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ON CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

21.07.2020 The State Border Service of Azerbaijan has prevented the illegal import of a large consignment of narcotic and psychotropic substances into the country. By the officers of the State Border Service on the service territory of the "Lankaran" border detachment at the outpost near the village of Sim Astara region, the border guard noticed two unknown offenders who were walking from the Islamic Republic of Iran towards the Azerbaijan Republic. The border guards were detained by border guards while trying to escape with two bags in their hands. The detainees were residents of Astara region born in 1993 and 1995. During the examination of the bags, **2 kg of methamphetamine, 12.625 kg of heroin, 5 kg of opium and 1,050 pregabalin tablets** were found and seized. A criminal case was initiated on this fact; a preventive measure in the form of arrest was chosen against the detainees.

22.07.2020 On the territory of the Border Detachment "Horadiz" service near the frontier post located in the village of Bahramtepe, Imishli region, a resident of the village of Agabeyli, Agjabedi region, born in 1982, was detained, who had a bundle of **5.010 kg of opium** with him. A criminal case was initiated on this fact in relation to the detainee, a preventive measure was chosen in the form of arrest.

<https://vzglyad.az/news/170011/%D0%9F%D1%80%D0%B5%D1%81%D0%B5%D1%87%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%B0-%D0%BF%D0%BE%D0%BF%D1%8B%D1%82%D0%BA%D0%B0-%D0%B2%D0%B2%D0%BE%D0%B7%D0%B0-%D0%B2-%D0%90%D0%B7%D0%B5%D1%80%D0%B1%D0%B0%D0%B9%D0%B4%D0%B6%D0%B0%D0%BD-%D0%B8%D0%B7-%D0%98%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B0-25-%D0%BA%D0%B3-%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%80%D0%BA%D0%BE%D1%82%D0%B8%D0%BA%D0%BE%D0%B2-%D0%A4%D0%9E%D0%A2%D0%9E.html>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

16.07.2020 As a result of special operational-search and preventive measures "Kara-Kurai" carried out in the Jalal-Abad region from July 6 to 12, 2020 within the framework of the operation "MAK-2020", 4 crimes related to drug trafficking were revealed. In addition, the Jalal-Abad regional department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, in cooperation with the Department of Internal Affairs and local self-government bodies, conducted a survey of 105 citizens in order to identify and eradicate drug-containing wild plants. 8 working groups were formed on an area of 3.57 hectares, about **12.5 tons of wild hemp** were destroyed. Currently, operational and preventive work is being carried out in the Jalal-Abad region to combat illicit drug trafficking and drug addiction prevention.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/index.php/rus/component/k2/item/11076-zhalal-abad-oblusunda-12-5-tonna-zhapajy-kara-kuuraj-zhok-kylyndy>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

27.07.2020 On the territory of the Moscow Region, operational and preventive measures are being taken to identify and eliminate illegal crops of poppy, hemp and other plants containing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, as well as to identify foci of wild-growing drug crops. During the raid, the employees of the drug control group, together with colleagues from the criminal investigation department of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs in the city district of Serebryanye Prudy, near the village of Uspensky, discovered a plot with wild hemp. With the help of special equipment, by mowing and burning, more than **2.5 tons of narcotic hemp** plants were destroyed. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20710151>

27.07.2020 Employees of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Otradnensky District in the Labinsky District of the Krasnodar Territory detained a married couple living in Labinsk, suspected of drug trafficking in the Krasnodar Territory. As a result of the inspection of the housing of a 23-year-old local resident and his 33-year-old wife, as well as in a cache on one of the streets of the city of Labinsk, parcels with **N-methylephedrone and mephedrone**, with a total weight of about **1.5 kg**, were found and seized, prepared for further sale by implementation of hiding places on the territory of the Krasnodar Territory. Criminal cases have been initiated against the suspects. A preventive measure was chosen for the man in the form of detention, his wife - in the form of house arrest. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20717554>

27.07.2020 Employees of the Drug Enforcement Administration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Saratov region detained a 47-year-old resident of the Saratov region and a 39-year-old resident of Saratov, who were selling heroin in a contactless way in the city of Saratov. More than **1 kg of heroin** was seized in the course of operational-search measures and investigative actions. A criminal case has been initiated on this fact. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20716394>

28.07.2020 A 28-year-old local resident was taken to the Tuchkovskaya district hospital of the Ruzsky district of the Moscow region with poisoning with vapors of an unknown gas. In the course of an inspection carried out by officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Ruzsky urban district, it was established that the man was poisoned in the process of making drugs. During the examination of the suspect's residence, personal protective equipment, canisters, pieces of cloth were found and seized, from which a pungent chemical odor emanated. **189 g of mephedrone**, several household respirators, containers with chemicals and various items used in the manufacture of drugs were seized from a garage belonging to a man. A criminal case has been initiated on this fact. The court in respect of the suspect has chosen a preventive measure in the form of detention. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20724035>

28.07.2020 The investigative unit for the investigation of organized criminal activities of the Investigative Department of the Russian MIA Administration for the Sakhalin Region has completed the investigation of a criminal case against citizens accused of illegal sale of synthetic drugs. A group of people who arrived in the city of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk from the near abroad came to the attention of the police. The defendants purchased drugs in bulk, packaged and sold them to customers in a contactless way through couriers. As a result of

operational-search activities, four suspects were detained. During searches at their place of residence, as well as in post offices, more than **12 kg of methylephedrone** were found in parcels sent to the attackers. The criminal case was sent to the court for consideration on the merits. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20715349>

28.07.2020 Employees of the General Directorate for Drug Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia together with the Drug Enforcement Administration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus in the city of Birsk revealed the production of synthetic drugs. Two local residents aged 34 and 26 were detained red-handed. The suspects in the crime were detained on their way in a car to Ufa. The men produced illegal substances and distributed them through "bookmarks" in the city. The drug laboratory was located in the basement of a two-story house in Birsk. During the search of a private house, more than **190 g of mephedrone**, precursor cans, and laboratory equipment were found and seized. A criminal case has been initiated on this fact. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20722011>

29.07.2020 Employees of the General Directorate for Drug Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Moscow Region, together with colleagues from the Administration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the city district of Krasnogorsk and the FSS of Russia for the city of Moscow and the Moscow Region, detained two suspects of illegal drug production. A man with his former son-in-law in a farm building located in one of the horticultural non-profit partnerships (NPP), organized a laboratory for the manufacture of mephedrone. During the inspection of the premises, a gas mask, canisters, glass flasks, an oven, an electric stove, a vacuum apparatus, an electronic scale, and also three buckets of drug-containing liquid were found. Seized about **24 kg of mephedrone**, which the criminals planned to sell in a contactless way through an online store. A criminal case was initiated. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20727000>

31.07.2020 Employees of the Drug Enforcement Administration Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Chelyabinsk Region in a forest belt located in the Central District of the city of Chelyabinsk, two women born in 1982 and 1989, who had over **2 kg of synthetic drugs**, were detained. During searches in the places of residence of the detainees, another **3 kg of synthetic drugs** were seized, prepared for further contactless sale. The women were regional couriers for a group that organized the supply of synthetic drugs to the territory of the Ural Federal District. In the course of further operational search activities, 4 more active participants involved in the distribution of prohibited substances were detained. They also confiscated drugs, packaged for further sale, scales and packaging material. The sale was carried out through hiding places in the Kurgan, Sverdlovsk and Chelyabinsk regions using Internet messengers. Criminal cases have been initiated. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20752687>

31.07.2020 At the stationary traffic police post "Uspensky" located at the entrance to the Krasnodar Territory, the traffic police stopped a Lada Priora car driven by a resident of the neighboring republic to check the documents. Two visitors from the regions of Russia, aged 19 and 26, followed as passengers in the vehicle. During the search of the car, the police found and seized about **200 g of heroin** under the driver's seat. The attackers received information via the messenger about the location of the wholesale consignments of the drug in the Moscow Region, took the drug and planned to carry out the bookmarks with heroin in the Stavropol Region. A criminal case has been opened against the suspects.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/20754428>

31.07.2020 Employees of the General Directorate for Drug Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, in cooperation with colleagues from the Drug Enforcement Administration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Voronezh Region and the regional FSS of Russia, revealed the illegal production of synthetic drugs. A resident of Voronezh in a bathhouse on the territory of his private household made mephedrone, then sold it in large batches. The police identified four wholesale buyers who purchased the produced mephedrone and distributed it in Kaluga, Saratov, Perm and Lipetsk. The suspects have been detained. Seized more than **4 kg of mephedrone**. An investigation is underway on these facts. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20748570>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

28.07.2020 The officers of the Nosiri Khusrav district militia department detained on suspicion of drug trafficking two citizens of Afghanistan who had illegally crossed the Tajik-Afghan state border. **14.2 kg of opium and 140 g of hashish** were seized from the detainees, as well as a Kalashnikov assault rifle with 5 magazines and 141 cartridges. The men planned to sell drugs on the territory of Tajikistan. A criminal case was initiated against the detainees under Articles 200 (Illegal drug trafficking), 289 (Smuggling), 335 (Illegal crossing of the state border of the Republic of Tajikistan) and 195 (Illegal possession and carrying of weapons) of the Criminal Code of Tajikistan. <http://avesta.tj/2020/07/28/na-yuge-tadzhikistana-zaderzhany-dvoe-grazhdan-afganistana-s-narkotikami-i-oruzhiem/>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

27.07.2020 Servicemen of the border troops of the State Security Service of Uzbekistan:

- 1) In the village of Shirinbulok, Bekabad district of Tashkent region, a local resident was detained with **10.13 kg of opium and more than 19 kg of hashish**. The drugs were passed to him by his acquaintance from Tajikistan through a barbed wire fence of the Uzbek-Tajik border. The man was planning to sell drugs in Tashkent.
- 2) At a traffic police post in Bustan district of Andijan region, a Cobalt car was stopped, in which there was a woman as a passenger, transporting **1,446 kg of hashish** from Andijan to Tashkent. She bought the drug in the city of Karasu from a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic and brought them into Uzbekistan with the aim of selling them in Tashkent.
- 3) A resident of the Andijan region was detained at the border section, from whom **978 g of hashish** were seized. He got hashish from two citizens of Kyrgyzstan, who threw him over a wire fence on the state border passing through the Oltinsoy makhalla of the Kurgantepa region.
- 4) In the Khojaabad region, two local residents were detained, who were heading to the border territory after receiving **971 g of hashish** from a citizen of Kyrgyzstan through a wire fence of the state border passing through the territory of the village of Manak in the Khodjaabad region, bordering the village of Suratosh in the city of Osh of the Kyrgyz Republic. A total of **10.13 kg of opium and 22.469 kg of hashish** were seized. Based on these facts, criminal cases have been initiated and investigative actions are being carried out. <https://uz.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20200729/14654029/SGB-izyala-bolshoe-kolichestvo-narkoticheskikh-sredstv.html>
<https://news.mail.ru/incident/42757328/>

31.07.2020 The State Security Service of Uzbekistan stopped the activities of an organized criminal group, which had been supplying and selling psychoactive substances for a long time. 18 people from among the natives of Fergana, Namangan, Samarkand regions and the city of Tashkent were detained. During the investigation, **28,560 Tramadol tablets, 7,000 bottles of Tropicamide, 35,700 Lyric capsules, 3,920 Regapena capsules and 5,600 Perge capsules** were seized from the attackers. The total amount of smuggled goods amounted to 3.2 billion soums. In addition, 4.3 thousand dollars, a Chevrolet Malibu Malibu car, three Chevrolet Lacetti cars and one Daewoo Nexia car were confiscated. The drugs were imported into the country mainly from Kyrgyzstan. Criminal cases were initiated on these facts. <https://uz.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20200731/14669918/Sotrudniki-SGB-zaderzhali-18-torgovtsev-aptechnymi-narkotikami.html>
 Video: <https://uznews.uz/ru/article/23059>

ON OTHER COUNTRIES

BRAZIL

25.07.2020 In the course of the action, carried out by the customs officers of the Federal Tax Service (IRS) in the port of Santos, **278 kg of cocaine** were found in the export cargo. The consignment of cocaine was hidden in a container containing a consignment of printing machines and devices that were to be transhipped at the port of Gioia Tauro in Italy. The shipment was selected for inspection using objective risk analysis criteria, including non-intrusive scanner inspection. The criminals used a criminal method called "rip-off", in which the drug is placed in a legal cargo without the knowledge of exporters and importers. The seized cocaine has been handed over to the Federal Police, which will continue their investigation based on information provided by the Federal Tax Service.
<http://receita.economia.gov.br/noticias/ascom/2020/julho/receita-federal-localiza-278-kg-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-santos>
<https://g1.globo.com/sp/santos-regiao/porto-mar/noticia/2020/07/27/receita-acha-278-kg-de-cocaina-em-carga-de-impressoras-no-porto-de-santos-sp.ghtml>

HONDURAS

28.07.2020 The Honduran military and police authorities, in a joint operation with Colombia in the eastern department of Gracias a Dios, intercepted a fishing boat, in whose hidden compartments **900 kg of cocaine** were found and seized. Within one week, **1.707 tons** of drugs were seized. Three Honduran crews have been arrested. On July 20, authorities found **800 kg of cocaine** on a plane that landed on a hidden airstrip in the department of Gracias a Dios. Honduras launched a joint operation against drug smugglers with Colombian authorities and the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in 2014 in the sparsely populated department of Gracias a Dios, home to the indigenous Mesquito minority. <https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/world/2020/07/28/honduras-colombia-joint-op-seizes-900kg-of-cocaine-on-fishing-boat/>

GREECE

31.07.2020 The smuggling department of customs of the Independent Authority for State Revenue (IASR) in the port of Piraeus during the checks using the risk analysis system in a container with a batch of bananas from South America found **60 packages of cocaine**,

total weight **70.5 kg**. The cargo was destined for one of the countries in the west of the Balkans. The cocaine packages were hidden in the container's cooling system. A preliminary investigation is underway. <https://eleftheriaonline.gr/ellada-kosmos/koinonia/item/220599-to-konteiner-me-tis-bananes-eixe-70-kila-kokaini>
<https://www.taxydromos.gr/Ellada/375840-ekrypsan-70-kila-kokainh-mesa-se-konteiner-me-mpananes.html>

INDIA

29.07.2020 Police officers in Chakradharpur, near a checkpoint, found 96 packages of **marijuana** with a total weight of **192 kg** under the trunk and middle seat during a vehicle check. The driver of the car was coming from Sonua.

<https://www.avenuemail.in/jamshedpur/police-seize-192-kg-of-marijuana-during-vehicle-checking-drive-in-ckp/149696/>

INDONESIA

29.07.2020 Police and customs in Bangka Belitung province in a special operation confiscated **200 kg of crystalline methamphetamine** smuggled from Myanmar through Malaysia and Indonesia via Batam. In Jakarta, a batch of methamphetamine was imported through the port of Tanjung Priok. As a result of the operation, the authorities arrested four suspects. The drugs were hidden in 420 sacks of corn. <https://en.tempo.co/read/1370680/police-foil-major-drug-trafficking-from-myanmar>

30.07.2020 Police in Banten Province, Jakarta and West Java have arrested nine people for smuggling about **160 kg of marijuana**. All of the suspects were smuggling marijuana from Aceh to Jakarta and Bogor, West Java.

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-07/30/c_139251985.htm

IRAN

02.08.2020 The Iranian anti-drug police seized **17,898 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances** from illicit circulation from July 25 to July 31, including **172 kg of heroin, 15.132 tons of opium, 582 kg of methamphetamine, 626 kg of morphine, 1.285 tons of hashish, 101 kg of other narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances**¹.

27.07.2020 The Iranshahr District Police Force, in cooperation with the anti-drug police forces of Sistan and Baluchistan provinces, arrested two drug dealers following an armed clash with smugglers, seizing **1,189 kg of opium, 10 kg of crystal methamphetamine**, as well as weapons and ammunition. <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/161512/Over-1-1-tons-of-narctoics-busted-in-SE-Iran>

30.07.2020 After an armed clash with smugglers who attempted to smuggle a large consignment of drugs into the country, officers of the border service of the Islamic Republic of Iran (NAJA) in Mirjava seized **796 kg of opium, 173 kg of crystalline methamphetamine, 131 kg of hashish and 5 kg of morphine**. The smugglers managed to escape into the mountainous area, taking advantage of the dark.

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

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/161654/Police-bust-over-1-ton-illicit-drugs-in-Iran-s-Mirjaveh>

CANADA

30.07.2020 Police officers, as a result of a search in one of the Toronto districts, arrested six people between the ages of 27 and 33 on charges of possessing cannabis for distribution. More than **230 kg of cannabis** were seized. The value of the seized drugs is \$ 2.3 million. <https://www.thestar.com/news/crime/2020/07/30/six-charged-after-toronto-police-seize-23-million-of-marijuana-in-scarborough.html>

30.07.2020 As a result of a traffic stop on the Trans-Canada Highway and an inspection of a car carrying two Ontarians, Brandon police found and seized **50 kg of ecstasy (MDMA), 26 kg of various substances mixed with fentanyl**. The wholesale cost of drugs is more than US \$ 3 million. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/brandon-police-service-drug-seizure-1.5669567>

THE NETHERLANDS

29.07.2020 Customs during a check in the port of Rotterdam seized **390 kg of cocaine**. The shipment was hidden in a container with sacks of cocoa beans. The container arrived by sea vessel from the Bahamas, was bound for Antwerp (Belgium) and was intended for a Swiss company. The value of the seized cocaine is estimated at more than € 29 million. The drug seizure operation required special safety measures, since during long-term transportation, cocoa beans produce gaseous hydrocyanic acid in a natural process that can be fatal at high concentrations. The oxygen content in the container also decreases rapidly and the percentage of carbon monoxide increases. Therefore, HARC team members used special equipment and personal protective equipment in their work. The investigation is being carried out by the HARC team - by customs, FIOD, seaport police and the State Attorney's Office in Rotterdam. The seized consignment of cocaine was destroyed. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2020/07/29/douane-onderschept-390-kilo-cocaine-tussen-cacaobonen>

MEXICO

31.07.2020 The Mexican Navy worked with Manzanillo Customs and the Attorney General of the Republic (FGR) to inspect a container unloaded from the Hong Kong-flagged KOTA CANTINK at the port of Manzanillo, Colima, and seized and seized **130 kg of cocaine hydrochloride**. <https://diariodecolima.com/noticias/detalle/2020-07-31-decomisan-130-kilos-de-clorhidrato-de-cocana-en-manzanillo>
<https://www.gob.mx/sat/prensa/aduanas-decomisa-130-kilogramos-de-cocaina-en-la-aduana-de-manzanillo-colima-la-coordinacion-interinstitucional-da-resultados-35-2020?idiom=es>

PAKISTAN

29.07.2020 Police officers raided a complex located in the Shakas district of Jamrud, Khyber district, where a heroin laboratory was located. Three people were arrested, **32 kg of heroin and 30 kg of precursors** used for the production of heroin were confiscated. Among those arrested are two citizens of Afghanistan and one of Pakistan - a resident of Shakas. The accused are being held in the Jamrud prison and an investigation is underway. <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/693364-three-arrested-in-raid-on-heroin-factory-in-jamrud>

29.07.2020 Police patrolling a highway in Sialkot, Punjab, stopped a car for inspection and found 17 parcels containing **14 kg of heroin, 22 kg of hashish, 2 kg of opium and 500 g of crystalline methamphetamine**. The cost of drugs is 1.5 billion rupees. The man smuggled drugs in from Afghanistan and planned to sell them in Sialkot and other parts of Punjab. The vehicle and drugs were confiscated.

<https://www.samaa.tv/news/pakistan/2020/07/sialkot-drugs-highway-police/>

31.07.2020 An illegal cannabis plantation was found in a bungalow located in a posh area of Karachi by ANF officers, and 150 cannabis plants were seized. In addition, the police arrested three suspected drug smugglers who were transporting **33 kg of hashish** in a Toyota Corolla. Cases have been registered on these facts, and an investigation is underway. <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/694620-anf-raids-dha-bungalow-growing-marijuana-plants>

PORTUGAL

30.07.2020 The Algarve Criminal Police (PJ) arrested nine people between the ages of 35 and 55 from the international drug trafficking network during special operation Azimuth in Faro, Albufeira and Lola, and seized five trucks with **6 tons of hashish**. The detainees organized the smuggling of bulk drug shipments to Europe through the Algarve. The group was well organized, capable of transporting large quantities of drugs, and included representatives of different nationalities. The suspects will stand trial in Lisbon. The investigation will continue. <https://www.portugalresident.com/major-drug-bust-in-algarve-sees-nine-arrested-and-six-tons-of-hashish-seized/>

USA

24.07.2020 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Office of Field Operations (OFO) at Hidalgo International Bridge, Texas, while trying to smuggle **14.32 kg of methamphetamine** from Mexico in a Nissan Sentra, a 22-year-old US citizen from Altona, Texas. Methamphetamine packs were found in the rear tires of a car. The substance has been confiscated and the vehicle and the arrested driver have been turned over to the National Security Investigation Agent (HSI) for investigation. The cost of the party is 631.4 thousand US dollars. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-hidalgo-international-bridge-arrest-local-man-600k-worth>

27.07.2020 Border Patrol agents at Interstate I-8, California, while attempting to smuggle **5.95 kg of fentanyl** into the US from Mexico in a Chevrolet Malibu, arrested a 28-year-old US citizen. The drug was in the trunk inside 39 bags in grocery containers. The cost of the seized fentanyl is approximately \$ 200,000. The drugs were transferred to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the vehicle was confiscated. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/border-patrol-agents-discover-200k-fentanyl-hidden-grocery-containers>

28.07.2020 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents, Office of Field Operations (OFO), at the DeConcini pedestrian crossing and at the Nogales Port of Entry, Tucson, Arizona, arrested several US citizens for attempting to smuggle more than **16.33 kg of heroin, more than 13,15 kg of cocaine, just under 2.94 kg of fentanyl tablets and 110 g of tramadol tablets**. Drugs and vehicles were confiscated and transferred to the US Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Administration.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/nogales-cbp-officers-intercept-several-narcotic-smuggling-attempts-1>

31.07.2020 US Border Patrols in the Rio Grande Valley, Texas, thwarted three drug smuggling attempts, resulting in:

- 1) Near La Casita, a truck was seized with a smuggled consignment of **methamphetamine weighing more than 31.75 kg**. Cost approximately \$ 2.3 million. Case referred to Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA);
- 2) A car was seized in Starr County, in which a smuggled shipment of **marijuana weighing over 331.12 kg**, worth 585 thousand dollars was found. Car and drugs transferred to Starr County Sheriff's Office;
- 3) Near Brownsville, Texas, agents arrested three Mexican citizens who seized more than **33.11 kg of marijuana**, worth \$ 59,000.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/rio-grande-valley-border-patrol-seizes-more-3m-worth-drugs>

TURKEY

27.07.2020 Police officers in Seyrantepe district, Tushba, in the eastern province of Van, stopped a van carrying **100.1 kg of heroin** for inspection. The driver was arrested. Drugs in 203 packages were hidden inside the fuel tank of the van.

<https://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/over-100-kg-of-heroin-seized-in-eastern-turkey-156892>

28.07.2020 Police officers stopped a truck carrying international cargo during an anti-drug operation in Agri province. During a search of the vehicle, **70 kg of heroin, 50 kg of opium and 16 kg of methamphetamine** were found. The truck driver has been arrested. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/police-seize-70-kg-of-heroin-in-eastern-turkey/1924723>

29.07.2020 Turkish security forces during an anti-drug operation at a checkpoint in the eastern province of Malatya found and seized **195 kg of heroin** after stopping and searching a truck. A batch of heroin was confiscated, and two suspects were detained by the police for involvement in drug trafficking. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/police-seize-record-195-kg-of-heroin-in-eastern-turkey/1926118>

PHILIPPINES

29.07.2020 The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) in Danao, Cebu Island, found and seized **32,000 marijuana plants**. <https://ptvnews.ph/p12-8-m-worth-of-marijuana-seized-in-cebu/>

SRI LANKA

31.07.2020 As a result of a joint raid by military personnel and members of the special task force of the police, carried out in a house located in the Brandiyawatta area, Vellampitiya, a cache of **23 kg of heroin** was found. The suspect was taken into custody from the house where a cache of heroin was found. <http://www.adaderana.lk/news/66017/nearly-23kg-of-heroin-seized-from-house-in-wellampitiya>