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ON CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

25.07.2018 On the import control line of the cargo department of the Astarra customs department during the inspection activities with the help of the Buster device, a truck under the management of an Iranian citizen who, according to documents, carried "lighting equipment" from Iran to the Kingdom of Denmark, through the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan, it was found that the density of the axles of the wheels of the trailer of the truck is different. As a result of a thorough check, the customs officers, together with the staff of the GPS, in caches equipped in three axes of wheels, found **opium** packs with a total mass of **49.2 kg**. <http://customs.gov.az/en/faydali/xeberler/2790/>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

26.07.2018 In the course of Operation Koknar2018, conducted by forces of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan involving special purpose units of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the National Guard in order to identify criminal groups engaged in the procurement and export of drugs of cannabis group from the Chui Valley, as well as the dismantling of heroin transit routes, more than **18 kg drugs** were seized. Thus, in Kostanay, officers of the Anti-Narcotics Department in Operation Koknar-2018 discovered and seized **hashish** weighing **10.5 kg** in a garage of a 35-year-old man, which he kept for sale. In addition, border guards of the outpost "Betkainar" of the Kordai border guard detachment of the regional management "Ontustik" stopped the transportation of **5 kg of marijuana** in the cabin of the route taxi "Mercedes Benz". Marijuana was in the travel bag of a 41-year-old citizen of Kazakhstan. The detainee explained that the drug was intended for delivery to Almaty for further sale. The suspect was transferred to the Kordai district police department. <http://www.kp.kz/10613-v-kazakhstane-prodolzhaetsya-operatsiya-kknr-2018>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

23.07.2018 The Service for Countering Illicit Drug Trafficking of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the city of Bishkek and the Department of Internal Affairs of Sverdlovsk region spotted and detained a 30-year-old national of the Kyrgyz Republic who grows narcotics in the laboratory and sells it on the territory of Bishkek and Chui region via mobile messengers Telegram and Vipole via the Internet- shop on the site «www.cannaSeed.com». This online store began to carry out its criminal activities in September 2017 and sold narcotics only after paying cash through mobile wallets. As a result of the activities, a man has been identified, who since 2017 has repeatedly purchased seeds of Dutch varieties of narcotic plants through the Internet site "www.cannaSeed.com". He sold the manufactured narcotic drug to famous showmen and musicians. During the search at the site of the man's residence, a narcolaboratory on the cultivation of cannabis plants by the method of hydroponics was discovered. About **31.8 kilograms of dried marijuana**, 25 cannabis bushes, objects and equipment used for the cultivation and manufacture of drugs were seized. <https://vesti.kg/proisshestviya/item/53512-vvyasnilos-u-kogo-pokupali-narkotiki-izvestnye-kyrgyzstanskie-pevtsy.html>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

26.07.2018 The largest anti-drug operation to uncover a transnational organized criminal community, named the "Pyrenean break" was initiated 9 years ago. Today, the employees of the Main Directorate for Drugs Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia continue it together with the investigators of the Investigation Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia and representatives of other law enforcement agencies. The volume of drug trafficking, modes of transportation and conspiracy shocked law enforcement officers. From North Africa, drugs were delivered to Europe on small-sized sea vessels through Gibraltar. The police forces of several countries managed to establish and detain the head of the criminal international grouping, as well as 45 people entering its top. In cooperation with the police of Spain, Moldova, Belarus and other countries, a series of arrests of drug dealers across Europe are made. More than **5 tons of hashish** of Moroccan origin and a particularly large consignment of synthetic drugs from Belgium, as well as weapons and ammunition were seized. Deliveries of drugs were carried out according to a clearly established scheme - each shipment was sent to Russia by 10-15 cars, mostly stuffed with briquettes with hashish - from **30 to 150 kg** each. The total volumes of each batch were measured in tons. By equipping the caches, the carriers not only removed the "car's skin": technological cavities, body parts, gasoline tanks were also exposed. It was almost impossible to detect cargo without an X-ray. The places of the bookmarks were processed so that the service dogs could not detect them. In Morocco, drugs were packaged and labeled with emblems: "Porsche", "Audi" or European currency - Euro. Police forces of several countries managed to establish that the criminal community was headed by "thieves in law" Mikku, Patron, Turk, criminal authorities Bormann, Clifford, Cynya, Lika and others. The head of the criminal group was Bormann, who is also known as Oleg Prutyanu. Decapitating the drug cartel became possible on October 1, 2017, when with help of the Russian drug policemen a Moldovan counterpart in Chisinau detained the leader of the criminal community. The remaining 45 members of the criminal elite are detained in various countries of Europe and in Russian cities. In total, 20 criminal cases were instituted against Oleg Prutyanu. He faces life imprisonment. <http://ormvd.ru/pubs/100/a-blow-to-nakakaraan/>

26.07.2018 The Investigative Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Yaroslavl region is investigating a criminal case against 11 men and 4 women, residents of Yaroslavl, organizers and members of a criminal community engaged in the illegal sale of synthetic drugs in large and especially large amounts over two years through the creation of online stores. In this criminal case, various lots of **synthetic drugs** weighing up to **700 g** were seized from illegal circulation. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/13911113>

26.07.2018 The Central Investigation Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation for the Kemerovo region has completed the investigation of the criminal case against two students of the Kemerovo technical school accused of attempting to illegally manufacture, sell and transfer synthetic drugs in an especially large amount. Officers of the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Kemerovo region detained two suspects in the trade of banned substances of synthetic origin. During the search in the apartment that the sellers rented, they found and seized the doses prepared for sale of "**spice**" with a mass of **30 g, 7 g of "salt"** and about **1.5 kg of concentrated narcotic reagent used in the manufacture of smoking mixtures**. The students bought wholesale lots of synthetic drugs, sold them through an online store and

acted as the pledgers of drugs. Sanction of the article of the prosecution provides for life imprisonment as a punishment. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/13912072>

26.07.2018 Officers of Drug Control Department of MOI of Russia for the Stavropol region stopped the attempt to sell in the territory of the city of Stavropol, a particularly large consignment of synthetic drugs. The police established a drug supply channel to the territory of Stavropol and the fact that the local resident was involved in the illicit trafficking in drugs. When the woman was detained, she had a bag in which five packages with a **synthetic narcotic drug** weighing more than **5 kg** were found and seized. The detainee explained that she had acquired the drug for the purpose of sale in a non-contact way on the territory of Stavropol. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/13910074>

26.07.2018 In Ivanovo, officers of the Drug Control Department (DCD) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Ivanovo region detained a suspect in possession of narcotic drugs in a particularly large amount. In the course of a personal search and a search at the place of residence, the policeman seized more than **2 kg of "salt"** and more than **1 kg of "spice"**, as well as items used for packing drugs. The seized narcotic drugs were intended for sale through caches-bookmarks to drug addicts in the territory of the region. A criminal case was opened. With respect to the defendant, a preventive measure in the form of detention has been chosen. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/13910523>

17.07.2018 Employees of the Counter Narcotics Smuggling Department (CNSD) of the Kaliningrad Regional Customs Office developed a criminal group throughout the year, members of which organized a smuggling channel for liquid concentrate of psychotropic substance "amphetamine" from Germany to the Kaliningrad region. As a result of activities conducted by customs officers and employees of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, four active members of the criminal group were detained. **976.6 g of amphetamine** and about **200 g of amphetamine liquid concentrate** were seized. Also, when attempting to sale **118 g of amphetamine**, one of the organizers of the smuggling and drug trafficking channel, who had German and Russian citizenship and was internationally wanted by Interpol, was detained. A cache was established in which this citizen stored **amphetamine concentrate in a liquid form weighing more than 529 g**. In the course of further activities conducted by the employees of the Kaliningrad Regional Customs Counter-Narcotics Department and the officers of the Russian FSB border guard department in the Kaliningrad Region, the amphetamine smuggling channel was dismantled on the Russian-Polish section of the border. Thus, at the customs post of the Mamonovo-2 MAPP, the main organizer of the drug smuggling channel was detained at the entrance from Poland. As a result of inspection of the car on which the citizen moved, a plastic canister with an **amphetamine concentrate** weighing **890.6 g** was found under the trunk lining. On this fact, an investigation is being carried out. Subsequently, the staff of the Counter Narcotics Smuggling Department seized more than **1 kg of amphetamine** from the contraband channel organizer. The total weight of the seized **amphetamine concentrate** was **1620 g**, of which up to **18 kg of amphetamine** could be made. All members of the criminal group arrested. http://kobl.customs.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=21121:2018-07-17-09-43-14&catid=4:news&Itemid=17

27.07.2018 Officers of DCD of MOI of Russia in the Ivanovo region detained a 25-year-old resident of Nizhny Novgorod, suspected of illegal possession of narcotic drugs on a large scale, by whom during the searches seized **50 bundles** with **N-methylephedron**. During

the search at the place of residence of the detainee in Ivanovo, **80 parcels with N-methylephedron and "spice"** were found. The seized drugs were intended for sale through secret bookmarks to addicts in the territory of the regional center. On this fact, an investigation is being conducted. The man is taken into custody. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/13921746>

27.07.2018 Employees of the DCD of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia "Orekhovo-Zuevskoye" (Moscow region) detained two local women aged 19 and 43, suspected of selling narcotic drugs. During the personal search and as a result of a search in the place of residence of women, **methadone**, with a mass of more than **130 g**, packaged in 100 bundles was found. On this fact a criminal case was opened. Detained women are taken into custody. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/13921485>

27.07.2018 Employees of the CNSD of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Novosibirsk region together with the employees of the Main Directorate for Drugs Control (MDDC) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia prevented the activities of a group of people engaged in the distribution of synthetic drugs on the territory of the Novosibirsk region. The group consisted of two residents of the city of Barabinsk, Novosibirsk region at the age of 46 and 26 years. The senior man in his garage was engaged in the manufacture, packaging and storage of narcotic drugs. The younger took away his goods for later sale through caches-bookmarks. The sale of drugs was conducted using the Internet. During the search of the garage, policemen seized over **1.5 kg of synthetic narcotic drugs**. On this fact, an investigation is being carried out. With regard to suspects, a preventive measure in the form of detention was chosen. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/13920151>

26.07.2018 Transport police detained a 26-year-old resident of the Leningrad region. During the personal examination, officers found a bundle with **amphetamine weighing 100 g**. During a search at the place of residence of the detainee with the help of a service dog named Frank, about **5 kg of amphetamine** and electronic scales were found. The man stored amphetamine in the refrigerator freezer. The man sold amphetamine in the territory of St. Petersburg and the Leningrad region. On this fact, an investigation is being carried out. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/13912652>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

25.07.2018 According to a report to the police department of the Sergeli district of Tashkent, **1,126 kg of marijuana** was found and seized near the newly built houses of a local resident. <http://www.mvd.uz/ru/lists/view/3572>

ON OTHER COUNTRIES

ARGENTINA

26.07.2018 The National Gendarmerie, in the framework of the fight against drug trafficking on the National Route N° 34, in the vicinity of the Jujuy town of "Caimancito" stopped a vehicle coming from the city of Oran (Slata). Officials noticed anomalies in the luggage of the passenger, a young Bolivian national who was carrying a wooden deck chair. From the interior of the seat officers extracted 12 wrappings with **5 kilos 985 grams of cocaine**. The person was arrested. <https://prensagendarmeria.gob.ar/prensa/Hallan-cocaina-oculta-en-el-interior-de-una-reposera-de-madera/386>

AFGHANISTAN

26.07.2018 Police have detained a smuggler with **5 kilograms of heroin** on the border between Iran and Islam Qala port in western Herat province. The smuggler placed the drugs in an oil tanker. He was detained by counter-narcotics police on the outskirts of the port.
<https://www.pajhwok.com/en/2018/07/26/herat-police-detain-man-5kg-heroin>

BELARUS

17.07.2018 Officers of the State Customs Committee (SCC) detained large quantities of narcotic drugs that were intended for import into Russia. At the checkpoint "Bruzgi" a Russian citizen who moved **1.1 kg of cocaine** was detained. As a result of inspection activities using the X-ray inspection and examination complex in the inter-ceiling space, a cache was found containing **two packs of cocaine, each 550 g**.
<http://www.customs.gov.by/ru/news1-ru/view/predsdatel-gtk-rasskazal-o-zaderzhanii-krupnyx-partij-narkotikov-7413-2018/>

HUNGARY

23.07.2018 Officers of the National Tax and Customs Office found more than **14 kg of heroin** hidden in the double wall of two-way suitcases of Portuguese passengers arrived from Kenya at Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport.
http://nav.gov.hu/nav/sajtoszoba/hirek/14_kilo_heroin_landol20180723.html

VIETNAM

24.07.2018 Ba Ria-Vung Tau Customs Department and Customs Department of Cai Mep jointly with the Department of Crime Prevention and Combat On drug trafficking (provincial police) in Phu My town, in province Ba Ria-Vung Tau discovered **100 kg of cocaine** in a container of imported scrap. 17 containers with a cargo of steel scrap were tested and only in one of them cocaine was detected. The customs declaration states that the imported goods are scrap metal. Containers arrived on a cargo ship Mark Shenzhen (Liberia), which departed from Trinidad and Tobago through Panama, China, the port of Kai Mepe - Ti Wai Vietnam to Singapore. Metal is imported to the metallurgical plant (Phu My Industrial Park) for processing. As a result of the analysis of the information on this delivery and its economic feasibility, the Customs Control Team requested inspection of the cargo. The drugs were in 100 packs in four black nylon bags. On this fact, the provincial police started investigations.
<http://plo.vn/an-ninh-trat-tu/100-banh-cocaine-trong-container-phe-lieu-784072.html>

INDIA

23.07.2018 Police of Jagraon detained a woman from the village of Daulewal in the Moga district with **1 kg of heroin**. The woman regularly visited New Delhi, where she maintained contact with some African citizens involved in the drug trade. The drug smugglers in Delhi had accomplices in various Punjab prisons who acted as middlemen in the drug supply chain. The woman before this fact brought drugs from Delhi two times.
<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/punjab/woman-held-with-1-kg-heroin/625691.html>

IRAN

26.07.2018 Iranian police seized **2244 kg of various types of drugs** during two operations in the southeastern province of Sistan and Balouchestan. In an operation organized by the anti-narcotics police, Saravan law enforcement forces in Sistan and

Balouchestan intercepted the supply of a large consignment of drugs. After several weeks of monitoring the activities of the gang, police forces identified vehicles used for the transport of drugs and faced armed smugglers. As a result of the operation, five drug traffickers were arrested and three cars were seized, as well as **1274 kg of opium, 14 kg of crack, 14 kg of heroin**, weapons and ammunition. In another operation in Nikshar, Sistan and Balouchestan province, the police seized **1101 kg of opium, 4 kg of hashish, 2 kg of morphine and 15 kg of other types of drugs**. Iran, which has a common 900-kilometer border with Afghanistan, was used as the main channel for smuggling Afghan drugs to Europe. Iran is a transit country for the supply of drugs to European, Arab and Central Asian countries. <https://www.tasnimnews.com/en/news/2018/07/26/1786654/police-seize-over-2-4-tons-of-illicit-drugs-in-se-iran>

CHINA

25.07.2018 The police of Hong Kong in the New Territories, as a result of interception of a car with three men - Hong Kong residents at the age of 32, 49 and 52 years, found **22.2 kg of cocaine**. The drug was in a suitcase in the trunk of the car. The approximate worth of the drugs is 3 million US dollars. Three suspects detained. <https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/hong-kong-law-and-crime/article/2156657/three-hong-kong-men-charged-drug-trafficking>

COLUMBIA

23.07.2018 Counternarcotics Directorate of the National Police found and seized **835 kg of cocaine hydrochloride** in maritime sea terminal in Villa del Cauca, Buenaventura. The drug was inside the container with disposable medical products. Originally, a container from Mexico was used to transport cargo of disposable medical devices. The inspection was carried out with the help of a scanner, suspicion was caused by the fact that the security seals on the containers were altered. After the inspection activities with the use of modern equipment, it is established that inside the container, in addition to medical products, there are 18 items with rectangular black bags. After the container has been opened, the packets of the drug have been removed from it. Investigations carried out against organizations involved in illicit drug trafficking indicate that drugs are loaded into containers with violation of security seals after they have been inspected. The cocaine container was ready to be loaded onto a vessel travelling to Rotterdam in the Netherlands. <https://www.policia.gov.co/noticia/incautamos-835-kilos-cocaina-que-serian-enviados-rotterdam-holanda>

26.07.2018 Police officers of Counternarcotics Directorate found and seized **24 kg of cocaine** in the seaport of Barranquilla. 24 rectangular packs of cocaine were evenly distributed inside the cavity in a container that had Turkey as its final destination. The worth of the party is estimated at 120 million pesos. The drug was in a container with waste scrap. <https://www.policia.gov.co/noticia/incautamos-400-kilos-marihuana-y-24-kilos-cocaina>

MAROCCO

23.07.2018 Moroccan police officers at Mohammed V International Airport in Casablanca detained a 23-year-old Lithuanian citizen while attempting to smuggle cocaine. In the baggage of a drug courier, about **8.53 kg of cocaine** were found inside carefully hidden steel and plastic boxes. The police also seized hundreds of counterfeit Euro bills. The suspect is detained, an investigation is being conducted. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-07/24/c_137343813.htm

NETHERLANDS

25.07.2018 Employees of a wholesaler in Uitgeest made a discovery of **700 kg of cocaine** in boxes of banana. When the boxes were opened, employees of the company found plastic bags with powder. After arriving at the scene, the police confirmed that the substance found was cocaine and seized the entire party. On this fact, the police started investigation. The seized lot is subject to destruction.

<https://www.politie.nl/nieuws/2018/juli/25/04-vermoedelijk-drugs-tussen-de-bananen.html>

27.07.2018 A large amount of cocaine was found during a check by Customs in the port of Rotterdam. The drugs were hidden in a container with fruit pulp that arrived in the harbor from Brazil. During the inspection of the container, customs officers discovered that the seal was missing from a few barrels. When they then looked in the barrels, they discovered 249 packages of **cocaine** with total weight of **250 kg**. The container was intended for a company in Beneden-Leeuwen. The whole party of drugs, with a street value of around 6 million euros, has now been destroyed. The HARC team, a joint venture between Customs, FIOD, Seaport Police and the Public Prosecution Service, is investigating the case.

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuwsberichten/@103739/bijna-250-kilo-coke/>

28.07.2018 The police suspected that a business building on the Satijnbloem did not have a regular business, but was primarily used for other purposes. And this suspicion was correct. During the police raid, there were two men in the building. In one of the premises they found pallets with large bags containing a mixture of **cocoa and hashish**, a total mass of more than **8 tons**. In addition, the police found a large number of raw materials and equipment for drug packaging and **96 kg of pure hashish**. Police arrested 49-year-old resident of Rotterdam and a 46-year-old man from Hague.

<https://www.politie.nl/nieuws/2018/juli/28/07-enorme-drugsvangst-satijnbloem-cacao-gemengd-met-hasj.html>

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

25.07.2018 During counternarcotics operation Sharkah police and customs officers arrested a man and two women and seized **20 kg of hashish, 1300 pills of Tramadol and 50 g of methamphetamine**. In the first case, as a result of a police raid, **14.5 kg of hashish and 1,300 tablets of Tramadol** were found inside the walls of two of his suitcases in the home of a suspect in drug trafficking. The detainee admitted that he was working for a drug trafficker outside the UAE. Less than 2 days after the first operation, customs inspectors of Khalid port found and seized **5.89 kg of hashish** and more than **50 g of methamphetamine** when two women tried to smuggle them into the country on a vessel from an Asian country. Women hid drugs in 23 rolls inside suitcases.

<https://qulfnews.com/news/uae/crime/sharjah-police-customs-net-major-drug-haul-1.2257043>

KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

26.07.2018 Customs officers at King Abdulaziz International Airport in Jeddah prevented four attempts at heroin smuggling, a total mass of **925.8 grams** and **4,972 pills of Tramadol**, by passengers arriving in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. In all cases of violations, the necessary legal measures have been taken.

<https://www.spa.gov.sa/viewfullstory.php?lang=en&newsid=1790522>

SINGAPORE

23.07.2018 Officers of the Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) and Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) arrested a 22-year-old man from Malaysia in an attempt to smuggle **1.8 kg of heroin** into Singapore at the Tuas checkpoint. The suspect tried to import drugs packed in six packs in his backpack. The man drove up to the checkpoint on his motorcycle and was stopped to check. <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/heroin-tuas-man-arrested-for-attempting-to-smuggle-1-8kg-10558462>

USA

23.07.2018 Officers of CBP in New York detained a woman - a US citizen who arrived on a flight from Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. During the baggage check, CBP inspectors noted that the suitcase's walls were unusually thick. As a result of examination of the suitcase, officers found **2.27 kg of cocaine**. The woman was arrested for importation of a controlled substance and transferred for investigation to employees of the national security agencies. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-jfk-seizes-cocaine-suitcase-2>

24.07.2018 The officer of patrol service in Pearl on route I-20 initiated a stop of a vehicle for violation of traffic rules. In the car there were two men of 21 and 24 years old and a 34-year-old woman - residents of Houston, Texas. After the officer noticed the suspicious behavior of the passengers of the car, the vehicle was inspected. Officers found **12.2 kg of heroin** under the hood of the car. Suspects were detained and imprisoned. <http://www.wdam.com/story/38719418/three-arrested-after-2687-lbs-of-heroin-found-during-traffic-stop-in-pearl>

24.07.2018 Detectives from the Humboldt County Sheriff, the Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) inspectors, in order to detect illegal cultivation of narcotic plants in South Humboldt, held events in Eureka, California. As a result of the anti-drug operation, more than 6752 illegal plants were destroyed. **174.2 kg of cannabis** seized and destroyed. In addition, three firearms were found, one of which was stolen in Idaho. <http://kiem-tv.com/2018/07/24/6752-illegal-marijuana-plants-eradicated-by-hcsos-drug-enforcement-unit/>

25.07.2018 US Customs and Border Protection officers in Tucson, Arizona arrested a Mexican citizen while he was trying to smuggle drugs into the US via the Arizona port in San Luis. Officers found methamphetamine, heroin and fentanyl. Officers detained a 21-year-old man who tried to enter the US from Mexico on the Mercury SUV. As a result of the inspection of the car, officers found **4,08 kg of heroin, 29,48 kg of methamphetamine and 70 pills of fentanyl**. Drugs and vehicle seized. The man was arrested and transferred for investigation to the Homeland Security staff of the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/san-luis-cbp-officers-seize-75-pounds-smuggled-drugs>

25.07.2018 Detectives of the Tulare County Sheriff and members of the Task Force on Drugs conducted a joint operation to detect illegal cultivation of narcotic plants in the vicinity of three rivers on the outskirts of the Lindsey-Strathmore areas. As a result of a two-day operation, **21,000 cannabis bushes** were found and destroyed. Officers seized **36,3 kg of marijuana**. <https://www.visaliamtimesdelta.com/story/news/2018/07/25/detectives-discover-21-000-marijuana-plants-near-three-rivers-lindsay-strathmore/837998002/>

26.07.2018 Officers of Customs and Border Protection at the port of Nogales, Arizona, arrested two women from the US and a Mexican man on separate attempts to smuggle methamphetamine into the United States. CBP employees stopped a 40-year-old woman for examination. As a result of inspection involving a service dog, it was found that a woman in the vaginal cavity was trying to smuggle **230 g of methamphetamine**. Similarly, at the pedestrian crossing of Morley, a 25-year-old woman was arrested while attempting to smuggle in the vaginal cavity **230 grams of methamphetamine** into the US territory. In addition, Mariposa Crossing officers detained a 37-year-old man on a Ford truck. As a result of inspection activities involving a service dog in the rear door of the truck, officers discovered over **16.33 kg of methamphetamine**. The value of seized methamphetamine is 108 thousand US dollars. Drugs and vehicle seized. All suspects were arrested and transferred for investigation to the Homeland Security officers of the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/nogales-cbp-officers-seize-111k-meth>

25.07.2018 US border patrol agents at McAllen station in Abraham, Texas, discovered and seized about **589.67 kg of marijuana** worth more than 1 million US dollars. Agents conducting operations near Abram observed as several men loaded bags of marijuana into a car near Rio Grande. Shortly thereafter, the vehicle left the area at high speed, the car could not be stopped. However, the driver suddenly returned to the river, abandoned the car and swam towards the border with Mexico. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/rio-grande-valley-border-patrol-seizes-over-1m-worth-marijuana-foiled>

26.07.2018 Officers of the Drug Enforcement Branch in Whitehall, New Albany, based on the investigation, searched a residence at Silver Charme in Whitehal. About **6.8 kg of cocaine, 730 g of marijuana** and \$ 54,000 in cash were detected and seized by detectives. 42-year-old man is charged with possession of cocaine. <https://www.10tv.com/article/police-seize-nearly-15-pounds-cocaine-54000-cash-new-albany>

TURKEY

23.07.2018 Ataturk airport police in Istanbul detained a German citizen in an attempt to smuggle with intracavitary method in the stomach and intestine of capsules with cocaine. In the body of the man who arrived in Turkey from Venezuela, officers found 54 capsules containing **1.3 kg of cocaine**. The man is taken into custody by the police upon arrival at the airport. Earlier this month, authorities discovered and seized **30.5 kg of cocaine** worth 2.1 million US dollars in the luggage of a Brazilian passenger also at the Istanbul Atatürk airport. After the plane had landed at the airport, the police searched the suspect's luggage with the help of two service dogs. Cocaine was in vacuum bags under toys. <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/german-suspect-hiding-drugs-in-stomach-detained-at-ataturk-airport-134911>

GERMANY

24.07.2018 In the Elbe river, 15 sports bags with **300 kg of cocaine** were found. The search for drugs was carried out by several customs vessels on both sides of the Elbe River. It is unknown where bags came from. Experts will investigate the conditions of local currents and winds, there is a suspicion that bags with drugs could be lost when trying to transfer them from a cargo vessel to a vessel of criminals of smaller sizes. <https://www.presseportal.de/blaulicht/pm/50367/4016803>

FRANCE

24.07.2018 Two suspects who were aboard a sailboat off the coast of Martinique were arrested as part of an investigation into the Interregional Specialized Jurisdiction (JIRS) Fort-de-France employees of the local office of the Central Office for Combating Illicit Trafficking in Drugs (OCRTIS). The sailer carried **1.5 tons of cocaine** on board, with value of about 60 million euros. A boat suspected of transporting a large consignment of drugs was discovered at night. Bad weather conditions did not allow to inspect the side at night. The next morning two of the crew suddenly set fire to the boat and tried to hide on the life raft. Navy frigate "Germaine" took part in the extinguishment of the fire. On board customs officers found drugs packed in plastic bags. <https://la1ere.francetvinfo.fr/martinique/15-tonne-cocaine-saisie-voilier-au-large-martinique-611207.html>

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23.07.2018 Officers of the National Counternarcotics Directorate in the Guayaquil seaport as a result of Operation Encubierta seized **353.3 kg of cocaine hydrochloride**, which drug traffickers tried to deliver to Russia. Agents of the Anti-narcotics Unit of Zone 8 of the National Subdirection of Information of Ports and Airports (UIPA) and the Regional Center for Canine Training (CRAC) in one of the containers with bananas that was awaiting shipment to the MSC Zlata R. during a routine inspection noticed that the security seals did not belong to the container. When the container was opened, 6 jute bags containing 354 packages, covered with a green packing tape with drugs were found inside. Packings were marked with the logos GRS 1, KAR 1. The container, before reaching its final destination in Russia, was to arrive at the port of Antwerp in Belgium. <http://www.policiaecuador.gob.ec/en-el-puerto-de-guayaquil-la-policia-encuentran-en-contenedor-cargado-con-banano-353-292-gramos-de-droga/>