

## WEEKLY SUMMARY OF CARICC

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### ON CARICC MEMBER STATES

#### REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

**04.08.2018** The officers of the State Border Service (SBS) at the frontier post of the border guard "Gektepe" in Bilasuvar region stopped an attempt of smuggling drugs and psychotropic substances into the territory of Azerbaijan. The frontier detachment spotted the movement towards the territory of Azerbaijan of three persons crawling from the territory of Iran. Showing themselves violators after a warning shot, disappeared in the territory of Iran. When inspecting the scene, border guards found **6.4 kg of narcotic drugs, 79 convolutions of the drug "Tedol-200" and 100 bottles of psychotropic substance "MYDRAX" with a volume of 10 mg**. On this fact a criminal case was opened. <https://yenicag.ru/pogransluzhba-presekla-kontrabandu-n/>

#### RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**27.07.2018** Officers of the Division for Drugs Control of the Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Novokuznetsk in the Kemerovo region conducted a special operation to detain drug traffickers engaged in contactless drug sales. Drug policemen detained drug-dealers in a rented apartment, which was used as a "shop" for packing drugs. As a result of investigation, **1.1 kg of heroin** was found in caches. A criminal case was opened on the fact of illegal production, sale and shipment of drugs in a particularly large amount. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/13924266>

**30.07.2018** The Investigation Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, with the assistance of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Republic of Tatarstan and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Bashkortostan, completed investigation of a criminal case against 9 members of the organized group charged with selling illicit drugs in large and particularly large amounts through the caches. It was established that the defendants, some of whom had previously been convicted, by communicating via the Internet, agreed to participate in the illegal sale of narcotic drugs through online stores. Carrying out the roles of operators, wholesale and retail cache operators, they maintained contactless sale of synthetic drugs to drug users. The criminal scheme used completely excluded the personal contact of the participants of the organized group both with each other and with the buyers of drugs. Despite the conspiracy measures taken, as a result of investigation, they were detained. Over **4 kg of synthetic drugs** were seized, and the activity of Internet shops was stopped. The commission of 14 episodes of criminal activity was also proved. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/13945863>

**30.07.2018** Officers of the Directorate for Drugs Control of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Moscow region, together with colleagues from the Inter-municipal Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in "Balashikha" (Moscow region) detained a 28-year-old resident of the Khabarovsk region, suspected of illicit drug production. During the search at the place of residence of the criminal in one of the households located in the village of Pavlino, drug **methylephedron, weighing over**

**3.5 kg** was found. In addition to the drug, the police found and seized items and equipment used to produce drugs. The man made methylephedrine "on demand" in certain volumes and put it in caches. In a day he could make up to **10 kg of narcotic drug**. In the course of further activities in the forest, police officers discovered a cache with two bundles, inside of which there were more than **2 kg of methylephedrone**. In total, more than **5.5 kg of methylephedron** was seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/13945179>

**30.07.2018** By a 53-year-old resident of the Leningrad Region, officers of the Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Krasnogvardeysky district of St. Petersburg at home territory in the village of Sosnovo, Priozersky district, found **800 cannabis bushes**, equipment for cultivation of narcotic plants and about **4 kg of marijuana**. Suspect was arrested. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/13944725>

**30.07.2018** In the Selizharovsky region, officers of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs' Main Directorate for Drugs Control together with the drug police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Tver region found household premises with signs of manufacturing narcotic drugs. It is established that two residents of the Moscow region 23 and 28 years old were involved in unlawful activities. In 2016, in specially equipped sheds located in the village of Dedovo, they manufactured narcotic Mefedrone from precursors and other chemicals that were delivered from Moscow. The drug was transported to Moscow, stored in rented houses and sold to drug addicts via Internet sites. In addition, the prohibited substances were distributed in a non-contact way by means of large "caches" for which the criminals used a car parked on highway, as well as caches in the forest. More than **550 g of mefedrone** was seized from caches. From the house of one of the suspects, more than **500 g of mephedrone** and more than **1 kg of synthetic drug alpha-PVP** were seized. At the place of residence of the second figurant officers seized **4.5 kg of "synthetics"**. In addition, more than **500 g of mephedrone** and about **1 kg of hashish** were found in the cache of the criminal. In the equipped clandestine drug laboratory, more than **1 kg 700 g** of ready mephedrone was found and seized, as well as the chemicals used for its manufacture, containers and packaging materials. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/13931175>

**01.08.2018** Officers of the division for drug control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Syktyvkar (Komi Republic) detained a 33-year-old suspected in involvement in the acquisition of a large consignment of narcotic drugs for further sale. During a search in a rented apartment, drug policemen discovered and seized **800 g of synthetic narcotic drugs**, which the attacker, acting in a group on preliminary conspiracy with unidentified persons, purchased and stored for later sale in Syktyvkar. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/13972314>

**01.08.2018** Officers of the Directorate for Drugs Control of Drugs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in St. Petersburg and Leningrad region stopped a car "Toyota Avenis", during the inspection of which they found and seized two convolutions with **psychotropic substance amphetamine, weighing 586 grams**. Officers detained two men and two women aged 20 to 29 years. A criminal case against them has been initiated. Amphetamine was purchased in the village of Telman, Tosnensky District, Leningrad Region, where two citizens, aged 28 and 30, were detained on suspicion of selling illicit substances. During inspection of their garage, equipment for the production of psychotropic substances was found. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/13969171>

**02.08.2018** Officers of the Main Directorate for Drugs Control (GUNK) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia and the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Moscow together with the Federal Security Service (FSB) of Russia detained a 28-year-old previously convicted man on suspicion of selling large amounts of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. In one of the post offices on the territory of Moscow, the man expected to receive an international postal item. In the parcel, officers found **narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances** with a total mass of more than **500 g**, including **MDMA, ketamine and cocaine**. They were intended for further sale through caches. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/13978333>

**02.08.2018** In Obninsk, officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Kaluga region arrested a local resident in 1979, suspected of involvement in drug trafficking. During the search of the place of residence, officers found and seized convolutions with **synthetic narcotic drugs**, weighing about **1.5 kg**. Prohibited substances were intended for sale in small batches for drug addicts in Obninsk. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/13977528>

**02.08.2018** The Investigation Department of the Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Penza region completed the investigation of criminal case against a 21-year-old resident of the Omsk region, who is accused of attempting to smuggle drugs on an especially large scale and legalizing money obtained by criminal means. In November 2017, the man came to Penza from Omsk, rented an apartment that he used for living, as well as storing and packaging of narcotic drugs. The accused organized an online store through which he sold prohibited substances in a non-contact way. Drug users bought drugs through the Internet and made money transfers to electronic wallets. The man personally engaged in the distribution of prohibited substances, he organized caches in the entrances of high-rise buildings, as well as in the nearby areas. The money received from the sale of drugs, he withdrew in several stages on bank cards drawn up for frontmen. **500 g of amphetamine-type stimulants** were seized in the criminal case. Earlier, the man was on the federal wanted list for committing a similar crime in the Omsk region. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/13973321>

**03.08.2018** Officers of the Directorate for Drugs Control (UKON) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Tula region interdicted the activities of an organized group consisting of three residents of Tula, 22, 23 and 32 years old. The defendants were engaged in the sale of drugs on the territory of the Tula region in a non-contact way by using the cache-bookmarks through a specialized online store. Organizer - 22-year-old man kept narcotic drugs in his car and in the place of residence. **4.8 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances** were withdrawn from illegal circulation, as well as **2.3 kg of amphetamine, 920 g of mephedrone, 50 g of cocaine, 150 g of marijuana, 300 g of MDMA, 600 g of hashish**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/13998373>

**03.08.2018** The Investigation Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Republic of Mordovia completed the investigation of the criminal case against a 24-year-old resident of Kaluga, who was engaged in the sale of drugs in a non-contact way through an Internet application in the city of Saransk. In the course of joint operational search activities, the UKON of the MIA and the FSB in the Republic of Mordovia seized more than **2,680 g of synthetic narcotic drugs**, as well as devices for packing and weighing prohibited substances. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--1ai/news/item/13994444>

## ON OTHER COUNTRIES

### BRASIL

**28.07.2018** Officers of the Federal Revenue and Federal Police in the port of Rio de Janeiro in a container prepared for shipment to Europe found more than **43.4 kg of cocaine**. The logos used on the packaging and the prints on them indicate that the drug was sent by drug cartels from Latin American countries. The batch could come from Colombia. Latin cartels use famous brands of drinks, snack bars, etc. According to Federal Police, the route of the vessel with the drug ran through the ports of Salvador, Le Havre (France) and Antwerp (Belgium). <https://g1.globo.com/rj/rio-de-janeiro/noticia/2018/07/28/receita-federal-e-pf-apreendem-mais-de-40-toneladas-de-cocaina-no-porto-do-rio.ghtml>

### INDIA

**30.07.2018** Police in Amritsar, Punjab, seized **1 kg of heroin**, which was hidden in the iron bar of a tractor. The drug was under the ground next to the barbed wire fence. Police arrested a man living in the village of Kakar Kalan and his accomplice tractor mechanic. The accused and his accomplice engaged in illegal trade for 4 years. Drugs came from smugglers from Pakistan. <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/amritsar/1-kg-of-heroin-seized-man-held/629546.html>

**01.08.2018** Police in Delhi detained three people, including one Nigerian national, and seized more than **5.250 kg of heroin**. Heroin was smuggled into Delhi from Afghanistan through the states of Haryana and Punjab. On this fact the police registered a criminal case. <https://www.devdiscourse.com/Article/98726-three-people-including-nigerian-arrested-with-over-5-kg-heroin-in-delhi>

### COLOMBIA

**03.08.2018** In a joint operation between the Colombian Air Force and the National Fleet, in coordination with the Office of the Attorney-General of the Nation within the work in the fight against transnational organized crime, a merchant ship under the Singapore flag was spotted, which was used to transport cocaine hydrochloride. During the inspection of the vessel, 15 people were identified, whose involvement in drug trafficking is being established. Net weight of **cocaine hydrochloride** was **1277 kg**. <https://www.fac.mil.co/en-operaci%C3%B3n-conjunta-y-coordinada-se-interrumpe-tr%C3%A1fico-de-estupefacientes-en-buque-mercante>

### COSTA RICA

**27.07.2018** Agents of the Corredores Regional Police Station in Puntarenas, along with the National Coast Guard and border police, arrested two men from Ecuador on suspicion of international drug trafficking. The agents received information about a ship, presumably with a load of drugs in the area of Punta Burica and two men who guarded it. Onboard the ship, 30 packets containing about **1,200 kg of cocaine** were found. Earlier on August 25, The Ministry of Public Security intercepted a vessel, which carried **580 kg of cocaine** near Cabo Blanco in Puntarenas. Semi-submerged ships are often used by smugglers to transport large quantities of drugs. Also, vessels with cocaine are often towed by fishing boats. Another problem for law enforcement agencies are self-propelled semi-submersible vessels, which are controlled remotely. <https://news.co.cr/costa-rican-authorities-find-semi-submersible-vessel-with-over-1-ton-of-cocaine-aboard/74807/>

## NETHERLANDS

**30.07.2018** The police found **13 kg of methamphetamine** in the area of Rotterdam in Charlotte in an apartment in which no one officially resided. However, during the observation of the apartment, it was established how people entered and left with large bags. As a result of the raid, drugs were found in the suitcase, along with a pistol, bullets and a silencer. On suspicion of committing this crime, a 52-year-old Colombian citizen was detained, who was in the apartment. Methamphetamine is not a common drug in the Netherlands. <https://www.dutchnews.nl/news/2018/07/apartment-with-no-official-tenant-is-home-to-13-kilos-of-crystal-meth/>

## PAKISTAN

**31.07.2018** The airport security forces (ASF) in Multan, Punjab Province, detained a passenger and seized **2.7 kg of heroin**. The man was going to take a flight from Multan to Dubai. Drug trafficker is handed over to the Anti-Narcotics Force for further investigation. <https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/passenger-arrested-with-2700-gms-heroin-in-mu-402303.html>

## UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

**31.07.2018** Joint efforts of the police units of the Emirates of Sharjah, Dubai and Fujairah helped to detain six drug traffickers. When detained by suspects, the police seized more than **19 kg of heroin**. In the first case, two people were detained, and **18 kg of heroin** were found. In the second - three men belonging to the same drug group, 50 containers containing **670 g of heroin** were found. The fourth member of the drug group was arrested later, officers found 49 containers with **heroin**, weighing **599 grams**. <https://www.khaleejtimes.com/news/crime/six-asians-arrested-in-uae-with-19kg-drugs>

## PORTUGAL

**02.08.2018** Members of the national anti-drug group PJ in cooperation with tax and customs officials at the airport of Umberto Delgado in Lisbon detained two 40-year-old men suspected of trafficking cocaine. Officers seized about **23,000 doses of cocaine**, which was delivered from a Latin American country. <http://theportugalnews.com/news/police-seize-23000-doses-of-cocaine-detain-two-at-lisbon-airport/46394>

## SERBIA

**01.08.2018** Serbian police seized two large parties of marijuana on the border with Bulgaria. Officers of the border police department of the Interior Ministry confiscated **590 kg of marijuana** and arrested two people during an operation at the border crossing Dimitrovgrad in the south-east of Serbia. In a truck with registration plates of Croatia, under the control of a 56-year-old driver who is a citizen of Bosnia and Herzegovina, 292 packages with **marijuana** weighing about **316 kg** were found. In addition, in a truck registered in Serbia, under the management of a 51-year-old Serbian truck driver, the police found another 253 packs of **marijuana** weighing **274 kg**. Suspects in the illicit production and sale of narcotic drugs were taken to the competent prosecutor's office. <https://www.novinite.com/articles/191418/Serbian+Police+Seize+590+kg+of+Marijuana+at+Bulgarian+Border>

## USA

**01.08.2019** In Millbury, Ohio, patrol soldiers stopped Chrysler 300 car with registration in California, rented by a 46-year-old man for violation of traffic rules. During inspection of the vehicle officers found **74.8 kg of cocaine** valued at about 6.3 million US dollars. <http://nbc24.com/news/local/oshp-seizes-63-million-worth-of-cocaine-in-wood-county>

**02.08.2018** Members of the HCPO Narcotics Task Force in Jersey City Hudson County detained a 55-year-old resident of North Bergen on suspicion of distribution of drugs. During the inspection of his car and a search in the suspect's home, **560 g of methamphetamine** and about 3,500 dollars in cash were found. [https://www.nj.com/hudson/index.ssf/2018/08/north\\_jersey\\_man\\_busted\\_with\\_59k\\_in\\_crystal\\_meth\\_p.html](https://www.nj.com/hudson/index.ssf/2018/08/north_jersey_man_busted_with_59k_in_crystal_meth_p.html)

## THAILAND

**04.08.2018** Police officers of the drugs suppression police at the Don Muang airport on the departure terminal arrested a citizen of the Republic of Maldives, and found in the baggage about **800 g of heroin**. The drug trafficker was going to Malaysia, and then to Sri Lanka. <https://news.thaivisa.com/article/24103/maldives-man-found-with-800-grams-of-heroin-at-don-muang-airport>

## TURKEY

**03.08.2018** In the eastern province of Van, police seized **384.6 kg of heroin**. The anti-drug group discovered heroin during a search in the cargo transfer office in the Tusba district. The drug was packaged in 502 bags and bagged. The truckload was intended for shipment to the city of Istanbul. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/todays-headlines/over-380-kilograms-of-heroin-seized-in-eastern-turkey/1221632>

**04.08.2018** Turkish police in the eastern province of Van in the district of Edremit in a minibus found and seized **48.5 kg of heroin**. The driver was arrested for illegal drug trafficking. In the eastern province of Bitlis, a pedestrian was stopped, with **6,063 kg of heroin** confiscated by the police. Later he was arrested. In the western province of Izmir, the police found and seized **8575 cannabis bushes**, weighing **845 kg** and **172 kg of marijuana**. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/turkish-police-seize-over-50-kg-of-heroin/1222730>

## SWITZERLAND

**02.08.2018** The police of the canton Appenzell Innerrhoden, in collaboration with experts from the Federal Customs Administration (FCA) in a transport container at a company in Appenzell, discovered **69 kg of cocaine**. 34-year-old truck driver from Poland was detained. The police officers controlled the sea container for the carriage of goods on the basis of information from the Federal Customs Administration. According to initial findings, the container was shipped for a company located in Appenzell. <https://www.polizei-schweiz.ch/appenzell-ai-drei-taschen-mit-69-kilogramm-kokain-entdeckt/>