

**CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(based on mass media reports)

**02.03-08.03.2020****№ 10****CARICC MEMBER STATES****RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**26.02.2020** Employees of the Central Drug Control Department of the Russian Interior Ministry, together with their colleagues from Moscow and Vladimir regions, conducted a large-scale operation to stop drug lab operations. Four Ukrainian citizens involved in drug manufacture and six interregional couriers were detained. Organizers of criminal business were identified after their accomplices who were delivering illicit goods to cities of the Volga, Siberian and Ural Federal Districts were detained. Police officers found a drug lab in the basement of a house in Aleksandrovsky district of Vladimir region, where 368 kg of  $\alpha$ -PVP, more than 1.8 tons of precursors were seized during a search. Later in a forest area, police found a cache with more than 30 kg of  $\alpha$ -PVP recovered. In a nearby garage, the perpetrators had stored 197 canisters of 40 litres each filled with drug-containing liquid. Total mass of the dry residue of the drug  $\alpha$ -PVP amounted to 578 kg. From the beginning of 2018 to September 2019, accomplices synthesized drugs in a rented house in Vnukovsky rural settlement of Moscow region. A cache of 7.6 kg of  $\alpha$ -PVP was discovered in a plot. About **1 ton of  $\alpha$ -PVP, more than 1,800 kg of precursors**, more than 80 items of laboratory equipment, including two chemical reactors of 100 liters each, as well as bank cards, laptops and smartphones with evidentiary value were seized. With regard to all defendants, the court has chosen a preventive measure in the form of detention. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/19634073>

**03.03.2020** Employees of UNK UMVD of Russia across the Ivanovo area have detained two women - natives of neighboring countries born in 1997 and 1994 who distributed heroin in the city of Ivanovo contactlessly through caches. In the course of inspection, they found and seized **97.89 g of heroin**, which had been prepared for sale. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/19681710>

**02.03.2020** Employees of UNK GU of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Voronezh region detained a 35-year-old local resident who illegally stored **900 g of heroin**, prepared for sale, with him and in a rented apartment. Objects used in criminal activities with evidential value were also seized. The detainee took wholesale shipments of heroin in a forest belt and packed it into smaller ones for further sale contactlessly. He collected money for drugs from unidentified accomplices directly on his bank card. In addition, the suspect is wanted for a crime related to drug trafficking committed in the Kurgan region. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/19677612>

**03.03.2020** A 25-year-old resident of Kursk, suspected of selling drugs, has been detained by officers of the Russian UNK UMVD for Kursk Region. The malefactor has organized work of an Internet shop offering various kinds of herbal and synthetic drugs, including cocaine. The suspect himself was distributing drugs contactlessly through caches. The man stored a

wholesale consignment of illegal substances in a forest area. About **400 g of drugs** were seized in total. Internet shop was stopped, as well as the drug supply channel to the region was blocked. The man has been arrested and will remain in a detention facility until the end of investigation. A criminal case has been initiated against him. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/19681679>

**03.03.2020** Employees of the UNK GU of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Krasnoyarsk region detained a 27-year-old resident of Zheleznogorsk, who was selling drugs contactlessly through the Internet as a "stasher" in the interests of an online store. A search of the suspect's apartment resulted in the discovery and seizure of packaging equipment for drugs, as well as more than **990 grams of drugs of synthetic origin**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/19678933>

**03.03.2020** Employees of UNK UMVD of Russia on the Kaluga area detained 42-year-old resident of Moscow who has prepared **136,47 g of heroin** for sale through caches in Kaluga. The suspect came to Kaluga from Moscow to perform caches. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/19680600>

**03.03.2020** Employees of UNK UMVD of Russia in the Ryazan region during monitoring of the regional segment of the Internet noticed an activity typical for organization of contactless drug distribution in the city of Ryazan. Subsequently, a 29-year-old resident of the Ryazan region was identified as being involved in drug trafficking. On the outskirts of the city, the man was storing in a cache for the purpose of selling a smoking mix based on concentrated synthetic drugs. The perpetrator was detained. The man was found to have been involved not only in drug distribution in the Ryazan and Vladimir regions, but also in production of smoking mixtures based on concentrated synthetic drugs in an apartment specially rented for this purpose in the Moscow region. During a search of this apartment, more than 4 kg of concentrated synthetic drugs were found. Also confiscated were 9 kg of narcotics smoking mixtures made on the base of such concentrate, electric household meat grinder, scales and kitchen utensils used for drug production. In total, more than **13.9 kg of synthetic drugs** have been seized from the apartment and its caches. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/19685227>

**04.03.2020** Employees of UNK UMVD of Russia on Kostroma region during a large-scale special operation detained five participants of organized group - residents of the Kostroma region aged from 18 to 23 years. The drug dealers were carrying out criminal activities in the interests of an online store selling narcotic drugs. About **2.5 kg of N-methylephedrone ("salt")**, drug packing devices, computer equipment, mobile phones and bank cards were seized during search and investigation. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/19692116>

**04.03.2020** Employees of ONK UMVD of Russia in the urban district of Podolsk, Moscow Region, together with colleagues from Smolensk Region, detained a 32-year-old local resident suspected of drug trafficking near a garage box. During a personal search, the man was found to have more than **450 g of amphetamine, more than 10 g of methylephedrone, 5 g of mephedrone and "ecstasy" tablets containing MDMA**. The total amount of **narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances** seized amounted to about **500 g**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/19689717>

**04.03.2020** Officers of ONK UMVD of Russia in Vologda Region detained members of an organized group consisting of seven residents of Vologda Region aged 22 to 40, who were engaged in distribution of illegal substances in the territory of Cherepovets through caches. The offenders purchased narcotic drug on the Internet. During searches and inspections, about **2 kg of synthetic drugs** were seized, as well as items used in criminal activities. Criminal proceedings were instituted against all defendants, and the court selected a preventive measure in the form of detention.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/19689903>

**05.03.2020** Employees of UNK GU of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Krasnoyarsk Krai detained a 49-year-old resident of Kansk suspected of selling narcotic drugs, and seized **389 grams of heroin**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/19700762>

**05.03.2020** Employees of GUNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in cooperation with colleagues from Moscow and Tver Region have stopped drug lab activity that is located in Kalininsky district, Tver Region, producing synthetic drugs. Illegal production was carried out in huts on a site surrounded by a high fence. Two Tver residents were detained, one of whom worked as an insurance agent and the other as an engineer. At examination of laboratory they found and seized **17,5 g of mephedrone, more than 7 kg of precursors and 200 liters of precursors in liquid form**. Finished products were packed by drug traffickers in polyethylene bags for further distribution through caches in the Moscow region. This chemical production differed from previously revealed by larger amounts of one-time drug production and expensive equipment. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/19701611>

## REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

**06.03.2020** Tajik Customs officials at the Nizhny Panj customs post on the Tajik-Afghan border detained an Afghan citizen who had two bags of almonds in his suitcase during a search. The same bags concealed **2.11 kg of heroin**. Criminal proceedings were instituted against the Afghan national under articles 200 (Drug trafficking) and 289 (Smuggling) of the Criminal Code of Tajikistan. <https://www.interfax.ru/world/698005>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### AUSTRALIA

**04.03.2020** A joint investigation by the Australian Federal Police (AFP), the Australian Border Force (ABF) and the New South Wales State Police resulted in the seizure of more than **1,053 tons of MDMA** and indictment of five individuals - two Australians, two Canadians and a Hong Kong resident - for their importation and alleged distribution. MDMA was discovered during a container inspection from South Korea on 11 January 2020. The ABF study identified a number of pallets with 648 plastic buckets of tile adhesive. 176 glue buckets contained MDMA bags. Each bucket held approximately 6 kg of MDMA. AFP Eastern Command launched a joint investigation with ABF, benefiting from significant assistance from the Organized Crime Squad of the State Police Command of New South Wales. Video: <https://newsroom.abf.gov.au/releases/more-than-one-tonne-of-mdma-seized-five-people-charged/videos/more-than-one-tonne-of-mdma-seized-five-people-charged>  
<https://newsroom.abf.gov.au/releases/more-than-one-tonne-of-mdma-seized-five-people-charged>

## BULGARIA

**02.03.2020** Employees of the National Customs Agency (NCA) seized **34.89 kg of marijuana** at Captain Andreevo checkpoint near the border with Turkey. The drug was in a hidden compartment on a passenger bus coming from Serbia, which was trying to leave Bulgaria. The driver, a Serbian citizen, and a compatriot accompanying him were arrested. Marijuana is worth \$78,000.

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-03/02/c\\_138836523.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-03/02/c_138836523.htm)

**03.03.2020** Employees of the National Customs Agency (NCA) seized **51 kg of heroin** at the state border checkpoint "Lesovo" with Turkey. 100 packets of heroin were found after X-ray inspection of a passenger bus travelling from Istanbul, Turkey, to Silistra, Bulgaria. Heroin may be worth between US\$ 2.2 million and US\$ 3.4 million on illicit market. The driver, a 45-year-old Turkish citizen who also owned the vehicle, was detained.

<https://menafn.com/1099794417/Over-50-kg-of-heroin-confiscate-in-Bulgaria>

## BRAZIL

**05.03.2020** Customs agents of the Federal Revenue Service (IRS) of the Port of Paranagua and the Federal Police (PF) seized over **222.5 kg of cocaine** at a container inspection terminal. A container loaded with rolls of paper was destined for shipment to the port of Joa Tauro (Italy). International drug traffickers used the "Rip-on/Rip-off" method, in which cocaine packages were secretly placed with goods in a container just prior to shipment without the cargo owner's knowledge. Drug was detected during routine inspection and control at the container terminal. <https://folhadolitoral.com.br/policia/acao-conjunta-apreende-mais-de-220-quilos-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-paranagua/>

**06.03.2020** During maintenance performed by airline's technicians, approximately **59 kg of cocaine** were found in the fuselage of the aircraft at Galeao International Airport in the northern zone of Rio de Janeiro. The airline reported the discovery to the Federal Police (PF). <https://g1.globo.com/rj/rio-de-janeiro/noticia/2020/03/06/pf-apreende-mais-de-50-quilos-de-cocaina-em-fuselagem-de-aviao-no-aeroporto-do-galeao-rio.ghtml>

## VIETNAM

**07.03.2020** Police in Hanoi detained a 27-year-old resident of Si Pa Tin Commune, Nam Po District, Dien Bien Province, while carrying **6 kg of heroin**. A 31-year-old resident of Dien Bien District and a 52-year-old resident of Tra Lin District, located in the northern mountainous province of Kao Bang, were arrested during a further investigation into their involvement in this crime. Drug was smuggled from Laos.

<https://vietnamnet.vn/en/society/hanoi-police-seize-20-bricks-of-heroin-622545.html>

## INDIA

**02.03.2020** Customs officers at Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru, Karnataka, detained a Guatemalan woman who was attempting to smuggle **1,385 kg of cocaine** in her body. <https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/headlines/925576-theft-reported-at-kottayams-thirunakkara-mahadeva-temple>

## IRAQ

**04.03.2020** Kurdistan Region Anti-Drug Directorate confiscated **5 kg of heroin** in Erbil. One person was arrested. In addition, security forces in the Soran district of Erbil Province arrested two men on March 2, seizing more than **3kg of drugs** as well as \$3,900 counterfeit dollars.

[http://www.basnews.com/index.php/en/news/kurdistan/586491?\\_cf\\_chl\\_jschl\\_tk=\\_\\_c62d8562a4060b4cc44ca84f48a1faf400f4bc87-1583827590-0-AfKXci3pNxwASPx9eCENU3RADHPJissz00VTOcnvAnYB7CfCLVvGSzyx6Z3\\_np4JvoCRIWUAYevr77eIYxCqlezCQdCVAknXWq85kp7EG97GLSITdEZRGDH-qd3Rq7tGR8bU0-bS82euOT71pw4xqe9NodX7oNfeUA9rrJ3cqgCWYbEFAYlxwjbq0P6pJoDy5XB3ZVlrrBoJ0ENL08GkNp-kaTef3NtvapAuWzpdB6uIap1bPeG8ZkmeAZitHOVMa\\_fkLnED-3bcz2E0ID3fIZrq0uKIBAn6WPPP7s-oiyAgBjc5vweIN-k6vOmx4kaVQ](http://www.basnews.com/index.php/en/news/kurdistan/586491?_cf_chl_jschl_tk=__c62d8562a4060b4cc44ca84f48a1faf400f4bc87-1583827590-0-AfKXci3pNxwASPx9eCENU3RADHPJissz00VTOcnvAnYB7CfCLVvGSzyx6Z3_np4JvoCRIWUAYevr77eIYxCqlezCQdCVAknXWq85kp7EG97GLSITdEZRGDH-qd3Rq7tGR8bU0-bS82euOT71pw4xqe9NodX7oNfeUA9rrJ3cqgCWYbEFAYlxwjbq0P6pJoDy5XB3ZVlrrBoJ0ENL08GkNp-kaTef3NtvapAuWzpdB6uIap1bPeG8ZkmeAZitHOVMa_fkLnED-3bcz2E0ID3fIZrq0uKIBAn6WPPP7s-oiyAgBjc5vweIN-k6vOmx4kaVQ)

## IRAN

**06.03.2020** Between 29 February and 6 March 2020, the Iranian Anti-Narcotics Police seized **11 tons and 167 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 30 kg of heroin, 8 tons and 518 kg of opium, 106 kg of methamphetamine, 21 kg of morphine, 2 tons and 464 kg of hashish and 28 kg of other narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances<sup>1</sup>.**

## SPAIN

**03.03.2020** A joint operation by the National Police, the Guardia Civil and the Revenue Authority in Alicante dismantled a criminal organization that had organized smuggling of methamphetamine from Mexico to Spain, hidden in marble blocks. Agents arrested five people and confiscated **752 kg of methamphetamine**. The organization concealed illicit activities by using fictitious businesses to extract and import (export) marble. Methamphetamine was concealed in marble blocks using a new and undetectable system, which is inclusion in a multi-ton block of marble of cylindrical PVC containers containing the controlled substance. Imported blocks of marble (each weighing 25 tons) came from Mexico to the port of Valencia, later transported to the city of Novelda in Alicante. A few days later, organization moved blocks to a quarry in La Romana, Alicante. Agents discovered caches in marble blocks, from where a total of 752 kg of methamphetamine had been seized. During the investigation, five people were detained, 19 real estate objects, 14 vehicles and 7 bank accounts were blocked. The investigation revealed that the criminal drug trafficking scheme involved a strong logistics and commercial structure. This method of concealing methamphetamine involved the need for personnel specializing in working with marble, not only at its place of origin in Mexico but also in Spain; and the use of special equipment for working with marble and machines of great tonnage. In addition, organization's members' specialization in setting up a fictitious business is recognized, as well as their excellent knowledge of international maritime trade, its features and customs control systems.

Video: [https://www.policia.es/videos/wmv/20200303\\_1.mp4](https://www.policia.es/videos/wmv/20200303_1.mp4)  
[https://www.policia.es/prensa/20200303\\_1.html#](https://www.policia.es/prensa/20200303_1.html#)

<sup>1</sup> Information provided by liaison officer of the Anti-Narcotics Police of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

## COLOMBIA

**05.03.2020** National Police of Colombia seized 527 kg of cocaine, which had been hidden in boxes of avocados on a ship bound for Antwerp, Belgium, from the port of Santa Marca. The cargo was discovered as a result of previous reconnaissance missions carried out by Anti-Drug police agents. [https://www.a24.com/policiales/colombia-encuentran-527-kilos-cocaina-escondian-paltas-06032020\\_B1eeJfyHL](https://www.a24.com/policiales/colombia-encuentran-527-kilos-cocaina-escondian-paltas-06032020_B1eeJfyHL)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJ-kjnbgYLc>

## MOROCCO

**06.03.2020** Judicial police in Tangiers arrested a 31-year-old Moroccan national suspected of involvement in international drug trafficking. **1.16 kg of cocaine** were seized during a search of the suspect's house in Tangiers. Five electronic scales, seven mobile phones and a car were also confiscated. The man is in possession of a work permit and a residence permit in Belgium. <https://www.moroccoworldnews.com/2020/03/295511/tangier-police-seize-1-16-kg-of-cocaine-in-international-trafficking-bust/>

## MEXICO

**26.02.2020** Members of the Mexican Navy during a patrol in Ensenada waters observed a suspicious boat in the immediate vicinity of a MOL MAJESTY container ship from which a man threw a bag into the water. The boat, which contained three people on board, was detained. **3 kg of cocaine** were found on the boat during inspection. All four drug suspects have been arrested. The container ship "MOL MAJESTY" (IMO 9424912, built in 2010, Marshall Islands flag, manager - MOL LTD) arrived in Ensenada from Manzanillo, Panama. <https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/02/27/cocaine-dropped-from-mol-container-ship-to-waiting-traffickers/>  
<https://zetatijuana.com/2020/02/tiran-3-1-kilos-de-cocaina-desde-portacontenedores-en-recinto-portuario-de-ensenada/>

## MYANMAR

**02.03.2020** As a result of special operations, a joint military and police force dismantled several major drug production facilities in Kutkai township in eastern Shan State. Hundreds of barrels, sacks and other containers of drugs, precursors and chemicals were discovered and seized. Some **18 million tablets of methamphetamine, about 33 kg of heroin and 281 barrels (about 45,000 litres) of acid (precursor)** hidden in a ground pit next to other equipment (stoves, tablet machines and vehicles) were seized. Myanmar's multi-billion dollar drug industry, considered the world's largest methamphetamine-producing country, is concentrated in Shana, in the east of the country, where opium poppy plantations and drug laboratories are located. High-quality crystalline methamphetamine (ice) is smuggled out of the country into markets in Seoul, Tokyo and Sydney. Meanwhile, there is a rapidly developing regional market for lower quality drugs known as "yaba". <https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/myanmar-seizes-drugs-equipment-worth-27-million-military-2188494>

## THE NETHERLANDS

**28.02.2020 37 kg of cocaine** were found on board a ship in Amsterdam during inspections. The ship had arrived from Brazil and was carrying animal feed. A shipment of cocaine was concealed in backpacks. Customs and police conducted an initial investigation

and then handed the case over to the HARC team in Amsterdam. No one was arrested. Drugs have been destroyed. The investigation is being conducted by the district attorney's office in Amsterdam. <https://www.fiod.nl/37-kg-cocaine-op-boot-in-amsterdam/>

**02.03.2020** Customs at Maastricht Aachen airport confiscated over **100 kg of cocaine**. The drugs were hidden in boxes with a shipment of flowers from Colombia. The cocaine was destroyed, and the case was handed over to the Dutch Marechaussee police. <https://www.belastingdienst.nl/wps/wcm/connect/bldcontentnl/berichten/nieuws/douane/douane-treft-cocaine-aan-tussen-bloemen-op-maastricht-aachen-airport>

## PAKISTAN

**06.03.2020** Pakistan's Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) seized 1,285.5 kg of drugs and psychotropic substances during 17 anti-drug operations, including **1,015 kg of morphine, 232.3 kg of hashish, 32 kg of heroin, 4 kg of methamphetamine (ice), 1 kg of opium, 1,100 tablets of alprazolam, 7,185 ampoules (opiates) and 800 g of ecstasy tablets**. 16 people, including one foreign national, have been arrested. Four cars and a boat were confiscated. <https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/anf-seizes-1285-kg-drugs-in-17-operations-ar-856902.html>

## PERU

**07.03.2020** Police confiscated **296 kg of cocaine hydrochloride** at the Callao seaport terminal. A 22-year-old man suspected of being a member of a criminal organization was apprehended who was previously tasked with transporting in a truck and placing bags of cocaine in a specially marked container loaded with copper wires. The container was to be sent to its final destination in Belgium. <https://www.americatv.com.pe/noticias/actualidad/callao-capturan-narconinja-296-kilos-droga-que-iba-colocar-contenedor-n407492>

## PUERTO RICO

**07.03.2020** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at Luis Muñoz Marin International Airport found and seized **73 kg of cocaine** in parcels arriving by cargo plane from Bogota, Colombia. Cocaine seized was valued at US\$ 1.8 million. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-san-juan-seizes-18-million-worth-cocaine-inside-flower-boxes>

## SERBIA

**05.03.2020** Interior Ministry officers in cooperation with the Customs Administration at the Vatin border crossing, during a truck inspection, found and seized about **750 kg of marijuana** in a special hidden compartment. The total value of seized drugs is approximately 180 million dinars. The driver, a 33-year-old resident of Parachin, suspected of illegal production and trafficking of drugs, has been detained for up to 48 hours and will be taken to the Higher State Prosecutor's Office in Pančevo, along with a criminal complaint. <https://www.telegraf.rs/english/3161870-paracin-resident-drives-truck-with-750-kilos-of-marijuana-seized-drugs-worth-180-million-dinars>

**USA**

**03.03.2020** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials at a cargo facility in Otay Mesa, San Diego, California, detained a 38-year-old Mexican citizen in an attempted smuggling of **141.07 kg of methamphetamine** in a trailer truck.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-finds-311-lbs-methamphetamine-stone-items>

**03.03.2020** U.S. Border Patrol (CBP) agents at Laredo Station, Texas, February 28 and 29 prevented two separate incidents of **410 kg of marijuana** being smuggled from Mexico across the Rio Grande river.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/laredo-sector-border-patrol-thwarts-several-narcotics-smuggling>

**04.03.2020** U.S. Border Patrol agents on Interstate Highway 215, near the Murriet Hot Springs, initiated a stop on a Nissan vehicle that detected **32.11 kilograms of cocaine** inside the front and rear seats and under the seats. Seized drugs are valued at \$786,000. The driver, a 32-year-old American citizen, was arrested. The drugs have been handed over to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). The vehicle was confiscated.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/border-patrol-seizes-over-70-pounds-cocaine>

**05.03.2020** U.S. Border Patrol agents in Escondido, California, detained a man who was carrying a large shipment of cocaine and fentanyl in a Toyota Camry. During inspection, agents found 18 packages containing **18.78 kg of cocaine and 2.4 kg of fentanyl** inside the front and rear seats. Seized drugs cost 558 thousand dollars. The 49 year old Mexican citizen was taken into custody and transferred to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). Vehicle was confiscated.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/usbp-seizes-over-half-million-dollars-narcotics>

**06.03.2020** U.S. Border Patrol agents at Welton Station, Yuma, Arizona, arrested two 15-year-old U.S. citizens in a van as passengers who were attempting to smuggle about **1 kg of fentanyl** through the checkpoint. Drug was attached to feet of the teenagers.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/yuma-sector-apprehends-two-teens-found-fentanyl-taped-their-legs>

**06.03.2020** Officers from the Baton Rouge Police Department (BRPD) and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, found and seized **1.5 kg of heroin and 2 kg of methamphetamine**, 1 semi-automatic pistol and \$1,800 in cash during house searches of suspected drug traffickers. Detainees were sent to the East Baton Rouge County prison.

<https://www.wbrz.com/news/authorities-confiscate-100-000-worth-of-heroin-following-investigation/>

**THAILAND**

**06.03.2020** Thai authorities seized **100 kg of crystalline methamphetamine** on Koh Mak and Koh Koot beaches in eastern Trat Province. A total of 81 sealed bags of drugs were found.

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1873199/100kg-of-ice-washes-ashore-in-trat>

## TURKEY

**02.03.2020** Diyarbakir provincial police seized **358 kg of marijuana** during an operation in southeast Turkey, which was smuggled in two vehicles. Three suspects were detained, one of whom was released after being interrogated. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/police-seize-358-kg-of-marijuana-in-southeastern-turkey/1751597>

**04.03.2020** More than **2 tons and 384 kg of heroin** were seized by the Anti-Drug Police of Turkey and the Netherlands in an international operation conducted in five countries. Cooperation began after Turkish law enforcement officials began investigating a criminal organization involved in supplying drugs via Turkey to Europe. Law enforcement authorities seized **1,105 kg of heroin** in Kazakhstan, **703 kg of heroin** in Germany, **350 kg of heroin** in Poland, **171 kg of heroin** in the Netherlands and **55 kg of heroin** in Turkey, totalling **2 tons and 384 kg**. Trials against suspects are ongoing. <https://www.duvarenglish.com/domestic/2020/03/05/turkish-dutch-narcotic-forces-recover-over-2-3-tons-of-heroin-in-joint-operation/>

## CROATIA

**03.03.2020** Authorized officers of the Border Customs "Airport" and "Post", in cooperation with border police officers in implementing measures to control incoming passengers at Zagreb airport, discovered an attempt to smuggle **3.88 kg of cocaine**. The drug was in liquid form in four plastic bottles, which were carried in a suitcase of a Serbian citizen. Drugs had been confiscated and, together with the detained drug courier, handed over to police officers for further actions. <https://carina.gov.hr/vijesti/u-zracnoj-luci-u-zagrebu-sprijeceno-krijumcarenje-3880-grama-tekuceg-kokaina/8418>

## SRI LANKA

**02.03.2020** The STF reconnaissance unit in Vanavasala, Kelania, conducted a raid that resulted in the seizure of **10.2 kg of heroin and over 6 kg of cannabis**. The drugs were smuggled out of Afghanistan. One suspect has been apprehended and transferred to the Police Narcotics Bureau (PNB) for further investigation. [http://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking\\_news/STF-seizes-over-Rs-100-mn-heroin-in-Kelaniya/108-184145](http://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/STF-seizes-over-Rs-100-mn-heroin-in-Kelaniya/108-184145)