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CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

10.06.2019 Two Iranian citizens, Shirmohammadi Kargar Nasrin Saleh Kizi and Shirmohammadi Kargar Manizeh Saleh Kizi, were detained by State Customs Committee officers during a border crossing in the south of the republic. A total of **254 grams of methamphetamine** was found and seized from detainees during search.

<https://minval.az/news/123893448>

14.06.2019 Officers of the 14th police station of the Sabunchu district RUP detained a resident of the village of Mashtag, who was suspected of cultivating narcotic plants and selling them. During inspection of three greenhouses with a total area of 1,800 square meters in the yard of his country house officers found and seized **7190 cannabis bushes** with a total weight of 1 ton 104 kg.

<https://anews.az/ru/u-zhitelya-mashtagi-nashli-bolee-tonny-konopli/>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

11.06.2019 During operation "Koknar - 2019", officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crimes of the Police Department of Zhambyl region detained a resident of Pavlodar, who was transporting **21 kg 400 kg of marijuana** in a travel bag. The bag of narcotics was discovered by the investigative dog named Bava.

Also, the other day the staff members of the above-mentioned department during an authorized search in the house of a 45-year-old resident of Korday village, Korday district, found **2 kg 51 g of heroin** in barn.

http://lenta.inform.kz/ru/zhitelya-pavlodara-s-narkotikami-zaderzhali-na-avtovokzale-taraza_a3536821

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

10.06.2019 Officers of anti-drug smuggling departments of the North-Western Operational and Baltic Customs, in cooperation with the Main Directorate for Drug Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia and the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in St. Petersburg and the Leningrad region identified and suppressed a large-scale drug smuggling channel. Thus, **400 kg of cocaine** were found in the seaport of St. Petersburg in a container of canned fish from Ecuador, which was destined to the Russian Federation.

http://www.customs.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=27491:-400-45-&catid=40:2011-01-24-15-02-45&Itemid=2094&Itemid=1835

13.06.2019 The Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation suppressed activities of a synthetic drugs lab that was located in a private household in the Kaluga region. During inspection of the mentioned laboratory, **30 kg of amphetamine group drugs, 460 liters of chemical precursors** and laboratory equipment were found and seized.

<http://www.fsb.ru/fsb/press/message/single.htm%21id%3D10438387%40fsbMessage.html>

OTHER COUNTRIES

INDIA

14.06.2019 Three drug dealers were arrested by police officers in New Delhi, who distributed and smuggled a large consignment of marijuana. They transported drugs from the state of Odishi for subsequent sale in the territory of Delhi and Haryana. **500 kg of marijuana** were seized in total.

<https://www.outlookindia.com/newscroll/three-drug-peddlers-arrested-with-500-kg-marijuana/1554526>

15.06.2019 India's security forces intercepted a truck on outskirts of Hyderabad, in which **944 kg 700 g of marijuana** were found and seized. The substance was packed in small bags hidden under cargo. Two suspects were detained in this case.

<https://telanganatoday.com/marijuana-worth-nearly-rs-2-cr-seized-in-hyderabad>

IRAN

10.06.2019 Head of the Fars provincial police in Iran, General Ahmad Ali Goudarzi, stated that **308 kg of opium** were seized and two smugglers were detained during an operation in Neyriz.

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/146274/Police-seize-308kg-of-opium-in-Fars>

12.06.2019 Iran's Anti-Narcotics Police seized **1 ton 241 kg of opium** and **1 kg of heroin**. Deputy head of the provincial police of Sistan and Baluchistan, General Ahmad Taheri, announced on Wednesday that the operation to seize the narcotic drugs took place in Iranshahr and Delgane, with five smugglers being detained.

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/146364/Police-seize-1-2-tons-of-illicit-drugs-in-SE-Iran>

SPAIN

14.06.2019 Spanish National Police seized **276 kg of cocaine** inside a container with bananas. According to the Police, the detained container arrived in an industrial area in Malaga as goods of a Costa Rican fruit importer which smugglers used for their criminal purposes. Six people were detained in connection with this case.

<https://www.freshfruitportal.com/news/2019/06/14/spanish-police-find-cocaine-haul-in-costa-rican-banana-shipment/>

USA

11.06.2019 US Attorney's Office reported seizure of **20 kg of cocaine** by American law enforcement. It was stressed that street value of the cocaine seized would have exceeded \$ 825,000. Two suspects were detained.



<https://www.wrdw.com/content/news/Over-20-kilos-of-cocaine-seized-from-Augusta-warehouse-after-it-was-shipped-through-Port-of-Savannah-511142621.html>

11.06.2019 US Customs and Border Protection officers in Nogales, Arizona, arrested a 28-year-old Mexican citizen in an attempt to smuggle more than **23 kg of cocaine**. Drugs in the car of the detainee were discovered by a service dog.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/nogales-cbp-officers-seize-12m-cocaine>

THAILAND

12.06.2019 Thai law enforcement agencies seized **2 million tablets of “speed” and 11 kg of crystalline methamphetamine** in Chiang Rai, which were found in a car abandoned by criminals. Law enforcement agencies in Thailand reported that the stopped car may be associated with an active gang of drug traffickers.

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1693804/>

PHILIPPINES

12.06.2019 Philippine customs officers detained an Indonesian citizen with **1 kg 650 grams of cocaine** at the Nihoy Aquino International Airport. Drug was hidden in a secret compartment of the detainee’s luggage.

<https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/06/12/19/p9-million-worth-of-cocaine-seized-from-indonesian-passenger-at-naia>

JAPAN

05.06.2019 Police in Tokyo reported detention of seven Chinese citizens on suspicion of possession of large quantities of narcotic drugs. The suspects were detained while unloading bags from their ship on the Izu coast, west of Tokyo. Almost **1 ton of amphetamine**, a record one-time seizure of this drug in Japan was found during inspection of detainees and cargo. It is assumed that drugs were smuggled from Hong Kong.

<https://thediplomat.com/2019/06/japan-arrests-7-chinese-suspects-in-record-drug-smuggling-bust/>