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ON CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

02.07.2018 The smuggling of a large consignment of drugs from Iran to Azerbaijan was stopped by the employees of the State Border Service (SBS). A resident of the Astara region, born in 1998, was detained. During the search, **2 kg of heroin and 568 g of a psychotropic drug** were seized. In addition to the man, a woman, born in 1987, who distributes narcotic substances, was detained. The identity of the customer of the drug is established - it is a resident of the village of Jorat of Sumgayit district, born in 1966. A criminal case has been instituted against detainees, the identity of other persons involved in the crime are being worked upon.

<https://ru.sputnik.az/incidents/20180702/416028616/narkotiki-kontrabanda-iran-azerbajdzhan.html>

06.07.2018 Customs officers of Azerbaijan stopped the attempt to transit **heroin, weighing of 260 kg** from the Iranian territory to Ukraine through the territory of the country. Drugs were found at the Astara customs station in a "Mercedes-Benz Axor" truck, which was driven by an Azerbaijani citizen. The car was carrying 800 sacks of sodium carbonate, sent by the Iranian company "Mojtaba Shage Azar" to the Ukrainian company "LLC Lisintra". X-ray inspection found 25 polyethylene bags with hand-crafted drugs with a total weight of 260 kg. <https://www.segodnya.ua/ukraine/iz-iranu-v-ukrainu-vezli-bolshuyu-partiyu-narkotikov-1152629.html>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

03.07.2018 Employees of the anti-drug business unit in Petropavlovsk detained a car. During the inspection of the car in the rear passenger seat, a sports bag was found, in which there were 7 bundles wrapped in polymer material and masked with spices "Laurel Leaf" («Лавровый лист»). The convolutions contained **4.975 kg of heroin** inside. On suspicion of illegal possession of narcotic drugs in an especially large amount passengers of the vehicle were detained (two women and a man) - residents of Petropavlovsk.

<https://ru.sputniknews.kz/regions/20180703/6249953/geroin-petropavlovsk-policiya.html>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

04.07.2018 During the patrolling of one of the outposts of the border guard detachment "Darvoz" by the border guards of the State National Security Committee of the Republic of Tajikistan, during an attempt illegally cross the Tajik-Afghan border, a group of unknown violators was found. A gunfight started between the soldiers of the border troops and smugglers. Criminals, unable to withstand the onslaught of border guards, fled to Afghanistan. On the scene, border guards found **31 kg of opium**, a rubber boat and paddles. Currently, the case is being investigated.

<https://ru.sputnik-tj.com/main/20180704/1026008060/tadzhikskie-pogranichniki-otbili-afganskikh-kontrabandistov-31-kg-narkotikov.html>

ON OTHER COUNTRIES

ARGENTINA

01.07.2018 The National Gendarmerie conducted two operations in the province of Misiones in the fight against drug trafficking. The troops of Alto Uruguay on National Road No. 105 stopped the Volkswagen Suran truck, which was driven by an Argentinean citizen. When the car was inspected in its rear part, a cache was found in which there were packs with **14,072 kg of cocaine**. The second operation was carried out on 785 km of National Route 14. As a result of the stop of the passenger bus, following the route from Ober to the province of Buenos Aires and its inspection (in the last seats in its upper part), a bag with **5.5 kg of marijuana** and a revolver of 32 caliber, belonging to the passenger Argentine was found. In both cases, two persons involved in the drug business were detained.

<http://misionesonline.net/2018/07/01/secuestran-mas-14-kilos-cocaina-mas-5-kilos-marihuana-dos-hombres-quedaron-detenidos/>

02.07.2018 Officers of the National Gendarmerie in the fight against drug trafficking in the Department of La Caldera in Salta seized a large shipment of cocaine, smuggled from Bolivia through Aguas Blancas. Employees of the judicial investigations and procedures "Salta" detained cars "Ford Ranger" and "Renault Symbol" in the Gallinato area. During the check, the officers of the gendarmerie drew attention to suspicious truck tires, after a thorough inspection of the vehicle found that inside the tires cylindrical pipes were hidden, attached to the tires with bolts. 148 packages were extracted from the caches, which contained about **50 kg of cocaine**. Two argentinian drivers - members of a criminal organization are detained. <https://plus.google.com/u/0/+gendarmerianacional/posts/ZPpZjcgfWB>

GREECE

06.07.2018 A 24-year-old woman, a Peruvian citizen, was detained at the Athens International Airport on charges of drug trafficking. The woman flew to the Greek capital from São Paulo, Brazil, in transit through Zurich, Switzerland. During the inspection, the inspectors found that the woman in an intracavitary manner smuggled **1.2 kg of cocaine**, which was contained in 42 homemade plastic capsules.

<http://www.ekathimerini.com/230421/article/ekathimerini/news/athens-airport-police-arrest-woman-smuggling-cocaine-in-stomach>

INDIA

06.07.2018 Employees of the Special Task Force (STF) in Ludhiana, at the checkpoint in Daba, detained a 50-year-old local resident. As a result of a personal examination of a woman, **308 g of heroin** were discovered and seized. According to the police, the woman has been involved in drug trafficking for the past 4 years. Currently, an investigation is underway.

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/ludhiana/50-year-old-woman-held-with-308-gm-heroin/616478.html>

08.07.2018 Employees of the Police Narcotics Bureau (PNB) at Pratibimbaram Lane in the city of Kalubovil stopped a jeep, inside which 30 packages with **33.3 kg of heroin were found**. As a result of further activities, **70.5 kg of heroin**, packaged in 66 packs, were identified and seized in a house in Podhoitipur, Battaramulla. In addition, PNB officials discovered two cut and uncovered gas cylinders used to transport heroin. The total weight of seized **heroin** was **103.9 kg**. The house where the drugs were stored, as well as the car for its transportation, were intentionally rented by drug dealers. Arrested suspects are men

of 29 and 40 years old - residents of Dehiva, Sri Lanka. The investigation found that the drug trafficking organizer was a drug lord nicknamed "Susei", who is currently in prison in Velikade, Sri Lanka. "Susei" was arrested in 2013 for selling 2 kg of heroin and sentenced to death. PNB found in the mobile phones text messages between "Susei" and one of the detainees. The Narcotics Bureau is conducting further investigations.

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2018/07/09/local/156282/heroin-worth-rs1248-mn-seized>

SPAIN

03.07.2018 The Spanish National Police intercepted a sailboat on the open sea near the Azores (Portugal), on board of which **1.5 tons of cocaine** was detected. Three crew members were detained - a US citizen and two citizens of Croatia. The sailboat "Wall Street" under the Dutch flag was going from South America to the Iberian Peninsula. Portuguese law enforcement agencies participated in the operation. 5,000 euros in cash and weapons were found on board. <https://ria.ru/world/20180703/1523865071.html>

IRAQ

04.07.2018 The security forces of Kurdistan in the province of Erbil, known as the "Asaish", in agreement with the units of the Asai security district and the Peshmerga intelligence in the province of Dahok, arrested two drug dealers who attempted to transfer **29.5 kg of heroin** to Syria through the Kurdistan Region. Earlier it was reported about the confiscation of dozens of packets of drugs smuggled into Turkey from Kurdistan. However, it was unclear whether the drugs were originally from there. The forces of "Asaish" confiscated **36 kg of heroin**. In another incident in the same month, Asaish forces announced the seizure of more than **12 kg of drugs** that smugglers attempted to transport through the territory of Kurdistan from Iran. Kurdish security forces confiscate drugs and other illegal materials that are transported through the territory of Kurdistan, mainly in the provinces of Erbil and Sulaimani. Most of it is illegally imported into the region through its borders with Iran. <http://www.kurdistan24.net/en/news/80d53247-13c8-4f4d-a832-a0f0b9e89e6d>

IRAN

08.07.2018 In the coastal province of Bushehr, about **560 kg of opium** were confiscated by the naval police in the Kangan district in the south of Iran. The operation to detain a drug courier occurred at the time of unloading drugs from the boat. In consequence, the man is imprisoned. During the first three months of the current Iranian year (beginning on March 21) about **2 tons of drugs** were seized in a province bordering the Persian Gulf. Iran, as a country adjacent to Afghanistan and Pakistan, is a transit territory for drug traffickers.

<http://www.tehrantimes.com/news/425197/Over-half-a-ton-of-opium-seized-in-Bushehr>

CANADA

05.07.2018 The detectives, along with the Owen Sound police officers, stopped the vehicle in which were a woman driving the car and a 52-year-old male passenger. During inspection of the car, they seized more than **330 grams of crystal methamphetamine**, costing more than 30 thousand US dollars. Employees also withdrew cash and a small amount of **oxycodone** and **ecstasy**. A man was charged with drug possession for the purpose of selling and receiving proceeds of crime. <https://globalnews.ca/news/4317220/owen-sound-police-seize-crystal-meth/>

LEBANON

04.07.2018 As a result of increased control by the Central Office for Combating Drugs of the Internal Security Forces, in cooperation with the Office of Security of Embassies and Public Organizations and the customs office of the airport in Beirut, the airport police prevented an attempt to smuggle **17 kg of cocaine**. Three suspects were arrested. Currently, an investigation is being carried out to disclose all the circumstances of the crime, to identify other criminals involved in the smuggling of drugs. <http://nna-leb.gov.lb/en/show-news/92901/ISF-thwarts-cocaine-smuggling-attempt-at-Beirut-airport-three-arrested>

MYANMAR

06.07.2018 The border guard police patrolling the May-Yu river in the village of Bahidaun, Rakhine State, discovered **1 million 599,000 methamphetamine tablets** on a boat hidden in mangrove swamps along a stream near the village of Lai-Sha-Payne. Estimated market value of the batch of methamphetamine is about 2.2 million US dollars. The police believe that drugs are intended for the neighboring state of Bangladesh. <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/police-seize-1-6m-meth-tablets-rakhine-state.html>

PAKISTAN

05.07.2018 The Anti-Narcotics Force of Pakistan (ANF) seized **524.5 kg of hashish, 105 kg of opium, 19.5 kg of heroin and 970 g of amphetamine**. At the international level, 23 people were arrested, including one who is involved in illicit drug trafficking. Most of the seized drugs were intended for smuggling abroad. ANF Quetta during an operation conducted in the Chagai district, seized **480 kg of hashish** in the Zard area. The hashish was meant to be transferred to another drug group. The remaining narcotic drugs in batches of between 1 and 4 kg were seized in the provinces and settlements of Pakistan - Lasbell, Panjgur, Attok, Rawalpindi, Islamabad, Savat, Peshawar, Mianwali, Gujranwala. In one of the ANF operations at the international airport in Peshawar, a Mardan resident was detained while trying to smuggle **970 g of amphetamine**, which was hidden in his lunch box. The detained narcotics carrier was going to Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia. http://anf.gov.pk/press_release/pr05july2018.pdf

PORTUGAL

05.07.2018 A foreign citizen was detained at the airport of "Umberto Delgado" in Lisbon. A 28-year-old man smuggled **3.1 kg of heroin** from one of the African countries in a cache equipped within a suitcase. Detention of the drug courier occurred during a regular check of passengers who arrived in Portugal from the drug-dangerous countries. <http://theportugalnews.com/news/foreigner-arrested-at-lisbon-airport-with-31-kg-of-heroin/46135>

USA

05.07.2018 Customs officers and border guards at the port of Nogales, Arizona detained a woman (a US citizen) when she attempted to illegally smuggle **230 g of heroin**. Officers of the pedestrian crossing "DeConcini" conducted an examination of a 23-year-old woman, after a service dog indicated the presence of drugs. Inspection showed that heroin was hidden inside the perineum of the woman. Drug was extracted, and woman arrested. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-arrest-internal-body-carrier>

05.07.2018 Customs officers and the US Border Service in Tucson, Arizona detained a Mexican man while trying to smuggle in about **18.14 kg of methamphetamine** at the

port of San Luis in Arizona. Officers detained a 22-year-old man in San Luis while he was trying to enter the United States from Mexico on a "Ford" truck. As a result of inspection activities involving a service dog, several packages with methamphetamine were found by officers in the spare tire of the car. The staff of the CBP seized drugs and the vehicle, the man was arrested and handed over for investigation to national security officers. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/san-luis-cbp-officers-arrest-meth-smuggler-2>

06.07.2018 Officers of the Cobb's Sheriff's office, assisted by the Department of Homeland Security Investigations in Atlanta, found **8 kg of heroin** when examining a house located along the Memorial Highway of Veterans, home to a Mexican family with a 2-year-old child. Mexican citizens, a 32-year-old man and a 28-year-old woman were arrested and placed in the Cobb County Detention Center. The detained man explained that their 2-year-old child inside the house had access to the room where heroin was stored. Since the detainees do not have close relatives who can take care of the child, the child is turned over to the Department of Family and Children Services. https://www.mdjonline.com/news/sheriff-s-office-kilos-of-heroin-seized-from-austell-home/article_19021032-8132-11e8-b45e-a7668bcf3fbb.html

06.07.2018 As a result of the joint operation, a 39-year-old Mexican woman with a significant amount of methamphetamine was detained by customs officers, border guards on the Gateway to America bridge in Laredo, Texas. As a result of the inspection activities, 14 packages with **9.56 kg of methamphetamine** were found in her personal belongings and seized. The woman is arrested. The case was turned over to special US agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations (ICE-HSI) for further investigation. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-more-295k-methamphetamine-laredo-port-entry>

TURKEY

29.06.2018 Officers of the Narcotics Police Department in the district of Edremit at a checkpoint in the Kurubash area stopped a suspicious vehicle. As a result of inspection in the technical cavities of the vehicle, 200 packages containing **heroin weighing 105 kg of 270 g** were found. Packages with drugs were seized, the driver was taken into custody. On this fact, the investigation is continuing. <https://www.haberler.com/van-da-105-kilo-270-gram-eroine-gecirildi-10999521-haberi/>

01.07.2018 Employees of the bureau for combating drug trafficking on the road "Hakkari-Shyrnak" detained a man who was on a passenger bus. When he was examined, **1 kg of heroin** was found on the man's arm under a plaster cast. The suspect is imprisoned. <https://www.haberler.com/kolundaki-alcinin-icerisinde-eroine-bulundu-11006160-haberi/>

02.07.2018 According to the police information on the delivery of a significant amount of drugs to Istanbul in the Kocaeli region, a truck was stopped in the north-west of Turkey. As a result of inspection activities involving a service dog, **65 kg of heroin** were found in brake discs of vehicle wheels. <https://www.haberler.com/kocaeli-tir-in-frenlerinden-65-kilo-eroine-cikti-hd-11010070-haberi/>

SWEDEN

29.06.2018 Customs officers in Trelleborg, as a result of the inspection activities of a tractor with a trailer registered in the Netherlands, discovered the smuggling of a large amounts of drugs, with an estimated value of 36 million Swedish kronas. The vehicle and the trailer are examined using a mobile customs scanner. The result showed that under the

trailer was hidden object in the space between the floor and the box of pallets. After opening the hiding place, customs officers found **340 kg of hashish** and **about 2 kg of cocaine**. The 60-year-old man was charged with drug smuggling. Thanks to international cooperation with the Danish police authority, information was received that the driver is involved in large-scale drug smuggling in Denmark. There he is suspected of smuggling **1 ton of cannabis, 160 kg of amphetamine** and **9 kg of cocaine**. The total cost of drugs and smuggling in Sweden and Denmark is estimated at approximately 185 million Swedish kronas. Participants in drug trafficking use legal transport as a cover for moving large quantities of drugs from the continent to the markets of Northern Europe. Suspect man denies involvement in crimes.

<http://www.tullverket.se/nyheter/nyheter/smugglade342kilonarkotikaombyggdtrailer.5.4481397d16411b86465312.html>

UKRAINE

03.07.2018 Employees of the Department of Drug Control of the National Police of Ukraine during a large-scale operation eliminated the international group of drug traffickers, detaining the organizer and participants in the drug business, who carried by them more than **6 kg of cocaine**. Two drug couriers were detained at the airport "Borispol". The organizer and head of smuggled cocaine supplies to the territory of Ukraine is the 42-year-old citizen of Turkey. The citizen of Turkey also temporarily resided in the Kyiv region, who acted as a coordinator, in particular - he was engaged in the search for routes of cocaine supplies, logistics and provided the communication of couriers with foreign drug dealers. The criminal group included a 28-year-old resident of the Odessa region, who was engaged in the search and recruitment of drug traffickers through popular social networks. For "work" the recruiter promised a reward in the amount of 3 to 7 thousand US dollars. In order to conspire the criminal activities of the group, its leaders constantly changed the routes of drug transportation and ways of its concealment from customs control. All members of the international drug group are arrested, an investigation of their criminal activities is underway. <https://112.ua/obshchestvo/v-ukraine-likvidirovali-mezhdunarodnuyu-gruppu-narkotorgovcev-i-izyali-6-kg-kokaina-na-30-mln-grn-452305.html>

FIJI

06.07.2018 As a result of a joint operation of the Police, Fiji Revenue and Customs Service (FRCS) and the Fiji Navy on the islands of Lau, found and seized **40 kg of cocaine**. <http://www.loopng.com/global-news/40-kg-cocaine-seized-island-fiji-78025>

RSA

06.07.2018 On the main road of Chatsworth, a suburb of Durban, the police detained a 42-year-old resident of Phoenix, who illegally kept **11,000 capsules of heroin** for sale. The drugs are withdrawn from illicit trafficking. <https://www.iol.co.za/dailynews/news/pics-alleged-phoenix-drug-dealer-caught-with-11-000-heroin-capsules-in-chatsworth-15865962>