

**CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(based on mass media reports)

**08-14.07.2019**

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**CARICC MEMBER STATES**

**REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**

**14.07.2019** a 58-year-old resident of the village of Galynchag engaged in cultivation of hemp containing narcotic plants on his site was detained in Ismayilli district. A total of 750 cannabis plant shrubs were seized from the suspect. The case is under investigation.  
<https://report.az/ru/proisshestviya/v-regione-azerbaydzhana-zaderzhan-zanimavshiy-sya-virashivaniem-narkotikov/>

**KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**

**10.07.2019** SBNON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic established a transnational organized criminal drug group operating in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Russia. Members of the drug ring were engaged in illegal distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances through the Telegram messenger. They laundered proceeds from criminal activity using Bitcoin cryptocurrency. The psychotropic substance **a-PVP, weighing a total of 1012 g**, was seized. One of organizers, a 19-year-old young man from Uzbekistan, was detained. The suspect operated caches with narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in Bishkek.  
[https://24.kg/proisshestviya/123093\\_torgoval\\_cherez\\_Telegram\\_zabitcoin\\_vbishkeke\\_zaderjali\\_chlena\\_narkogr\\_uppirovki/](https://24.kg/proisshestviya/123093_torgoval_cherez_Telegram_zabitcoin_vbishkeke_zaderjali_chlena_narkogr_uppirovki/)

**11.07.2019** In Bishkek SBNON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic interdicted cultivation and production of herbal drugs in clandestine conditions. During searches in the basement of the detainee's apartment, a clandestine laboratory used for production of narcotic drugs and cultivation of marijuana was found. Twenty-one cannabis bushes prepared for further consumption and sale were seized. Pre-trial proceedings are under way.  
[https://24.kg/proisshestviya/123175\\_bishkekchanin\\_organizoval\\_vpodvale\\_laboratoriyu\\_marihuanyi\\_ego\\_otpus\\_tili/](https://24.kg/proisshestviya/123175_bishkekchanin_organizoval_vpodvale_laboratoriyu_marihuanyi_ego_otpus_tili/)

**11.07.2019** In the scope of the international anti-drug operation "Pautina", border guards in the area of Kurama (Jalal-Abad region) and Zhany-shaar (Ala-Buka district) with participation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the State Committee of National Security of the Kyrgyz Republic and representatives of local authorities found crops of **wild-growing hemp weighing more than 2700 kg** near the state border. In just one week, more than **4.2 tonnes of wild-growing cannabis** were destroyed in the Kyrgyz-Uzbek section of the state border in Jalal-Abad region alone.  
<https://svodka.akipress.org/news:1556637?from=svodka&place=newstopic>

**13.07.2019** In the village of Petrovka, Chui region, a 25-year-old man was detained by officers of the Chui region Department of Internal Affairs in an attempt to transport drugs to



a restricted area of GSIN correctional facility, where **3,395 kg of hashish** were found during a personal search. <https://rus.ozodlik.org/a/30055101.html>

## RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**09.07.2019** A 26-year-old Muscovite suspected of illegal drug trafficking was detained by transport police near the railway station of Dunayka in Yaroslavl. At his place of residence in Yaroslavl he illegally kept about **600 g of heroin** prepared for sale through stashes in various districts of Yaroslavl.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17511960>

**10.07.2019** Two 25-year-old natives of a Central Asian state, from whom **150 grams of heroin** prepared for sale by contactless method in the territory of Kursk were seized, were detained by UNK of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Kursk region. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17529083>

**11.07.2019** Officers of the Moscow regional UNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation together with their colleagues from the Department of Internal Affairs of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Klin urban district detained two natives of a Central Asian state aged 24 and 29, from whom **100 grams of heroin** prepared for sale by contactless way had been seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17545000>

**12.07.2019** Criminal operations of an interregional ethnic group whose members were engaged in illegal sale of heroin on the territory of the region were stopped by UNK of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Ivanovo region. Born in Central Asia in 1981 and 1994, some **630 grams of heroin** were seized from them during personal searches. Criminal proceedings were initiated against the detainees. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17556831>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### BRAZIL

**11.07.2019** Customs officials of the Federal Revenue Service seized **662 kg of cocaine** at the port of Paranaguá during a routine operation with the Federal Police. A shipment of cocaine was discovered as a result of inspection using a scanner in a container carrying a load of wood. The consignment was to be exported to the port of Antwerp, Belgium.

<http://receita.economia.gov.br/sobre/acoes-e-programas/acoes-da-receita-federal/noticias/2019/julho/9a-regiao-fiscal/receita-federal-apreende-662-kg-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-paranagua>

Video: <https://agoralitoral.com.br/noticias/mais-660-kg-de-cocaina-apreendidos-no-porto-de-paranagua-video/>

**11.07.2019** Customs officials of the Federal Revenue Service discovered and seized **1.425 tons of cocaine** in refrigerated containers loaded with frozen chicken liver for export to Europe during a routine operation with the Federal Police at the port of Santos on the coast of São Paulo. The final destination of the shipment is the port of Valencia in Spain. <https://g1.globo.com/sp/santos-regiao/porto-mar/noticia/2019/07/11/receita-encontra-15-t-de-cocaina-escondida-em-carga-de-figado-em-sp.ghtml>

**12.07.2019** Customs teams at the port of Santos discovered **272 kg of cocaine** in exports for Europe. The drug was concealed in the floor of one of two refrigerated

containers loaded with 46 tons of frozen orange juice. The final destination of the drug shipment is the port of Rotterdam (Netherlands). <https://politica.estadao.com.br/blogs/fausto-macedo/receita-peg-a-272-quilos-de-cocaina-no-piso-de-containeir-no-porto-de-santos/>

**13.07.2019** Officers of Anti-drug Enforcement Unit of the Vietnamese General Department of Customs and the Ho Chi Minh City Police detected seven international parcels concealing more than **14 kg of synthetic drugs, including MDMA ("ecstasy") and ketamine**. International mail arrives in Ho Chi Minh City from France, Germany and Thailand through international mail and courier services, disguised as personal, non-commercial gifts. <https://customsnews.vn/ho-chi-minh-city-customs-discovers-more-postal-items-containing-drugs-11252.html>

**GERMANY**

**08.07.2019** Officers of the Kassel unit of the General Customs Administration on Highway 44 near Zierenberg arrested a suspect in smuggling 3 kg of new psychoactive substance transported in a car with Polish registration numbers. While inspecting the vehicle, customs officers found in the trunk a large loudspeaker box containing empty beverage cans, cables and aerosols and containing 3 packages of **3-CMC or Clophedrone** crystals. A substance in the amphetamines group is not covered by the Drug Act, but is prohibited under the New Psychoactive Substances Act, in force since 2016. A 28-year-old driver was arrested. The shipment is worth 30,000 euros. Field office of the Frankfurt am Main customs office in Kassel opened an investigation. [https://www.zoll.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/Rauschgift/2019/z10\\_drogenschmuggel.html](https://www.zoll.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/Rauschgift/2019/z10_drogenschmuggel.html)

**GUATEMALA**

**09.07.2019** Agents of Subdirector General of Analysis and Anti-Drug Information (SGAIA) of the Puerto Barrios, Izabal, seized about **190 kg of cocaine**. <https://pncdeguatemala.blogspot.com/view/magazine>  
<http://mingob.gob.gt/detectan-ilicitos-en-el-interior-de-un-contenedor-en-puerto-barrios-izabal/>

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

**10.07.2019** Officials of the National Narcotics Control Directorate (DNCD), with the support of the Specialized Port Security Authority and the General Customs Administration coordinated by the State Ministry, discovered and seized **32.13 kg of cocaine** in the port of Haina Orientale, municipality of Santo Domingo. Inspection of a ship arriving from Colombia resulted in the discovery of a backpack containing 10 packages of cocaine, weighing approximately 32.13 kg. DNCD and the Prosecutor's Office opened an investigation. <http://www.dncd.gob.do/index.php/noticias/item/haina-oriental>

**INDIA**

**11.07.2019** DRI seized more than **962 kg of cannabis** in Telangana. The DRI in Hyderabad intercepted a truck from Bhadrachalam towards Zahirabad during a special operation. The consignment of cannabis was concealed under coconut and guava seedlings. The smuggling came from the Rajamandri district of Andhra Pradesh and was destined for Zahirabad from Telangana. Two people involved in drug trafficking were arrested. The case is under investigation. <https://www.indiatoday.in/crime/story/marijuana-telangana-1566873-2019-07-11>

## CHINA

**12.07.2019** Customs officials at Hong Kong International Airport arrested a 76-year-old man on suspicion of smuggling **2.1 kg of cocaine** worth \$2.3 million. The drug mule arrived on a flight from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The drug was hidden in a false suitcase compartment.

<https://www.scmp.com/print/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3018570/hong-kong-customs-officials-arrest-76-year-old-man>

## MAURITIUS

**10.07.2019** Law enforcement authorities in Mauritius seized **90 kg of cocaine** in the port of Payes. The shipment of cocaine was concealed under the hood of a construction excavator. The drugs originated in Morocco. <http://www.marsecreview.com/2019/07/90-kilos-of-cocaine-transported-through-pailles-port-seized-in-mauritius/>

Video: [https://mbcm mediaserver.mbcradio.tv/vod/mbc/reportages/810\\_FTV\\_PAILLES%20SAISIE%20DE%20DROGUE\\_TV.mp4](https://mbcm mediaserver.mbcradio.tv/vod/mbc/reportages/810_FTV_PAILLES%20SAISIE%20DE%20DROGUE_TV.mp4)

## PORTUGAL

**07.07.2019** As part of international police cooperation, operation Tipon was carried out by the police of Portugal, Spain, the Netherlands and Brazil, resulting in the seizure of **500 kg of cocaine** on the island of Terseira located in the Azores archipelago. The drug was found on a sailing boat en route from the port of Itajai, Brazil, and was allegedly destined for Uruguay. Portuguese authorities arrested two foreign nationals aged 41 and 53. <http://www.pf.gov.br/imprensa/noticias/pf-participa-de-operacao-que-apreendeu-500-kg-de-cocaina-com-destino-a-europa>

## SYRIA

**08.07.2019** At a checkpoint south of Damascus, law enforcement agencies discovered a suspicious Honda vehicle. They searched it and found **266 kg of hashish and some 60,000 Captagon tablets** in a specially equipped cache. <https://www.syrianews.cc/large-quantity-narcotics-confiscated-south-damascus/>

Video: [https://videos.files.wordpress.com/jhbyFmdS/large-quantity-of-narcotics-confiscated-by-syrian-security-south-of-damascus\\_dvd.mp4](https://videos.files.wordpress.com/jhbyFmdS/large-quantity-of-narcotics-confiscated-by-syrian-security-south-of-damascus_dvd.mp4)

## USA

**09.07.2019** Customs and Border Protection officers in Nogales, Arizona, detained a 35-year-old US citizen in an attempt to smuggle **55.79 kg of methamphetamine** and almost **910 g of heroin** in a Honda car. Drugs and car were confiscated. The woman was arrested and transferred to the US Homeland Security Investigations.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-seizes-123-pounds-meth-heroin>

**12.07.2019** A special operation in the eastern Pacific Ocean detained a self-propelled semi-submersible submarine carrying **7 tons of cocaine**. These types of ships are used by drug cartels to smuggle drugs across sea borders. The detention operation was conducted on June 18 and was one of operations to detain 14 smuggling vessels intercepted off the coast

of Mexico, Central and South America by three coast guard boats from May to July. 17.7 tons of cocaine and 423 kg of marijuana were seized this time.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/dramatic-video-shows-coast-guard-leaping-submarine-carrying-17-000-n1028986>

**12.07.2019** US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in Luquille, Arizona, detained a 26-year-old Mexican citizen in an attempt to smuggle **22.68 kg of methamphetamine** hidden in a Nissan's door into the US. The drug trafficker was transferred to the US Homeland Security Investigations. Drugs and car were confiscated.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-seizes-nearly-50-lbs-methamphetamine>

## PUERTO RICO

**09.07.2019** US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at Rafael Hernandez International Airport in Aguadilla, while checking a batch of red roses from Colombia found 26 boxes containing **28.1 kg of cocaine** in two boxes. Worth of drugs is estimated at 702.5 thousand US dollars. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-seizes-62-pounds-cocaine-consignment-declared-roses>

## FRANCE

**09.07.2019** Perpignan Customs Office in Narbonne and Boulou seized **135 kg of hashish and 190 kg of cannabis**. Drugs came from Spain.

<https://france3-regions.francetvinfo.fr/occitanie/pyrenees-orientales/autoroute-a9-325-kilos-herbe-resine-cannabis-saisis-2-jours-narbonne-au-boulou-1697074.html>

## SRI LANKA

**11.07.2019** Naval forces near Halle seized a fishing vessel carrying **60 kg of heroin**. Nine suspects on board were apprehended. The fishing vessel did not have a flag or registration mark. Suspects and drugs were transferred to the Police Narcotics Bureau (PNB). During investigation, measures are being taken to establish citizenship of the suspects.

[http://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking\\_news/Nine-arrested-with-60kgs-of-heroin/108-170918](http://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Nine-arrested-with-60kgs-of-heroin/108-170918)