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RUSSIAN FEDERATION

01.07.2019 Officers of ONK of Russia in a urban district of Klin (Moscow region) in the village of Golenishchevo detained a 32-year-old resident of the Republic of Adygea suspected of illegal sale of psychotropic substances. During a personal search officers found and seized more than 4.5 thousand **MDMA tablets with a total weight of 2.5 kg**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17423889>

03.07.2019 Officers of UNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Ryazan region, together with colleagues from the regional UFSB in Ryazan, detained three local residents aged 24, 33 and 35 who organized an online store through which they sold synthetic drugs to residents of the region. A narcotic drug, a derivative of **N-methylephedron weighing more than 1,060 g**, which the suspects illegally kept with them and at their place of residence for the purpose of further marketing through caches, were seized. Also found and seized were drugs of herbal origin, funds intended for maintenance of an Internet resource and purchase of wholesale consignments of drugs. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17450607>

03.07.2019 Officers of Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Tomsk region stopped activities of a 23-year-old citizen who sold narcotic drugs through caches in Tomsk together with other members of an organized group. Accused was operator of a stash. More than **1.3 kg of synthetic drugs ("salt", "spice")** as well as equipment for packing drugs and packaging material have been seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17445963>

03.07.2019 GSU GU of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Kemerovo region concluded investigation into a criminal case on charges of a 28-year-old Novosibirsk resident in organizing a criminal community engaged in production and marketing of synthetic drugs in the Kemerovo region through a network of caches. Roles were distributed among the members of the criminal community, it included operators, drug couriers, recruiters, and administrators. In the Yashkinsky district of the Kemerovo region, police dismantled a drug lab created by the criminal community, where about **1 kg of salt** was seized as well as equipment and precursors that were used to synthesize a prohibited substance. In addition to creating a criminal community and guiding them, the defendant is charged with 12 episodes of attempted sale of drugs and laundering more than 7 million rubles obtained criminally. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17457009>

03.07.2019 Officers of the Ruzaevsky linear department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia (Nizhny Novgorod region) on a passenger train going via the St. Petersburg - Samara detained a 22-year-old resident of Nizhny Novgorod, who illegally kept with him 0.5



g of mephedrone. During a complex of operative and search activities and investigative actions, four more suspected of illegal sale of drugs of synthetic origin aged 21 to 23 years old - also residents of Nizhny Novgorod, who were selling drugs of synthetic origin in the Nizhny Novgorod region, were detained. In total, about **500 g of mephedrone and MDMA ("Ecstasy")** as well as more than **100 g of "spice"** were seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17447863>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BULGARIA

01.07.2019 Police patrols in Burgas as a result of checking a van at entrance to the city found and seized **55 kg of heroin** transported by a driver, a 47-year-old Bulgarian citizen, who was intoxicated with methamphetamine. As a result of a subsequent search of the vehicle, heroin was found packaged in 110 packs and hidden in a secret compartment. The driver was arrested. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-07/01/c_138189821.htm

BRAZIL

30.06.2019 Customs agents of the Federal Revenue Administration in the port of Santos stopped an attempt to smuggle **523 kg of cocaine** abroad. The consignment was found in a container of frozen orange juice destined to the port of Rotterdam in the Netherlands. In the container next to the door were found 12 sports bags made of camouflage fabric containing **cocaine** packs with a total weight of **523 kg**. The drugs were transferred to the Santos Federal Police Department, which is conducting an investigation.

<http://receita.economia.gov.br/sobre/acoes-e-programas/acoes-da-receita-federal/noticias/2019/julho/8a-regiao-fiscal/receita-federal-localiza-mais-de-meia-tonelada-de-cocaina-em-carga-de-exportacao-no-porto-de-santos>

03.07.2019 Officers of the Federal Revenue Administration in the port of Itajaí, Santa Catarina, discovered more than **1,273 kg of cocaine**. The cocaine consignment was hidden inside a container loaded with timber destined to Belgium. <https://g1.globo.com/sc/santa-catarina/noticia/2019/07/03/carga-de-cocaina-e-encontrada-em-conteiner-de-navio-no-porto-de-itajai.ghtml>

Video: <https://globoplay.globo.com/v/7738981/>

05.07.2019 Federal Revenue Administration seized **300 kg of cocaine** in a container terminal of the Port of Paranaguá. The drugs were found inside a container during its loading onto a ship bound for the port of Rotterdam in the Netherlands.

<http://receita.economia.gov.br/sobre/acoes-e-programas/acoes-da-receita-federal/noticias/2019/julho/9a-regiao-fiscal/receita-federal-apreende-300-kg-de-cocaina-no-terminal-de-conteineres-no-porto-de-paranagua>

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=IzJFuldYTXg

UNITED KINGDOM

03.07.2019 Border guard officers in the international port of Harwich discovered and seized more than **300 kg of cocaine** worth 30 million pounds sterling. The consignment was found at the back of a cargo trailer when a truck with a trailer were stopped after unloading from a ferry arriving from the Netherlands. Frozen meat was selected by wrongdoers as cover cargo. Cocaine packs were hidden in a carton under pallets. An

investigation is being conducted by the National Crime Agency (NCA). Truck driver - a 41-year-old citizen of the Netherlands was charged with importing Class A drugs.

<https://www.harwichandmanningtreesstandard.co.uk/news/17745507.30million-worth-of-cocaine-seized-at-harwich-international-port/>

GREECE

27.06.2019 Greek Police, Coast Guard and Financial Crimes Unit in the Port of Piraeus confiscated the largest **Captagon** consignment in history, weighing **5 tons 250 kg**, equivalent to more than 33 million pills. Captagon tablets or so-called "jihad tablets" were found inside 22 thousand laminate flooring boards. The tablets were hidden in the middle of medium density fibreboard, laid on 20 pallets in containers. The operation was carried out by staff of anti-drug department in Attica, which was led on information obtained from representatives of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) at the US Embassy in Athens. Laminated containers arrived in Piraeus from Syria and headed to Sheku port in Guangdong (China). <https://greekcitytimes.com/2019/07/06/greek-police-raid-coughs-33-million-jihadi-pills/>

02.07.2019 Officers of the Attica anti-drug unit during a raid in Athens arrested two foreign nationals aged 47 and 49, members of an international criminal group that organized supply of **83 kg of heroin**. The consignment was imported from the territory of Turkey, its value is estimated at 1.65 million euros. In addition to heroin, cash and mobile phones were seized. The arrests occurred after receiving a notification from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

In addition, police in a suburb of the city of Chania in Crete discovered a cannabis plantation. 2,840 cannabis bushes were seized. The owners of the plantation - two Greek citizens aged 36 and 47 - were arrested.

<http://www.ekathimerini.com/242120/article/ekathimerini/news/eighty-three-kilos-of-heroin-seized-in-attica-drug-bust>

VIETNAM

05.07.2019 Police in the southern province of Dong Tap arrested three people for smuggling **10 kg of methamphetamine** from Cambodia. Drug traffickers aged 21, 23 and 37 years were carrying drugs in a suitcase in a car. One of the drug couriers explained that he had been hired in Cambodia to deliver cargo to Ho Chi Minh City for 5 million dong (\$ 215). Vietnam has become a key trading center for drugs originating in the Golden Triangle, intersection of Laos, Thailand and Myanmar, the world's second largest drug producing region. <https://e.vnexpress.net/news/news/three-men-arrested-with-10-kilos-of-meth-near-cambodia-border-3947777.html>

INDONESIA

05.07.2019 National Narcotics Agency (BNN) stopped activity of a criminal drug group, the participants of which organized smuggling of **81 kg of methamphetamine** and **102,656 tablets of ecstasy** in inside automobile tires. A member of the criminal drug group during the arrest was shot dead, another seven were arrested in Tanjung Balay located in Asahan district in North Sumatra.

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2019/07/05/one-man-killed-after-81kg-meth-found-in-car-tires.html>

ITALY

04.07.2019 During the international operation “Neiskio” coordinated by the District Anti-Mafia and Anti-Terrorism Directorate of the Prosecutor's Office of Genoa and with participation of representatives of the Genoa Customs and Monopolies Agency (AMD), the Economic and Financial Police and Financial Guard units in the port of Genoa seized **538 kg very high quality cocaine**. The consignment was divided into 493 packages, which were in 19 bags inside a container that came from Cartagena (Colombia). The cargo arrived on board a Liberian-flagged merchant ship and was stowed under cover cargo of several tons of coffee. From Genoa the cargo was to be shipped to Naples.

<https://www.adm.gov.it/portale/documents/20182/5061418/Cre-s-20190704-Genovanevischio.pdf/a6dce105-7ff4-40eb-85e7-87fc3d41535f?version=1.0>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wR2PW3d4mXc>

QATAR

07.07.2019 General Directorate for Drug Enforcement in Qatar, in a joint operation with the Polish police and customs, foiled an attempt to smuggle **5.8 kg of heroin** to Poland. Polish authorities at the Chopin International Airport in Warsaw detained a drug trafficker and heroin hidden in his bag was seized. <https://www.gulf-times.com/story/635958/MoI-teams-up-with-Polish-customs-to-foil-attempt-t>

COLOMBIA

05.07.2019 Drug Police seized **122 kg of cocaine** in the port of Santa Marta in a refrigerated container with a cargo of bananas exported to Antwerp (Belgium). Consignment value is estimated at 600 million US dollars. Cocaine was hidden in container's cooling system. <https://www.elheraldo.co/magdalena/caen-122-kilos-de-cocaina-del-clan-del-golfo-en-puerto-samario-647327>

MOROCCO

02.07.2019 Security services at the port of Tangier seized more than **5.5 tons of cannabis**. The drugs were hidden in an international truck heading to a European port. The National Security Directorate (DGSN) arrested a 30-year-old driver, citizen of Morocco. In addition, customs and police at the Bab Sebta checkpoint seized **20 kg of hashish** concealed in a car registered in Morocco and heading to the city of Sebta. The driver, a citizen of Morocco, was arrested. International smugglers try to use strategic position of Morocco as a transit point for transporting cannabis drugs to European markets. <http://northafricapost.com/32350-morocco-foils-drug-smuggling-operations-at-tanger-med-bab-sebta.html>

NEW ZEALAND

28.06.2019 Customs officers in the port of Tauranga detained a 33-year-old foreign citizen who arrived on a log-ship Bunun Justice. A total of about 12 kg of ephedrine were found. Another pack of ephedrine weighing 1 kg was found in a survey of the vessel. During the investigation, a second foreign citizen was identified and arrested by New Zealand police in Tauranga, also with 12 kg of ephedrine. The total weight of seized **ephedrine** amounted to **25 kg**. Both men were imprisoned. <https://www.customs.govt.nz/about-us/news/media-releases/two-men-arrested-in-tauranga-for-25-kgs-of-ephedrine/>

THE NETHERLANDS

01.07.2019 Customs officers in the port of Rotterdam seized more than **500 kg of cocaine**. The drugs were hidden in a legal cargo container coming from Mexico in 15 sports bags. The ship, on which the container arrived in Rotterdam, visited a port on the way to Central America. The HARC team, a joint venture of customs, FIOD, the seaport police and the prosecutor's office in Rotterdam, continues to investigate this case. Cocaine consignment was destroyed.

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuwsberichten/@106207/douane-onderschept/>

PAKISTAN

05.07.2019 Officers of the Anti-Narcotics Force of Pakistan (ANF) in Karachi found and seized **1.4 kg of heroin** hidden in 16 air filters as a result of search of a private truck.

<https://nation.com.pk/05-Jul-2019/anf-recovers-1-4kg-heroin-from-private-cargo-service>

07.07.2019 Pakistan Drug Enforcement Team confiscated a large amount of heroin (weight of shipment is not indicated) in the port of Faisalabad in a container bound for Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic).

<https://www.diariolibre.com/actualidad/sucesos/pakistan-decomisa-gran-cargamento-de-heroina-tenia-como-destino-la-republica-dominicana-DB13306621>

USA

05.07.2019 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Field Office in Tucson, Arizona, arrested two drug couriers during two separate drug smuggling attempts. In the first case, a 44-year-old Mexican citizen was arrested trying to import **46,27 kg of methamphetamine** into the US from Mexico in a Nissan car. In the second case, a 24-year-old man was detained, who tried to enter the US from Mexico in a Nissan car. The man hid about **3.63 kg of fentanyl** under clothing, tying fentanyl bags with tape around his torso. Drugs and vehicles were confiscated, both drivers - drug traffickers - arrested and handed over to the US Homeland Security Investigations. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-arrests-fentanyl-meth-smugglers-port-san-luis>

SRI LANKA

04.07.2019 Customs officials at the Central Postal Exchange intercepted a shipment of **5,500 methamphetamine tablets** smuggled out of Belgium. The drug was found inside 6 packages concealed in a subwoofer enclosure in international mail. A 52-year-old male recipient of the parcel was arrested. <https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=56199>

http://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Largest-ever-stock-of-methamphetamine-pills-detected-at-CME/108-170542

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqW6K7rh3yM>

UKRAINE

02.07.2019 National Police of Ukraine stopped smuggling of a large consignment of cocaine from Latin America to Western Europe by members of an international syndicate. Investigation revealed a drugs supply channel to Ukraine by members of an international

criminal organization. A number of arrests and more than a dozen searches were carried out and **400 kg of high-purity cocaine** were seized. The total value of the seized shipment is estimated at 60 million USD. On 19 June, three Ukrainian citizens suspected of involvement in drug trafficking were detained. It has been established that nationals of the Netherlands and Great Britain were involved in the smuggling. On 1 July, other members of the criminal group were detained in Ukraine. A total of 9 citizens were detained and charged with sale of large quantities of narcotic drugs and smuggling.

<https://www.rbc.ua/rus/news/ukraine-izyali-krupnyuyu-partiyu-kokaina-latinskoy-1562072508.html>

05.07.2019 SBU officers stopped activities of an ethnic drug group organized by a resident of Zaporozhie. Members of the group manufactured and sold drugs and psychotropic substances to dealers all over Ukraine in wholesale batches. In places of residence of members of the group in Dnipropetrovsk and Zaporozhie oblasts as well as in their drug laboratory during searches were seized **1 kg of methadone, 8000 Tramadol tablets and 10 kg of precursors**. Drug manufacturing equipment was seized in addition. Three members of the group were arrested and prosecuted.

<https://zp.depo.ua/rus/zp/zaporizhanka-organizuvala-masshtabne-postachannya-narkotikiv-teritorieyu-ukraini-20190705989670>