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CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

18.08.2020 Employees of GUBOP MVD of Azerbaijan carried out a special operation in the Baku settlement of Novkhany to detain two residents of Sabunchu district of the capital who rented a greenhouse under the pretext of growing tomatoes and cucumbers, but actually grew narcotic plants. **1813 bushes of narcotic plants with total weight of 970 kg and 105 g of dried marijuana** were found on the plantation.

<https://1news.az/news/specoperaciya-mvd-v-baku-obnaruzheny-krupnye-narkoplantacii-operativnoe-video>

22.08.2020 Employees of the State Border Service and State Security Service of Azerbaijan carried out joint operative-search actions as a result of which a package of **2.140 kg of drugs** were found on the territory of the border post in Ashagi Yaglyvand village of Fizuli district. <https://media.az/society/1067788181/gps-i-sgb-predotvratili-kontrabandu-narkotikov/>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

17.08.2020 Policemen and military personnel of the National Guard Unit 5518 in Shu district, Zhambyl region, detained a 45-year-old local resident who was laying cannabis stems. The suspect was found to have about **20 kg of dried marijuana** and over **27 kg of cannabis stems**. <https://tengrinews.kz/crime/zasadu-na-narkosbyitchika-snyali-na-video-bliz-shu-411550/>

18.08.2020 Eastern Kazakhstan region police detained three brothers, born in 1977, 1979 and 1980, who, with an accomplice, organized a drug delivery channel to Eastern Kazakhstan from the southern regions of the country. The perpetrators used services of a logistics company to transport drugs from Almaty to Ust-Kamenogorsk. Once they received the "goods," they organized distribution channels within the regional center. Officers seized **7.5 kg of hashish**, from which criminals planned to produce and sell almost 1.5 thousand single doses, worth more than 15 million tenge. <https://www.zakon.kz/5036479-semeynyy-biznes-u-bratev-izyali-gashish.html>

19.08.2020 A 25-year-old local resident who kept **1.039 kg of marijuana** in a polyethylene bag at home was detained by police officers of the Shymkent city Police Department during the "Karasora-2020" and "Darmek" OPMs.

<https://almaty.tv/news/proisshestiya/0949-paket-s-narkotikami-obnarudgili-politseyskie-u-dgitelya-shymkenta>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

17.08.2020 MVD SBNON units in Batken region stopped a criminal group that had established a stable supply and sales channel for opium from Afghanistan to Kyrgyzstan. A member of the drug group was detained in Kadamzhai district. They discovered and seized

2.040 kg of opium, which was imported into Batken region and was intended for further sale. <https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/mass-media/all-news/item/11163-sotrudnikami-sbnon-likvidirovan-ustochiviyj-kanal-postavok-tyazhelykh-narkotikov-opiya>

18.08.2020 SBNON operatives in Bishkek identified an equipped laboratory where narcotic drugs were grown and produced under clandestine conditions. They found and seized dark green substances with a specific odor of cannabis, bushes of cultivated varieties of cannabis grown using hydroponics, as well as cannabis seeds of different varieties. Two citizens born in 1978 and 1971 were detained as suspects.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/mass-media/all-news/item/11169-operativniki-sbnon-nakryli-laboratoriyu-po-kultivirovaniyu-narkosoderzhashchikh-rastenij-dlya-izgotovleniya-narkoticheskikh-sredstv>

19.08.2020 Employees of the Bishkek USBNON MVD of the Kyrgyz Republic during special investigation and search actions on the territory of the Chui region in a greenhouse farm found and seized "cultivated cannabis", as well as cannabis seedlings. Over **160 kg of cannabis** were seized. <https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/mass-media/all-news/item/11172-upravleniem-sluzhby-po-borbe-s-nezakonnym-oborotom-narkotikov-mvd-kyrgyzskoj-respubliki-po-g-bishkek-uspeshno-provedena-spetsialnaya-operatsiya-napravlenaya-na-vyyavlenie-i-presechenie-deyatelnosti-prestupnoj-narkogrupirovki>

20.08.2020 In the course of special investigation and search operations in Toktogul district of Jalal-Abad region, the Bishkek USBNON MVD KR found and seized **4.673 kg of cannabis and 690 g of marijuana** in a house, as well as devices for manufacturing narcotic drugs.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/mass-media/all-news/item/11180-sotrudnikami-sbnon-mvd-likvidirovan-kanal-postavok-narkoticheskikh-sredstv>

21.08.2020 Employees of SBNON MVD KR seized **1 ton and 389 kg of sulfuric acid** as a result of special investigation and search measures. Detainees were taken to TDFs.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/mass-media/all-news/item/11185-sotrudnikami-sbnon-mvd-presechen-kanal-sbyta-prekursorov>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

17.08.2020 Officers of the Siberian Operative Customs and the Central Anti-Smuggling Directorate of the Russian Federal Customs Service seized about **20 kg of synthetic drugs** in Novosibirsk. It was found that a criminal group organized a channel to supply "salt" from China. In July, cargo through Kazakhstan came to the central part of Russia, and then to the Siberian Federal District for further sale. <https://regnum.ru/news/accidents/3038476.html>

17.08.2020 Policemen in Kostroma region detained a 24-year-old non-working resident of Buisky district, who had equipped caches in the regional center and nearby districts. During a search, about **900 g of amphetamine and 200 g of hashish** were taken from the bag belonging to him, and scales and packing devices were found during inspection of the apartment. The drug dealer confessed that he ordered wholesale batches via an Internet website with delivery to neighboring regions, then brought the goods to Kostroma by his car, packed them in doses, placed them in caches, and sent photos of places and coordinates to his curators. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/20881381>

18.08.2020 Employees of the Saratov customs in a post office of the Penza region seized international mail arrived from the Republic of Kazakhstan to a resident of Penza. The parcel contained a weight-loss product in the form of 804 capsules. According to conclusion of experts, the seized materials contain a potent substance of narcotic action - **sibutramine**, with a total mass of **251.26 g**.

https://saratov.aif.ru/society/saratovskie_tamozhenniki_obnaruzhili_v_tabletkah_narkotiki

18.08.2020 Inspectors of traffic police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the city of Naberezhnye Chelny at the control post of police "Tula-1" stopped a car under the control of a 30-year-old resident of the Moscow region to check documents. During inspection of the car in a cache located in the air filter compartment, they found four convolutions with **1 kg of heroin**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20889192>

18.08.2020 Employees of the Krasnodar OKON UMVD of Russia detained two visitors from the Republic of Adygeya - a 28-year-old man and his 27-year-old acquaintance. During their personal search and examination of the rented apartment, about **124 g of heroin and about 28 g of methadone** were found and seized, as well as electronic scales, polymer bags for packaging and other items necessary for preparation of drug sales. It was found that the suspects purchased a wholesale shipment of illegal substances on a website in order to sell them through caches. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20889060>

18.08.2020 Employees of the Izhevsk Linear Department OKON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia detained a 31-year-old resident of the Moscow region on transport in Zavyalovsky district of the Udmurt Republic, who intended to provide potential buyers with "caches" in the forest with the narcotic drug **mephedrone** weighing **1017 g**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/20886482>

19.08.2020 Police officers detained a 40-year-old local resident in Ilansky district, Krasnoyarsk Krai, who kept about **2 kg of marijuana** in his outbuildings.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/20900523>

19.08.2020 Employees of UNK GU MVD of Russia in the Novosibirsk region detained a resident of Novosibirsk born in 1996, who had not been tried before. As a result of a personal search, police found 2.8 grams of heroin and about 9 grams of mephedrone. More than 34 grams of heroin, as well as other drugs and psychotropic substances of synthetic origin weighing 650 grams were seized during inspection of the apartment where the suspect lived. In addition, 16 caches with polymer bags containing psychotropic substances a-PVP with a total weight of more than 1.7 kg and several grams of heroin were found in different places of the city, which the suspect placed for sale. In total, about **2.4 kg of narcotics and psychotropic substances** were collected. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20897581>

19.08.2020 Employees of UNK UMVD of Russia for Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug-Yugra detained a man born in 1988, a resident of Krasnodar region, who came to Ugra to sell drugs. Three bags of **marijuana** with a total weight of more than **2 kg** were found and seized during inspection under the rear bumper of a Volkswagen Golf car belonging to the perpetrator. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20897491>

19.08.2020 Employees of OKON UMVD of Russia in Veliky Novgorod detained two 19-year-old residents of Rybinsk, Yaroslavl region, while laying a cache with drugs. In total, the detainees made more than 50 caches with illegal substances. At the same time, the dealers complied with secrecy and acted rather cautiously: they were mostly organized in forest areas, burying packaged drugs deep in the ground. During a search of the residence of a defendant in Rybinsk, police seized about **3 kg of various drugs**, both of plant and synthetic origin: hashish, salt, amphetamine and methadone.

<https://мвд.пф/news/item/20903343>

20.08.2020 Employees of OKON of the Inter-Municipal Department of MVD of Russia "Sharypovsky" found and seized more than **3 kg of poppy straw** and more than **7 kg of cannabis** on the territory of a garden plot in the village of Glinka, belonging to a 59-year-old local resident. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/20908561>

20.08.2020 A group of four people who had set up an online store selling synthetic drugs in Komsomolsk-on-Amur was detained by officers of the Drug Control Units of the Russian Interior Ministry for DFO and the Komsomolsk LO of the Russian Interior Ministry. More than **2 kg of N-methylephedrone**, drug packaging equipment, more than one million rubles, cell phones, and an expensive car purchased with money from the sale of narcotic drugs were seized as a result of search operations carried out by transport police at the residence of defendants and in caches located in various districts of Komsomolsk-on-Amur. The online store has now ceased to exist. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/20908069>

20.08.2020 Employees of UNK MVD of the Republic of Bashkortostan with the power support of the special unit "Grom" in Neftekamsk detained three local residents aged 31 to 36 years, who since January 2020 have organized a drug laboratory on the territory of the garden non-profit partnership "Bui", in a dacha used by a detainee. In the course of searches in the dacha house, garage and car belonging to a defendant, as well as in caches in Krasnokamsk and Kaltasinsky districts of the Republic of Bashkortostan, about **60 kg of mephedrone** were found and seized. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/20911727>

21.08.2020 Operatives of criminal investigation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Ust-Abakan district of the Republic of Khakassia in a garage located in the district center and belonging to a local resident born in 1983 found and seized **15.622 kg of marijuana**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/20919779>

21.08.2020 Police officers of the Russian MU MVD "Lyuberetskoe" in the village of Tokarevo, Lyubertsy detained a 20-year-old resident of Moscow. During a personal search, the detainee was found to have more than **300 g of mephedrone**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/20923988>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

18.08.2020 In the course of operational and investigative measures, staff of the Kashkadarya region OVD inspected the dwelling of a 38-year-old resident of the village Shatri of the Kitabsky district. As a result of inspection in the yard of the house of the man they found three stems of cannabis. It is observed that the length of the stems was more than 2.5 meters, and the total weight - 4.5 kg.



<https://uz.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20200818/14792837/V-Kitabskom-rayone-zaderzhan-muzhchina-za-vyraschivanie-kannabisa-vo-dvore-doma.html>

19.08.2020 Employees of the Department on Combating Smuggling and Customs Audit of the State Customs Committee RU Administration for Andijan region in cooperation with representatives of other law enforcement agencies detained a citizen and seized 323.38 g of hashish. In the course of additional measures, one more citizen was detained from whom 1.61 g of hashish was seized. The total weight of seized **hashish** amounted to **324.99 g**.
<http://uzdaily.uz/ru/post/54373>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

18.08.2020 Federal Police, New South Wales Police and Border Protection Force officers, in a joint investigation related to interception of a drug-filled ship off the coast of New South Wales near Newcastle, detained the crew of the three-person Coraline and seized **hundreds of kilograms of cocaine**.

<https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/9JusZ7bIAa/YmxhYzFhaW5AcG9saWNlM5zdy5nb3YuYXU=>

BRAZIL

19.08.2020 Police officers arrested 10 people and seized **320 kg of cocaine** as a result of an operation. Drugs were hidden in a truckload of decked cocaine, which was to be delivered to the port of Paranaga for smuggling to Funchal, Portugal. In addition to the truck, four other vehicles were arrested during police operation.

<https://g1.globo.com/pr/parana/noticia/2020/08/19/dez-pessoas-sao-presas-apos-apreensao-de-320-kg-de-cocaina-que-eram-levados-para-o-porto-de-paranagua.ghtml>

19.08.2020 Customs officers at the port of Santos found **192 kg of cocaine** in a container with frozen meat. The shipment was destined for the port of Las Palmas in the Canary Islands.

<http://receita.economia.gov.br/sobre/acoes-e-programas/acoes-da-receita-federal/noticias/2020/agosto/8a-regiao-fiscal/receita-federal-apreende-192-kg-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-santos>

VIETNAM

07.08.2020 Officers from the Anti-Smuggling Department and the Ministry of Public Security conducted an operation to uncover drug supply channels from Cambodia to Vietnam. Members of the Cambodian and Vietnamese criminal group used steel cylinder cavities and marble stone packages to transport drugs. During the operation, almost 20 people were detained and nearly **140 kg** of various **drugs** were seized.

<https://www.khmertimeskh.com/50752737/exposing-trick-of-drug-trafficking-from-cambodia-to-vietnam/>

EGYPT

20.08.2020 Officers of the General Department for Drug Control in the area west of the Martyr Ahmed Hamdi Tunnel intercepted a smuggler, who was carrying 3,893 packages of **hashish** weighing **400 kg**, 215 packages of **marijuana** weighing **600 kg**, 10 packages hydro weighing **10 kg** and **5 kg of opium**, as well as money and a cell phone.

<https://www.egypttoday.com/Article/1/91034/Attempt-to-smuggle-large-amounts-of-drugs-worth-LE-30M>

SPAIN

20.08.2020 A joint operation by the Guardia Civil and Customs Departments disrupted illegal delivery of **1.4 tons of hashish** to the Costa Almeria beach. The operation began after a suspicious boat was found on its way to the coast of Spain, and cargo was delayed as it was being loaded from boat to truck. <https://www.euroweeklynews.com/2020/08/20/major-drug-delivery-intercepted-on-costa-almeria-beach/>

IRAN

23.08.2020 Between 15 and 21 August, the Iranian Anti-Narcotics Police seized **16.129 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances**, including **664 kg of heroin, 13.412 tons of opium, 355 kg of methamphetamine, 1.313 kg of hashish, 385 kg of other narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances**¹.

COLOMBIA

17.08.2020 As part of a coordinated operation between the Colombian Navy and the National Police in the Santa Marta area, an underground drug collection and storage center was discovered in a house 100 metres from the shoreline, from which **112 kg of cocaine** and **94 kg of marijuana** were seized. <https://www.cgfm.mil.co/es/blog/armada-de-colombia-y-policia-incautan-mas-de-200-kilos-de-sustancias-ilicitas-en-santa-marta>

24.08.2020 Colombian law enforcement forces in the jungle of Buenaventura state on the Pacific coast of Colombia, on the tributary of the Naya River in the remote village of Puerto Merisalda, found a large submarine designed to transport drugs. The ship, which was 100 feet long, was located in the jungles of Buenaventura's Pacific coast, on the tributary of the Naya River in the remote village of Puerto Merisalda. The Colombian military estimated that the ship could carry up to eight tons of cocaine (about \$200 million in bulk) northward in the eastern Pacific. It may not have been the only ship of this type to be built on this site: the Colombian military forces and investigators found cars, diesel engines, generators, batteries and a significant amount of diesel fuel.

The so-called narco submarines are not fully submersible: they usually have a miniature "pilot cabin", as well as an air intake and exhaust pipe for engine, and are designed with a very low surface board. Because of their improvised design and unknown stability characteristics, the U.S. Coast Guard considers them to be dangerous vessels during interceptions. <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/colombian-forces-discover-extra-large-narco-submarine>

18.08.2020 National Police in the port of Santa Marta, after inspecting 72 cardboard boxes of fruit for export, which were inside a refrigerated container, found 1000 rectangular packages wrapped in plastic tape of different colors hidden among the fruit. It was found out that the packages contained **1005 kg of cocaine**. Under preliminary data, the seized drug has been sent from port Uraba with a final destination port Antwerp, Belgium. <https://diariolalibertad.com/sitio/2020/08/incautan-mas-de-una-tonelada-de-cocaina-en-el-puerto-de-santa-marta/>

¹ Data provided by liaison officer of the Anti-Narcotics Police of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

MOROCCO

22.08.2020 Police officers found **13 tons of marijuana** in two cars in suburbs of Casablanca and detained a 39-year-old man suspected of involvement in an international drug group. <https://www.zakon.kz/5037028-v-marokko-konfiskovali-13-tonn-marihuany.html>

THE NETHERLANDS

17.08.2020 Employees of the Customs Service of the Port of Rotterdam during inspection of a container coming from Costa Rica with pineapples found and seized **1000 kg of cocaine**. Drugs were hidden between pineapples. The container arrived at the port by ship from Antwerp and was destined for a company in Barendrecht, probably unrelated to drug smuggling. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2020/08/17/douane-onderschept-1000-kilo-cocaine-tussen-ananassen>

17.08.2020 Customs officers in the port of Rotterdam intercepted 600 kg of cocaine. Drugs were hidden in a container that came from Brazil, through London, with a cargo of calcium flint. The cargo was destined for a company in Moerdijk, which probably had nothing to do with smuggling. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2020/08/17/douane-onderschept-600-kilo-cocaine-tussen-chemische-stof>

PAKISTAN

20.08.2020 Pakistan Anti-Narcotics Force seized **252 kg of hashish and 40.24 kg of heroin** during 14 anti-drug operations, detained 11 criminals and confiscated five vehicles. <https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/anf-seizes-29624-kg-drugs-in-countrywide-ope-1006899.html>

USA

20.08.2020 Customs and Border Protection officers at the Pharr International Bridge cargo facility found 875 packages of **methamphetamine** weighing **402.5 kg** in a commercial truck coming from Mexico. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-field-operations-seizes-17-million-methamphetamine-pharr>

20.08.2020 The FBI, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Homeland Security, and U.S. Coast Guard conducted an operation and arrested 33 people suspected of organizing a methamphetamine delivery channel from Mexico to the United States. A 40-foot homemade boat equipped with three 300-hp Yamaha engines was stopped off Arroyo Camada beach in Santa Barbara County and has been under surveillance since it left Mexico. The boat was carrying **1435 kg of methamphetamine**. <https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2020/08/20/over-3k-pounds-of-meth-seized-off-santa-barbara-co-coast/>

TURKEY

19.08.2020 Employees of the Drug Control Department of the General Directorate of Customs Control in the port of Iskenderun found and seized **72.563 kg of cocaine** on board the vessel. Two bags of drugs were found during a search in a secret compartment below deck. 8 foreign nationals were detained during investigation. <https://www.turkiyegazetesi.com.tr/gundem/725848.aspx>



22.08.2020 A joint team of anti-drug police and Coast Guard officers inspected the hull of the FRONTIER FALCON dry cargo ship that came under the flag of Panama to the Turkish port of Icdas from Colombia and found a container attached to the hull in the stern, which contained bags of **cocaine** with a total weight of **25 kg**. 7 crew members, including the captain, were detained on suspicion. <https://www.sabah.com.tr/yasam/2020/08/22/panama-bandirali-gemide-ele-gecirildi-50-milyon-lira-degerindeki-kokaini-oyle-bir-yere-saklamislar-ki>

