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## CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

(based on mass media reports)

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### CARICC MEMBER STATES

#### THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**29.10.2018** Employees of Division for Drugs Control (UKON) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Kemerovo region conducted a special operation, during which the police pulled over a vehicle on the "Kemerovo - Leninsk - Kuznetsky" highway and detained two female passengers. During a personal search, a bundle with **carfentanil weighing about 160 g** was seized from one of the accused women - 52-year-old resident of Novokuznetsk, and her 55-year-old partner had four more convolutions with **carfentanil with a total weight of more than 260 g**. It was established that women were couriers and had to deliver a consignment of the drug from Novokuznetsk to Mariinsk. Both women are imprisoned. Criminal cases are investigated and sent to court by the Main Investigative Department of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Kemerovo Region. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14816500>

**29.10.2018** Police officers suppressed illegal activities of a 34-year-old resident of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, a member of the Rutmix («Рутмикс») criminal community, four of whose members have already been convicted. In relation to one of the accomplices of the criminal community, a criminal case is pending in the Petropavlovsk-Kamchatka City Court, and the other two are still under preliminary investigation. In March 2018, the defendant sent a package with a narcotic substance to Kamchatka from Novosibirsk. Police officers seized **356 g of synthetics and 62 g of hashish**. In the course of further work on the criminal case, the accused, having entered into a pre-trial agreement on cooperation, informed the investigator about the place of storage of a particularly large batch of synthetic narcotic drugs in Novosibirsk intended for subsequent shipment and illegal sale in the territory of the Kamchatka Territory. Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Kamchatka Territory have collected these drugs during a business trip to Novosibirsk. In addition, as a result of concerted investigative actions in Novosibirsk, the accused was found to be involved in the supply of **synthetic narcotic drugs weighing more than 2 kg** in April 2017. In the Novosibirsk region in September 2018, almost **7 kg of the drug mixture** were seized. The so-called "Rutmix" criminal community warehouse was located in the suburb of Novosibirsk, in the territory of the "Kudryashovy Bor" («Кудряшовый бор») reserve. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14811856>

**30.10.2018** Investigative Department (SU) of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (UMVD) of Russia in Izhevsk investigated and sent to court criminal cases on charges to four residents of Udmurtia, who, acting as part of an organized group, sold narcotic drugs of synthetic origin using a specially created online store by putting drugs into caches in Izhevsk and Igra settlement. One of the defendants served as a wholesale cache operator of narcotic drugs, the other members of the group were engaged in retail. During the searches, the police seized about **1.3 kg of synthetic drugs**. The involvement of two

members of the group to legalization of proceeds derived from their crimes was established. For their criminal activity the defendants received remuneration in the form of cryptocurrency, which was later converted into Russian rubles and transferred via Internet to bank cards and cashed out. Currently, criminal cases are sent to court. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14825948>

**30.10.2018** Division for Drugs Control (OKON) of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia (UMVD) for the city of Ussuriysk suppressed illegal activities of a 43-year-old local resident engaged in the manufacture and storage of narcotic drugs. During the search in the back room, **61 kg of marijuana** were found. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14825938>

**30.10.2018** Officers of traffic police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the city of Chelyabinsk stopped a car under control of a 31-year-old resident of the Sverdlovsk region to check documents. During the inspection of the vehicle, 62 sachets of a **synthetic drug with a total weight of more than 110** were found and seized. The detainee received information about the whereabouts of the drug on the Internet, collected, packaged it and later placed into caches in Chelyabinsk. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14827514>

**30.10.2018** In Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, police officers together with colleagues from the FSB Department of Russia for the Kamchatka Territory, with support of fighters from the Special Task Force of the Rosgvardia Department in the Kamchatka Territory, detained a man from whom more than **7 kg of drugs of synthetic origin** were seized. The detainee kept the drugs in his car and apartment. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14822810>

**30.10.2018** Division for Drugs Control (OKON) of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia (UMVD) of Russia in Surgut apprehended a foreign citizen born in 1999, from whom, during a personal search, seized 16 convolutions with herbal and crystal-like substances. During a search at the place of residence of the detainee, the police discovered **1.5 kg of a drug of synthetic origin**. The wrongdoer arrived in Ugra for the purpose of spreading drugs using caches. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14826166>

**30.10.2018** Six members of an organized group involved in the illegal sale of drugs of synthetic origin in contactless way on the territory of the Khabarovsk Territory were found and detained by officers of the OKON UT of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Far Eastern Federal District together with colleagues from the Komsomolsky LO Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia on transport. In the course of operational search activities and investigative actions, **over 1.7 kg of narcotic drugs of synthetic origin** were confiscated. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14822890>

**31.10.2018** Officers of UKON GU of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Kemerovo Region conducted a special operation to detain eight members of an organized group aged from 22 to 50 years — seven men and a woman. Operational measures were held in the cities of Kemerovo, Novosibirsk and Chelyabinsk. Members of the criminal group organized the sale of synthetic drugs in Kemerovo using the Internet. Communication with customers and the sale of drugs was carried out in an online store chat. From detainees during personal searches, as well as in the caches equipped by them, 439 convolutions with

a narcotic substance **"salt"** with a total weight of more than **900 g** of were found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14838989>

**31.10.2018** OKON UMVD of Russia in the city of Chelyabinsk jointly with traffic police inspectors detained residents of Rostov-on-Don, and during a personal search and search at the place of residence of detainees seized **1.7 kg of hashish**, which the suspects planned to distribute in the city. Detainees were engaged in packaging and layout of narcotic drugs in caches in Chelyabinsk. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14835803>

**31.10.2018** The Investigative Department (SU) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Republic of Komi has completed an investigation of a criminal case against members of an organized group engaged in the sale of narcotic drugs on a large scale. 9 residents of the Komi Republic were brought to justice. A resident of Syktyvdinsky district organized an online store for the sale of drugs. Subsequently, he involved in criminal activity 11 people. The sale of drugs was carried out in a contactless way through a cache using Internet systems and electronic payment systems. The involvement of the organizers of the group to the sale of more than **1.3 kg of drugs** purchased outside the region has been established. Members of the group also engaged in the manufacture of drugs. The criminally obtained funds were legalized by purchasing a land plot and a house where they planned to create their own chemical laboratory for the production of narcotic drugs. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14838679>

**01.11.2018** UKON UMVD of Russia in the Sakhalin region detained a group of persons suspected of selling synthetic drugs. Two men of 22 and 20 years engaged in the sale of synthetics through caches. As a result of the operation carried out by the police with support of fighters of the regional Directorate of the Russian Guard, the suspects were detained red-handed in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk at the time of the equipment of a stash with drugs. During the personal inspection of a suspect, as well as during the inspection of a car, **170 g of N-methylephedron**, polymer bags, portable scales and other devices used for packing drugs were found. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14858055>

## THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**24.10.2018** In the city of Angren, Tashkent region, in the course of search operations, officers of internal affairs agencies found and seized **6 kg 930 g of marijuana** kept in the attic of a house of a resident of the MSG Samarchuk. <http://www.mvd.uz/ru/lists/view/4698>

**25.10.2018** In the Shakhrisabz district of the Kashkadarya region in the course of search operations carried out by officers of internal affairs bodies, in the attic of a house of a citizen F.Sh. **3 kg 950 g of marijuana** were found and seized. <http://www.mvd.uz/ru/lists/view/4684>

**01.11.2018** In the Pakhtaabad district of the Andijan region, from a resident of the city of Pakhtaabad were seized **2 kg of marijuana**. The resident was detained by officers of internal affairs agencies during search operations. <http://www.mvd.uz/ru/lists/view/4729>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### AFGHANISTAN

**01.11.2018** Kabul police near Jebel Saraj detained five smugglers in an attempt to transport **60 kg of heroin** on the roof of a passenger car.  
<https://www.pajhwok.com/en/2018/11/01/60kg-heroin-seized-parwan>

### BRAZIL

**29.10.2018** Federal Police and the Federal Revenue Department in the port of Navegantes on the north coast of Santa Catarina confiscated **449 kg of cocaine** kept in a container with a load of peanuts. Drugs were going to the port of Antwerp in Belgium. A batch of cocaine was in plastic bags and was discovered during inspection of suspicious containers with the help of a specially trained dogs and a scanner. Federal police is investigating the case.

<https://g1.globo.com/sc/santa-catarina/noticia/2018/10/29/carga-de-cocaina-e-apreendida-em-meio-a-sacas-com-casca-de-amendoim-no-porto-de-navegantes.ghtml>

### THE UNITED KINGDOM

**19.10.2018** Border troops at the Tyne International Passenger Terminal Port seized about **115 kg of cocaine**. The worth of the consignment is 9 million pounds. Border guard officers at the internal control of the port stopped a truck registered in Poland, which arrived on a ferry from Amsterdam. As a result of X-ray scans and conducted inspection activities, cocaine packs hidden in the trailer were found. A 27-year-old Polish citizen who does not have a permanent address in the UK, who was later charged with importing a class A drug, was detained. Border forces use high-tech search equipment to combat immigration crime and detect prohibited and restricted goods that smugglers are trying to enter. Nationwide, they use a variety of search methods, including dogs, carbon dioxide detectors, heart rate monitors and scanners, and they also use visual detection methods for smugglers and prohibited substances. <http://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/1496-9-million-of-cocaine-seized-at-port-of-tyne>

### GERMANY

**30.10.2018** Police officers in Aachen, North Rhine-Westphalia, near the Dutch border, detained a 49-year-old woman who arrived from the Netherlands by car. Border service officers searched the vehicle and found a package containing **500 grams of heroin**. The street value of heroin is about 25 thousand euros. Woman was arrested and handed over to the Essen Customs Investigation Office. <https://www.thelocal.de/20181030/police-find-25000-worth-of-heroin-disguised-as-happy-meal>

### IRAQ

**04.11.2018** The Directorate for Security Affairs received information about a shipment of a large quantity of heroin. A special operation was carried out by Kurdish security forces in the Soransk district of the Erbil region, and a drug courier was detained as a result of the

measures taken with **7.2 kg of heroin** seized. It was established that the heroin shipment was sent from Iran to Kaladiz, and then transported to Soran.  
<http://www.basnews.com/index.php/en/news/kurdistan/477854>

## IRAN

**03.11.2018** Law enforcement officers identified three gangs that shipped large quantities of opium drugs from the south-eastern part of the country to the north-western part. As a result of a special operation, **300 kg of opium** and two trucks carrying drugs were seized. Four drug dealers were arrested and further investigations are underway.  
<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83087596>

## SPAIN

**29.10.2018** Officers of the Civil Guard Tax Service in the customs zone of the port of Algeciras (Cadiz) detained a truck driver after finding a large consignment of **hashish weighing 628 kg** hidden in the vehicle. Members of the customs section of the tax company Algeciras stopped the truck from Tangier on suspicion of transporting illegal goods. After inspecting the vehicle, agents found evidence of a fake fuel tank. Subsequently, packages with hash were found inside the fuel tank. Truck driver was arrested.  
<https://www.20minutos.es/noticia/3477855/0/sucesos-detenido-camionero-puerto-algeciras-acusado-transportar-mas-600-kilos-hachis/>

## CANADA

**01.11.2018** A federal team to combat organized crime in Alberta, with the help of the Alberta Provincial Law Enforcement Response Team, Strathcona RCMP, the Edmonton Police, the Canadian Border Services Agency and Canada Post searched Edmonton and discovered and confiscated **5.59 kg of heroin**. A 24-year-old man was arrested on heroin smuggling and possession for sale. Earlier, a 57-year-old man was arrested by police in Chipman, about 70 kilometers east of Edmonton, from whom **3 kg of heroin** was seized. He is also accused of smuggling heroin for further marketing.  
<https://edmontonsun.com/news/crime/kilos-of-heroin-seized-in-bust-by-alberta-rcmp-federal-serious-and-organized-crime-unit/wcm/6a0c5074-d3ec-47f9-aea1-3ba890338004>

## COLOMBIA

**31.10.2018** Police seized about 800 kg of cocaine. A cocaine consignment was found among fruit brought from the port of Vlissingen to a fruit processing company in Moerdijk. Employees of the recycling company found drugs during a quality check of the incoming goods and immediately called the police. Cocaine was confiscated and destroyed. A criminal investigation is currently underway.  
<https://www.politie.nl/nieuws/2018/november/1/08-grote-cocaine-vondst-tussen-fruit.html>

## MEXICO

**30.10.2018** The Mexican Navy in the Sixth Naval Region, in coordination with the customs of Manzanillo, seized **41.28 kg of cocaine and 5.06 kg of ephedrine** in two different cases. In the first case, cocaine was found inside a container with a cargo of flowers which arrived from Buenaventura Colombia aboard the ship KOTA CABAR. The final destination was the port of Manzanillo. In the second case, a package with 5.06 kg of ephedrine was

discovered in a suitcase inside a container that was located in the port area in an abandoned state. <http://www.colimanoticias.com/la-semar-en-coordinacion-con-la-aduana-manzanillo-aseguran-36-paquetes-de-cocaina-y-1-bolsa-con-efedrina-en-manzanillo-colima/>

**USA**

**30.10.2018** In Vigo County, Indiana, traffic police stopped a trailer truck for a check. The driver agreed to an inspection of the vehicle, as a result of which the police found **99.8 kg of cocaine and 29.5 kg of methamphetamine** inside travel bags. The street value of drugs is estimated at \$ 5 million. The trailer where the drugs were found was loaded with aluminum boxes and was sent to Ohio from California. The driver was arrested on criminal charges in a drug possession case. 22-year-old suspect is in Bakersfield, California. <https://www.indystar.com/story/news/crime/2018/10/30/police-5-million-cocaine-meth-found-indiana-tractor-trailer/1826096002/>

**31.10.2018** In Houston, Texas, agriculture specialists of US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and officers inspecting freight services found **30 kg of methamphetamine** worth more than \$ 225,000 hidden in food products at the Houston Intercontinental Airport (IAH). Drugs were found in canned food that came with a cargo arriving from Mexico and destined to Houston. During regular inspection of arriving goods, the CBP agriculture specialist drew attention to the irregular weight distribution of a can of tomato puree. He referred this item to a CBP officer for further inspection. When CBP officers opened canned goods, they found an odd-colored liquid substance that began to crystallize. The study found that the substance detected was methamphetamine. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-finds-meth-masquerading-food>

**01.11.2018** Customs and Border Protection officers in the port of Nogales, Tucson, Arizona, detained a Mexican citizen and a US citizen in attempts to smuggle cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine into the United States. CBP officers turned to a 50-year-old Mexican who drove a Ford SUV. As a result of inspections a package with **cocaine, weighing 7.26 kg** worth about 381,000 US dollars was found in the back of the vehicle. On the same day, officers stopped a Mazda car driven by a 40-year-old resident of Mesa, Arizona. During the inspection, **5 kg of heroin** worth 296,000 US dollars and more than **20.4 kg of methamphetamine** with an estimated value of about 135,000 US dollars were discovered and seized. Officers confiscated drugs, as well as both cars. Male drivers were arrested and transferred to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/nogales-cbp-officers-seize-812k-hard-drugs>

**02.11.2018** Customs and Border Protection officers in the port of San Luis, Tucson, Arizona, detained a US citizen in an attempt to smuggle **53.52 kg of methamphetamine**. Officers stopped and referred to check a Ford SUV under control of a 24-year-old man who tried to enter the United States from Mexico. As a result of inspections 100 bags of methamphetamine were found in the car. The market value of the consignment is estimated at 353,000 US dollars. Drugs and vehicle were seized. Driver was arrested and transferred to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-port-san-luis-catch-suspected-smuggler>

**02.11.2018** In West Greenwich, Kent, Rhode Island, a 23-year-old woman was arrested by police on an interstate highway on suspicion of drug trafficking. She carried **3 kg of cocaine** and **120 g of fentanyl** in her car in a juice box. The market value of discovered drugs is about 110,000 US dollars. <https://whdh.com/news/police-ri-woman-arrested-after-110k-worth-of-cocaine-fentanyl-found-in-carton-of-juice-boxes/>

## TAIWAN

**31.10.2018** In Chiang Mai, the police detained three Taiwanese nationals aged 22 and 37, who were transporting **70 kg of heroin** in 4 suitcases in a van. The Thai authorities immediately informed the Taiwan office in Bangkok, which sent an investigative officer to the Ministry of Justice to organize the investigation. <https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/news/3564875>

## THAILAND

**03.11.2018** Police jointly with the Narcotics Suppression Bureau in a forest area in the village of Ban Tham Patong in tambon Thasud in the Muang district discovered **900 thousand pills and 3 kg of methamphetamine**. Two smugglers were detained in a shootout in the Muang district. <https://www.bangkokpost.com/news/general/1569642/>

**03.11.2018** A large consignment of **14.6 million tablets of methamphetamine** was confiscated during a special event to curb illicit drug trafficking, which took place on a road along the Mekong River in the area of Wiang Kaen in the city of Chiang Rai. The operation was carried out by the combined forces of military rangers, soldiers, officers from the Mekong River Navy unit and local administrative officials. The operations were carried out based on information received stating that a large consignment of drugs is being smuggled on this part of the Thai-Lao border. <https://www.bangkokpost.com/learning/easy/1567050/huge-meth-bust-in-chiang-rai>

## TURKEY

**01.11.2018** Police in the southern province of Mersin on a cargo ship carrying bananas, in the cargo compartment found and seized **9.4 kg of cocaine**. Currently investigation is being carried out. <http://www.milliyet.com.tr/Milliyet-Tv/video-izle/mersin-de-muz-yuklu-gemiden-9-kilo-400-gram-kokain-cikti-WqII1HRJDJS.html>

## CROATIA

**30.10.2018** When entering the Republic of Croatia at the Ilok border crossing, customs officers, in cooperation with the police of the Department of Drugs of the Vukovar-Shrijem Police Directorate, inspected a car registered in Croatia. During the vehicle's chassis inspection customs officers found packages wrapped in film containing **74 kg 465 g of marijuana**. <https://carina.gov.hr/vijesti/pronasli-marihuanu-na-granicnom-prijelazu-ilok/6188>

**01.11.2018** Officers of the Bureau for the Suppression of Corruption and Organized Crime in Zagreb detained a 56-year-old US citizen and a 55-year-old Nigerian citizen on suspicion of involvement in an international criminal organization that smuggled and transported

cocaine to Croatia from abroad from mid-September to October 30 2018. The organizer of the criminal group intended to pay for cocaine with a large number of different firearms and ammunition in Croatia. The Nigerian and American, according to organizers and other members of the criminal organization, purchased cocaine in the African state of Mali and hid it on a jet plane owned by a company whose business is headed by the arrested American national. They then sent cocaine to Zagreb on a plane piloted by their accomplice from Mali. More than **1,190 kg of high-quality cocaine** were found on inspection of the aircraft. <https://www.index.hr/vijesti/clanak/policija-objavila-snimku-iz-aviona-u-kojem-se-iz-afrike-svercao-kokain/2036454.aspx>

## UKRAINE

**01.11.2018** In the village of Plodorodnoye, Zaporozhye region, the National Police seized a large consignment of drugs valued at more than 1 million hryvnia. Policemen detained a 35-year-old local resident on suspicion of distributing psychotropic substances. During the search at the suspect's place of residence, about **600 g of methamphetamine** were found, as well as **216 plastic packages containing four plastic ampoules with acetylated opium** prepared for further distribution. In addition to drugs, the man stored a gun. Drug dealer was selling drugs through caches. On this fact a pre-trial investigation was instituted. <https://sud.ua/ru/news/ukraine/127981-pod-zaporozhem-politseyskie-izyali-u-muzhchiny-narkotiki-na-million-griven>