

CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

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CARICC MEMBER STATES

THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

11.09.2018. Staff of UBN of Department of Internal Affairs of Karaganda region in the republican operational preventive measures "Koknar-2018" in the course of search operations in the territory of Ulytau district found illegal plantations of **cannabis plants (marijuana)**. At the site, 587 bushes of this plant were seized, weighing more than **500 kg**. This fact was registered in the Unified Register of pre-trial investigation under Article 300 part 2 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan "Illegal cultivation of plants containing narcotic substances prohibited for cultivation". <https://patrul.kz/novost/karagandinskije-policejskie-izyali-bolee-500-kg-narkotikov>

19.09.2018. Officers of the Division to Combat Drug Trafficking in the course of search operations in one of the garden societies in Kostanay detained a 53-year-old man. Earlier, within personal belongings of the previously convicted summer-house-resident **13 kg 908 g of marijuana** were seized. During the investigation, police found that the suspect collected cannabis, dried it in his bath, and then mixed with marijuana, which he acquired from unknown persons. The detainee was placed in a temporary detention facility. <http://24.kz/ru/news/social/item/265996-13-kg-marikhuany-iz-yali-politseyskie-u-zhitelya-kostanaya>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

19.09.2018. A clandestine drug laboratory has been dismantled by policemen in a suburb of Novosibirsk in a basement. The production of synthetic drugs involved 3 men aged 19 and 24 years. The organizer of the drug business was a 24-year-old city dweller. He was also responsible for the sale of drugs in a contactless way using the Internet. Two other men living in the Novosibirsk region were engaged in the manufacture, packaging and storage of narcotic drugs. Police officers also seized containers and raw materials for the production of **"synthetics"**, as well as **164 kg of ready drugs**. The drug traffickers were detained with the help of fighters of the special forces. A criminal case was instituted under part 3 of Article 30, part 5 of Article 288.1 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation. (Attempt on illegal sale of narcotic drugs in a particularly large amount). Drug dealers are arrested, they face punishment of up to life imprisonment. <https://news.mail.ru/incident/34782663/>

19.09.2018. Operatives of the Drugs Control Unit and inspectors of the State Traffic Safety Inspection in the Mikhailovskiy district of the Volgograd region searched nine carcass bags with a narcotic substance during a search of a passenger vehicle driven by a 33-year-old local resident. A total of **30.5 kg of marijuana** were seized. The seized consignment of marijuana was the largest found on the territory of the Volgograd region since the beginning of this year. A criminal case has been initiated. <https://novostivolgograda.ru/news/incident/19-09-2018/v-volgogradskoy-oblasti-politsiya-iz-yala-krupneyshuyu-za-god-partiyu-marihuany>

20.09.2018. Staff of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Trans-Baikal Territory in the operation "Stop-drug" in the city of Borsa in a private house of a local resident born in 1998 found **7 kg of cannabis**. <http://zabinfo.ru/151192>

20.09.2018. In the Dmitrovsky district of Moscow, policemen seized more than 500 g of mephedrone in personal belongings of two detainees, residents of the capital. The drug was discovered when one of the men was examined during the car inspection. They were planning to later sell the drugs via Internet. The men are arrested. Criminal cases are instituted. <http://severstolici.ru/v-dmitrovskom-izyali-krupnyuyu-partiyu-narkotikov/>

20.09.2018. Staff of Police Special Forces on transport in St. Petersburg and the Leningrad region in the Priozersky district detected the work of a drug laboratory. During the search, law enforcement officers seized more than **16 kg of methadone**. The organizer of the illegal laboratory was a previously convicted 50-year-old resident of the Moscow region. In addition to drugs, an unusual laboratory housed 8 firearms and more than 1.5 munitions. A criminal case on this fact was instituted. <https://spbdnevnik.ru/news/2018-09-20/v-lenoblasti-nakryli-rabotu-narkolaboratorii>

22.09.2018. Employees of the traffic police from North Ossetia, during inspection of a car in the back seat found a package of **marijuana**. Previously convicted 22-year-old resident of the city of Vladikavkaz was detained. The offender tried to deliver **1.5 kg** of narcotic substance into the city. https://news-r.ru/news/north_ossetia_alania/250344/

OTHER COUNTRIES

PAKISTAN

20.09.2018. Officers of the Pakistan Navy and the Maritime Security Agency conducted a joint special operation in the southern part of the Arabian Sea. Joint actions have resulted in the seizure of **3 tons of heroin** worth several million dollars. The seized consignment of drugs is transferred to the responsible services. <https://regnum.ru/news/2486009.html>

USA

23.09.2018. During transfer of boxes with bananas to prison in Freeport, Texas, police sergeants found drugs hidden in it. 45 boxes of bananas were seized. A total of **540 packs of cocaine** were found with estimated value of 17.82 million US dollars. <https://cursorinfo.co.il/all-news/v-nevostrebouvannyh-yashhikah-s-bananami-v-tehase-nashli-kokaina-na-pochti-18-mln-doll/>

