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REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

15.09.2019 Officers of the Saatli District Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan detained two residents of the village of Aliabad of the Saatli district suspected of drug trafficking. As a result of inspection of farm where one of the detainees worked, **3.39 kg of marijuana and 4 bushes of cannabis** were found. A criminal case has been launched in this regard. <https://www.salamnews.org/ru/news/read/359801>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

12.09.2019 In the course of operative and preventive measure "Көкнәр-2019" officers of the Zhanakorgan district police department in 45 km from the village "Түріккен" detained 35 and 36-year-old residents of the city of Kyzylorda and Almaty region. The men cultivated illegal drug-containing plants in especially large amounts. As a result of inspection of the scene, **228 bushes of cannabis, 74 dried bushes and 80 bags of cannabis weighing about 370 kg** were seized. In addition, 2 unregistered smooth-bore weapons were seized. A pre-trial investigation has been initiated into the case. The detainees were placed in a temporary detention facility. <https://toppress.kz/article/55175/kizilordinskie-policeiskie-izyali-okolo-370-kg-narkoticheskikh-vesh-estv>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

09.09.2019 Officers of UNK UMVD of Russia in Kaluga region in Obninsk detained a 30-year-old man and a 29-year-old woman suspected of selling drugs on a large scale. During a personal search of the suspects, inspection of the vehicle on which they were travelling, as well as searches in the hotel where the couple stayed, about **1 kg 340 g of N-methylephedrone, about 25 g of psychotropic indole substance, as well as several grams of marijuana** were found and seized. The drugs were to be further distributed to drug-dependent citizens in a non-contact fashion. Criminal proceedings have been instituted in this regard. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/18226782>

10.09.2019 Officers of UNK of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Kaluga region detained a 29-year-old resident of Kaluga suspected of selling drugs in a contactless way using the Internet. More than **270 grams of heroin** were found and seized during personal searches, at the place of residence and at stashes. Large consignments of drugs were packaged in smaller quantities and transported to their destination for onward distribution to drug addicts. Doses were placed in specially constructed caches, and then their exact location was revealed through online messages in an application. A young man carried out his actions on the territory of the Kaluga region. A criminal case was initiated against the man. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/18242634>

10.09.2019 Russian police officers in the Sredneakhtubinsky district of Volgograd oblast detained two local residents aged 45 and 54 who illegally cultivated, manufactured and sold drugs of the cannabis group. During searches of the home of one of the detainees, **50 kg of marijuana** were found and seized. A criminal case has been initiated and the perpetrators are detained. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/18246545>

11.09.2019 Officers of UNK GU of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation in Nizhny Novgorod region stopped actions of a group of persons suspected of manufacturing and distribution of synthetic drugs in the region and other subjects of the Russian Federation. Two local residents organized and equipped a drug laboratory in a garage box belonging to one of them. Manufactured substances were sold in a non-contact way. A total of **9.5 kg of mephedrone, more than 400 kg of chemicals, items and laboratory equipment used in its production** were seized. Preliminary investigation of the criminal case is ongoing. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/18260875>

11.09.2019 Officers of UNK UMVD of Tambov region in Tambov detained a foreign citizen and a resident of Krasnoyarsk region, who were inter-regional drug couriers. **216 g of heroin** was seized. Suspects in the Moscow region purchased a consignment of heroin via the Internet for distribution in the Tambov region. A criminal case has been initiated against the suspects. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/18274842>

11.09.2019 Police Department officers in the city of Sochi, Krasnodar region, detained a 31-year-old immigrant from the Ulyanovsk region, suspected of illegal drug trafficking in the territory of Sochi. The woman illegally stored narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances prepared for sale at her place of temporary residence: **240 g of marijuana, more than 400 g of mephedrone, more than 30 g of cocaine, 60 g of amphetamine and more than 135 g of MDMA.** A criminal case has been initiated against the detainee. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/18260778>

12.09.2019 Traffic police officers at the railway station in Yaroslavl detained a 39-year-old woman from Orenburg, from whom **700 grams of heroin** were seized. The woman, a drug dealer, planned to sell heroin through caches in central regions of Russia. A criminal case has been initiated against the suspect. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/18277338>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

14.09.2019 Officers of border troops of the Uzbek State Security Service intercepted smuggling of psychotropic substances from the territory of Kazakhstan with the help of a drone. Traffickers attempted to smuggle 600 strips of **Tramadol psychotropic drug** (10 tablets each, **a total of 6,000 tablets**) across the border on the drone of the Phantom 4 model to Tashkent region. Preliminary investigations into seizures of psychotropic substances are currently under way. https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/narkotorgovtsy-nachali-perepravlyat-psikhotropy-v-uzbekistan-pri-pomoshchi-dronov-/?sphrase_id=607761
<https://tengrinews.kz/crime/dron-kazahstanskim-tramadolom-perehvatili-pogranichniki-379224/>

14.09.2019 When carrying out customs control in respect of international mail items received in the name of two citizens of Uzbekistan, employees of the customs post of VED

"Bosh Pochtamt" of the customs administration in the city of Tashkent prevented smuggling of psychotropic substances. In particular, pharmaceuticals containing psychotropic substances were found inside postal items: **30 units of Zolpidem and 60 units of Fenazepam**. Customs inspections are currently being carried out in respect of the detected offences.

<http://customs.uz/ru/news/view/2520>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BRAZIL

09.09.2019 Officers of the Customs Control Division of the Internal Revenue Service at the port of Salvador seized **847 kg of cocaine**. A shipment of seized cocaine was handed over to the Federal Police. A total of 24 bags of drugs were found inside a consignment of grapes to be exported by ship to the port of Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Cocaine was placed in a container without the knowledge of the exporting cargo owner. Cocaine has been handed over to the Federal Police, which is conducting an investigation.

<https://g1.globo.com/ba/bahia/noticia/2019/09/09/mais-de-800-kg-de-cocaina-sao-apreendidos-em-carregamento-de-uva-no-porto-de-salvador.ghtml>

10.09.2019 The Customs Control Division of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at the Port of Santos discovered **1,482 tons of cocaine** in an export shipment. Customs officers selected a shipment of crystalline sugar destined for the port of Antwerp (Belgium) using objective risk analysis criteria, including non-intrusive (X-ray) inspection. Inside one container, 49 "contaminated" cocaine bags, weighing 1,482 kg, were found. The drug was placed in a legal shipment without the knowledge of exporters and importers. The drug has been handed over to the Federal Police, which will continue to investigate on the basis of information provided by Customs.

<http://receita.economia.gov.br/noticias/ascom/2019/setembro/receita-federal-localiza-1-482-kg-de-cocaina-em-carga-de-exportacao-no-porto-de-santos>

10.09.2019 A police operation conducted by the State Department of Criminal Investigations (DEIC) in the port of Santos resulted in the arrest of 6 people involved in smuggling of large amounts of cocaine through the port of Santos. Cocaine packages (weight not indicated) were found in large quantities of orange juice concentrate and lubricant. The drug was found in two trucks, near a container terminal on the right bank of the port complex. The vehicles were delivered to DEIC's headquarters in Brasilia. In the first case, cocaine was concealed in a 35-ton container of fat. Removal of the drug would only be possible after industrial heating, when the material hardens. In another case, cocaine was in an orange juice concentrate. Packages of cocaine were placed inside bags of product that were partially frozen. Both shipments were destined for export abroad. Six people were detained during the operation and handed over to DEIC to investigate their criminal actions and to identify others involved in international drug trafficking.

<https://www.tribuna.com.br/noticias/policia/deic-localiza-coca%C3%ADna-em-cargas-de-suco-de-laranja-e-graxa-no-porto-seis-foram-presos-1.66902>

11.09.2019 Officers of the Customs Control Division of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) seized **608 kg of cocaine** at the port of Paranagua. The drugs were in a container with beans. The destination of the shipment was Algeciras Port (Spain). The illicit consignment

was detected using a scanner when the container arrived at the terminal.
<https://g1.globo.com/pr/parana/noticia/2019/09/11/receita-federal-apreende-608-kg-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-paranagua.ghtml>
 Video: https://www.youtube.com/embed/g5S7U8t9_dA

12.09.2019 In a joint action by the Federal Police and the port guard at the port of Santos, on the coast of São Paulo, two men involved in smuggling of drugs were arrested. Surveillance cameras showed suspicious movement of a truck driver inside a port terminal. The port guard and the Federal Police therefore decided to approach the vehicle. There were four men in the truck, two of whom managed to escape. During inspection, 13 bags containing **423 kg of cocaine** were found in the truck. Two seals were also found to be used in the containers. In addition, the truckers had their pliers confiscated that were used to break seals. Cocaine was to be placed in a container destined for Antwerp, Belgium. An investigation has been opened into the case. <https://g1.globo.com/sp/santos-regiao/porto-mar/noticia/2019/09/12/pf-prende-dois-homens-com-423-kg-de-cocaina-tipo-exportacao-em-sp.ghtml>

SPAIN

14.09.2019 Guardia Civil officers intercepted a truck carrying **127 kg of cocaine** as part of Operation HAUT on the RM-711 (Caravaca Lorca) road. One Spanish national has been prosecuted for an offence related to drug trafficking. Agents learned that a container containing large quantities of cocaine could have passed through the port of Valencia towards the Spanish region of Murcia. A truck suspected of drug trafficking was found during a special operation. After the container was opened, the agents checked its contents: a shipment of animal skins from South America. Each of the pallets was moved and more than 100 rectangular packages containing cocaine were concealed among numerous animal skins. The drug seized was handed over to the Lorca court. The investigation into the case is ongoing.
http://www.guardiacivil.es/es/prensa/noticias/7114_s.html

SERBIA

10.09.2019 About **4 kg of heroin** were found in a suitcase and seized from a Serbian national arriving at Ljubljana’s Brnik airport by air from Turkey.
<https://english.sta.si/2674784/serb-national-caught-with-4-kg-of-heroin>

USA

08.09.2019 Louisiana State Police arrested a 40-year-old resident of Slydell who was driving the I-10 eastbound to Port Allen in a Ford Fiesta car. After stopping and inspecting the vehicle, about **4 kg of heroin** were found. The man was imprisoned in West Baton Rouge County Prison.
<https://www.wafb.com/2019/09/09/police-slydell-man-busted-with-nearly-kg-heroin-port-allen/>

UKRAINE

12.09.2019 National Police of Ukraine in Ivano-Frankivsk, Kyiv, Luhansk and Prykarpattya regions dismantled large-scale drug laboratories within 24 hours and seized almost **2 tons of cannabis**. In the Carpathian region alone, value of seized drugs is estimated at 50

million euros. A resident of Prykarpattya together with his accomplices rented a greenhouse and vegetable plant with an area of 4 hectares and planted on it elite cannabis varieties with a high content of tetrahydrocannabinol. Drug traffickers could send drug in bulk shipments abroad. During a special operation, one of the organizers of drug trafficking was detained, as well as 20 employees who ensured the operation of the drug laboratory. In addition, two pistols were seized. In greenhouses on a special ground about 100 thousand mature plants were found out. Hired workers, including security guards, worked in two shifts for a fee and lived in outbuildings with a kitchen and canteen. The plantation was equipped with high-tech systems of heating, lighting, watering, soil and air feeding, temperature and humidity sensors, centralized video surveillance network and service dogs. Criminal proceedings were launched. <https://www.politnavigator.net/na-ukraine-izyali-rekordnyuyu-partiyu-kannabisa-na-50-millionov-evro.html>

RSA

08.09.2019 Customs and police officers, in a joint operation at the Port of Ngqura in Port Elizabeth, discovered and seized about **85 kg of cocaine** in two containers with bananas that had arrived from Ecuador and were destined for Cape Town. A total of 85 packages of the drug were found in a hidden compartment inside refrigerator. <https://www.jacarandafm.com/news/news/cocaine-worth-millions-seized-pe/>