the top of a cargo trailer. a 34-year-old driver driving a G3N-447 truck delivered cocaine.
<https://larepublica.pe/sociedad/1362038-policia-decomisa-100-kilos-cocaina-alta-pureza-ancon/1?ref=notagaleria>

SINGAPORE

23.11.2018 Officers of the Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) arrested a 59-year-old man for preparing to sell **4.26 kg of heroin**. The market value of the consignment is estimated to be 300 thousand US dollars. Cash in the amount of 64,300 US dollars derived from the sale of drugs was seized from the suspect. Investigation into his criminal activity continues.
<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/man-arrested-after-cnb-seizes-nearly-4-3kg-of-heroin-worth-s-300-10961812>

USA

19.11.2018 In Nashville, Tennessee in Park Hill in Corbin, sheriff spotted a Toyota car run by a 34-year-old male US citizen. After sheriff tried to stop the vehicle, the driver attempted to escape from prosecution by car. During the pursuit, the driver abandoned the car and fled, but was subsequently detained. Inside the car, on examination, a backpack containing **900 g of methamphetamine** and a loaded pistol was found. Detainee was arrested and taken to Knox County Detention Center. https://www.themoreheadnews.com/kentucky/news/over-pounds-of-meth-seized-in-arrest-in-corbin/article_27c66376-8739-5b01-a71f-ac5e2731a261.html

19.11.2018 Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Office of Field Operations (OFO) at a Pharr bridge cargo facility in Texas arrested a 30-year-old Mexican citizen. A truck under his control transported a load of fresh produce from Mexico. A test, which included the use of a non-intrusive imaging system (NII), revealed 10 packages containing **19.4 kg of methamphetamine** worth \$ 859,500 and **5.5 kg of cocaine** worth \$ 93,500. Drugs, vehicle and driver were transferred to Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).
<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-field-operations-seizes-close-1-million-narcotics-pharr>

21.11.2018 Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Field Operations (OFO) at Juarez-Lincoln Bridge in Laredo, Texas, stopped a Mitsubishi LGT car, run by a 28-year-old US citizen from San Antonio, Texas. As a result of the inspection activities, 14 packages containing **9.5 kg of methamphetamine** were found. The worth of drugs is estimated at 297 thousand US dollars. CBP officers seized drugs and the vehicle. Female driver was arrested and turned over to special US Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations (ICE-HSI) for further investigation.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-hard-narcotics-worth-over-296k-juarez-lincoln>

21.11.2018 Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York found 38 packages containing more than **45.3 kg of cocaine** in a suitcase that arrived from Quito (Ecuador). The market value of drugs is 1.3 million US dollars. Drugs were handed over to Homeland Security Investigation (HSI) agents and the Port Authority Police Department (PAPD) for further investigation.
<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cocaine-found-bag-cbp-jfk>

THAILAND

25.11.2018 In Chiang Rai, five drug couriers were killed in a clash with soldiers from the Pha Muang group in the Doi Nang Non mountain range in Mai Sai district near the border with Myanmar. About **1 million methamphetamine tablets** have been seized. Soldiers of the 2nd Cavalry Task Force during a special operation near the village of Pha Mi in Tambone Wiang Pha Kham, 700 meters from the border with Myanmar, seven armed men carrying backpacks were spotted in the jungle. On the demand to stop and lay down their weapons for a search, the smugglers opened fire. As a result of a 15-minute skirmish, five criminals were killed. Five bags were found at the scene, each containing about 200 thousand methamphetamine tablets. Also found was a large amount of ammunition. There are two natural border crossings between the collision site, not far from the village of Sampi in the province of Tachilek in Myanmar, known as the base for the production of drugs by the Muser tribe. Drugs were smuggled from Myanmar.

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/news/crime/1582002/>

UKRAINE

20.11.2018 The Ukrainian Security Service (SBU), coordinated by the Prosecutor's Office identified and destroyed an international psychotropic substances delivery channel from a European country to Ukraine. A resident of Odessa had organized sales of Ecstasy in the Odessa region. He received goods by mail from abroad and later sold to drug addicts. Law enforcement detained the drug dealer at the time of receiving a parcel with **50 g of MDMA**. Pre-trial proceedings are being carried out on this case. <https://dumskaya.net/news/narkotiki-po-pochte-odessit-naladil-kontrabandu-092490/>

22.11.2018 The Kiev Prosecutor's Office in conjunction with the Department for Countering Drug-Related Crimes of the National Police of Ukraine, exposed and detained a group of drug dealers engaged in wholesale distribution of psychotropic substances in Kiev. During the investigation, about **3 thousand MDMA tablets** were collected with street value which estimated at 1 million hryvnia. The defendants were carrying 5 weapons, the origin of which is identified, as well as a car. To cover up their activities, the wrongdoers used several of license plates. In addition, forged documents were seized that provided operative status to their car, according to which law enforcement officers were prohibited from inspecting it.
https://kyiv.gp.gov.ua/ua/news.html?_m=publications&_t=rec&id=240783&fp=10

23.11.2018 The National Police in Vinnytsia detained four members of an organized criminal group distributing drugs using online stores in the Telegram application. One of the detainees, a 24-year-old resident of Vinnytsia, administered several stores in the messenger,

his 23-year-old accomplice, a Russian citizen, monitored the flow of money to e-wallets, bank cards and sent customers addresses of hidden goods cache. "Bookmarks" with drugs were made by two more members of the group, one of whom was a minor. During searches, police seized **100 g of amphetamine, 1 kg of marijuana, 80 g of alpha-PVP, 57 brands of LSD**, electronic scales, laboratory flasks, and bank cards. Police also found 20 caches with drugs. Suspects purchased drugs online and sold with markup. Offenders received parcel with narcotic and psychotropic substances by mail.
<https://www.rbc.ua/rus/news/kieve-zaderzhali-narkotorgovtsev-rabotavshih-1542986362.html>

SRI-LANKA

22.11.2018 A 37-year-old suspect, who carried **1.1 kg of heroin** in a car, was arrested by officers of the Organized Crimes Prevention Division in Kesbewa. Police also seized 6.19 million rupees from the detainee in cash. <http://www.dailymirror.lk/article/Suspect-arrested-with-heroin-worth-Rs-mn-in-Kesbewa-158748.html>