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**CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(based on mass media reports)

**11.01-17.01.2021**

**№ 2**

**CARICC MEMBER STATES**

**REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**

**11.01.2021** Employees of GUBN MVD of Azerbaijan detained residents of Sharafkhanli village of Aghjabedi district and Kever village of Yevlakh district on suspicion of drug trafficking. During a search they found and seized **5.218 kg of heroin, 3.142 kg of marijuana**. <https://www.salamnews.org/ru/news/read/408557>

**11.01.2021** Employees of Directorate General for Combating Organized Crime of MVD of Azerbaijan carried out a complex of operational measures against members of a criminal group, who committed crimes related to illegal trafficking of weapons and drugs. Ten people were detained, about **20 kg of drugs were seized (including 9 kg of marihuana, 5 kg of heroin and methamphetamine) and 7 weapons (5 guns and 2 pneumatic guns, magazines, ammunition and silencer for "PM" pistol)**. [https://vesti.az/kriminal/mvd-azerbajdzhana-provelo-specoperaciyu-iz-yato-bolee-20-kg-narkoticheskikh-sredstv-i-boepripasov-foto-video-426861?\\_cfchljschltk\\_=2ceb1732dc840b00106f8afa48b63d3039105bf1-1611645034-0-AcufIOA-mDOOJGsk5NxUJnH3enTfJfVg3o71ei3001FBv12ZbjBXuTZVIxqrqSW3WIDwCcQfaNogrPCv40xMJS3gFvs22fgfCHrqHBCD6uCORQn-jfzr2uwP0rkFH1sX47xfqlyLeP0RqCQK36\\_d3Cf\\_7K08wShz0sX3rtXmPutH97q8VN5vMojJOesUy8uZPJotO79NwCmqbdi1caypVouHLZwuxAaWF3Lw2TwkE2FGI-W3o21XCLJY3ALyQWJJDfIv8DYp3uAnBFJD5zImMsyR4\\_56GRi5J7Jlq5ABifCSDRNGOHULBM4g\\_QMcSudgR86XgNAz2y1Ua2DEHfLeSwSHKdejBTOBJrj6Tk81OqGv3CXH6Tib-Zq7ZqyYyWWGK3fGLJKUCoGp83RfFdBh6ZA14k-FU7rq-GJ8fpZJogBPZHJiemvTc7f6UOORbf4fpvGMB80pooJsfVNU55uU](https://vesti.az/kriminal/mvd-azerbajdzhana-provelo-specoperaciyu-iz-yato-bolee-20-kg-narkoticheskikh-sredstv-i-boepripasov-foto-video-426861?_cfchljschltk_=2ceb1732dc840b00106f8afa48b63d3039105bf1-1611645034-0-AcufIOA-mDOOJGsk5NxUJnH3enTfJfVg3o71ei3001FBv12ZbjBXuTZVIxqrqSW3WIDwCcQfaNogrPCv40xMJS3gFvs22fgfCHrqHBCD6uCORQn-jfzr2uwP0rkFH1sX47xfqlyLeP0RqCQK36_d3Cf_7K08wShz0sX3rtXmPutH97q8VN5vMojJOesUy8uZPJotO79NwCmqbdi1caypVouHLZwuxAaWF3Lw2TwkE2FGI-W3o21XCLJY3ALyQWJJDfIv8DYp3uAnBFJD5zImMsyR4_56GRi5J7Jlq5ABifCSDRNGOHULBM4g_QMcSudgR86XgNAz2y1Ua2DEHfLeSwSHKdejBTOBJrj6Tk81OqGv3CXH6Tib-Zq7ZqyYyWWGK3fGLJKUCoGp83RfFdBh6ZA14k-FU7rq-GJ8fpZJogBPZHJiemvTc7f6UOORbf4fpvGMB80pooJsfVNU55uU)

**REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN**

**13.01.2021** Employees of the Almaty DER of the Committee for Financial Monitoring of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan, under coordination of the Semirechensk Transport Prosecutor's Office, destroyed **more than 1.1 tons of heroin** in presence of a special commission. This consignment was seized by KFM officers during an international special operation conducted jointly with German criminal customs police, with assistance of law enforcement and customs services of Russia, Belarus, Lithuania, Poland, and the Netherlands. In October 2019, a shipment of processed marble shipped to the Netherlands was imported into Kazakhstan, during inspection of which 2208 briquettes of heroin were found. The criminal group planned to transit drugs from Iran to European Union countries. The shipment was transported to Germany by controlled delivery under the escort of KFM MF RK staff, where Turkish nationals were detained upon receipt of the goods. At present, this case is under pre-trial investigation under the article "Smuggling of items out of circulation or items whose circulation is restricted, related to narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, their analogues, committed on an especially large scale". [https://www.nur.kz/society/1893468-partia-geroina-vtoraa-po-obemu-v-mirovoj-istorii-unictozena-v-almaty/?utm\\_source=clipboard&utm\\_medium=article-fragment](https://www.nur.kz/society/1893468-partia-geroina-vtoraa-po-obemu-v-mirovoj-istorii-unictozena-v-almaty/?utm_source=clipboard&utm_medium=article-fragment)

## RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**13.01.2021** In Izhevsk, officers of the Udmurtian MVD UNK together with traffic police detained a 35-year-old resident of the Perm region who was transporting **1.180 kg of synthetic drugs** in a car intended for further sale in the republic and neighboring regions. The detainee was an interregional drug courier. In the course of further investigations, police discovered a cache containing **265 g of synthetic drugs**. Criminal proceedings were initiated. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/22556300>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### AFGHANISTAN

**19.01.2021** Employees of Counter Narcotics Police during the period from 12 to 18 January 2021 conducted 67 operations. As a result of search operations 80 people were detained. They seized **64.972 kg of heroin, 404.110 kg of hashish, 183.247 kg of methamphetamine, 168.737 kg of opium, 309 tablets of MDMA and 31 tons of cannabis seeds**. Ten cell phones, 10 vehicles and one weapon were confiscated. One police officer was wounded<sup>1</sup>.

### UNITED KINGDOM

**14.01.2021** Customs Marine unit intercepted a Spanish-registered craft carrying **826.5 kg of hashish** in a secret compartment during a patrol south of Cape Europa. The shipment was worth an estimated £4 million. Two residents of La Linea who were on the boat were detained and subsequently pleaded guilty in court to possessing, importing and intending to deliver the Class B drug consignment to the UK. <https://www.gbc.gi/news/customs-seize-4million-worth-cannabis-hidden-secret-compartment-spanish-vessel>  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MBNhzTwMIkI&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MBNhzTwMIkI&feature=emb_logo)

### HONDURAS

**12.01.2021** A Honduran Navy boat crew intercepted a smuggling boat carrying **25 kg of cocaine** on the coast of Mosquitia. The seized packages of cocaine contained an image of Colombia's most notorious drug trafficker, Pablo Escobar. Smugglers managed to escape. <https://www.gulftoday.ae/news/2021/01/12/honduras-seizes-cocaine-parcels-bearing-pictures-of-pablo-escobar>

### SPAIN

**13.01.2021** Officers from the National Police at Madrid Barajas International Airport detained a 55-year-old Spaniard who arrived on a flight from the Dominican Republic attempting to smuggle **10 kg of cocaine** concealed in his wheelchair. Man was taken into custody. <https://thewestsidegazette.co>

<sup>1</sup> Data provided by liaison officer of the Ministry of Interior Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan at CARICC.

## COLOMBIA

**10.01.2021** The Cartagena Coast Guard, with the support of the National Police, intercepted and escorted to dock nine miles from the Gulf of Cartagena a merchant vessel with **1539 kg of cocaine** in several containers. The vessel was en route from the United States to Cartagena, with a final destination in Morocco.

<https://www.armada.mil.co/es/content/fuerza-publica-incauta-mas-15-toneladas-cocaina-en-cartagena>

<https://twitter.com/ArmadaColombia/status/1348418998711496708>

<https://724noticias.com.co/2021/01/10/cae-tonelada-y-media-de-cocaina-cerca-de-cartagena-de-indias/>

Video: <https://twitter.com/i/status/1348426478749446145>

**17.01.2021 510 kg of cocaine hydrochloride** were detected and seized aboard a Singapore-flagged merchant vessel in the Bahia Colombia anchorage at Turbo, Antioquia, in a coordinated operation between the Colombian Navy and the Colombian National Police.

<https://www.armada.mil.co/es/content/fuerza-publica-incauta-mas-media-tonelada-cocaina-bordo-buque-mercante>

<https://www.facebook.com/Acandiv/photos/pcb.4197537196927576/4197536296927666/?type=3&theater>

## MOROCCO

**16.01.2021** The Coast Guard, off Cape Spartel in the north of the Kingdom of Morocco, received a message from the captain of a Portuguese cargo ship that cargo of one of containers being transported on board had been suspected. After the vessel docked at the port of Tangier Med, the container was opened and inspected, and **35.652 kg of cocaine** was found. The ship was en route from Brazil to a port in the Netherlands, and the container of cocaine was destined for Germany. <http://www.taxinews.ma/82547>

<https://www.hespress.com/%D8%AD%D9%81%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B3%D9%88%D8%A7%D8%AD%D9%84-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%BA%D8%B1%D8%A8%D9%8A-%D9%8A%D8%AD%D8%AC%D8%B2-%D9%83%D9%88%D9%83%D8%A7%D9%8A%D9%8A%D9%86-%D8%A8%D8%B3%D9%81%D9%8A-766744.html>

<https://www.hespress.com/%D8%AD%D9%81%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B3%D9%88%D8%A7%D8%AD%D9%84-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%BA%D8%B1%D8%A8%D9%8A-%D9%8A%D8%AD%D8%AC%D8%B2-%D9%83%D9%88%D9%83%D8%A7%D9%8A%D9%8A%D9%86-%D8%A8%D8%B3%D9%81%D9%8A-766744.html>

<https://www.hespress.com/%D8%AD%D9%81%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B3%D9%88%D8%A7%D8%AD%D9%84-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%BA%D8%B1%D8%A8%D9%8A-%D9%8A%D8%AD%D8%AC%D8%B2-%D9%83%D9%88%D9%83%D8%A7%D9%8A%D9%8A%D9%86-%D8%A8%D8%B3%D9%81%D9%8A-766744.html>

<https://www.hespress.com/%D8%AD%D9%81%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B3%D9%88%D8%A7%D8%AD%D9%84-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%BA%D8%B1%D8%A8%D9%8A-%D9%8A%D8%AD%D8%AC%D8%B2-%D9%83%D9%88%D9%83%D8%A7%D9%8A%D9%8A%D9%86-%D8%A8%D8%B3%D9%81%D9%8A-766744.html>

## MYANMAR

**12.01.2021** Combined police forces in Tachilek township, Shan state, detained driver of a car that was carrying **heroin (weight not specified)** worth 1 billion kyat (\$750,000). Police opened a case against the suspect and investigation is underway.

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-01/12/c\\_139661902.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-01/12/c_139661902.htm)

## THE NETHERLANDS

**13.01.2021** The Hit and Run Cargo (HARC) team of Customs, FIOD, seaport police and the Rotterdam prosecutor's office seized a total of **40 tons 641 kg of cocaine** in the port of Rotterdam in **2020** (in 2019 - 33 tons 732 kg of drugs seized). Based on results of drug seizures, the HARC team initiated 151 investigations. In addition to cocaine, the HARC team intercepted other types of drugs, including **22 kg of crystal methamphetamine, 54 kg of heroin and 748 kg of marijuana** seized at the port of Rotterdam. In addition, the HARC team assisted in interdicting drug shipments at the ports of Vlissingen and Moerdijk. In Vlissingen, 10 investigations seized **6 tons 55 kg of cocaine**, and two investigations in Moerdijk seized **967 kg of cocaine**. Total value of seized drugs is more than 3.5 billion euros. For more information follow the link: <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/01/13/harc-team-onderschept-ruim-40.000-kilo-cocaine-in-2020>

**15.01.2021** Customs intercepted two shipments of **cocaine weighing a total of 1069 kg** during inspections at the port of Rotterdam. Drugs are worth more than 80 million euros. The first shipment, weighing **839 kg**, was found in a container from Brazil with two old Volkswagen cars. The recipient of the shipment probably has nothing to do with smuggling. Second shipment of **cocaine weighing 230 kg** was found in a container with cases of beer. Since uncooked nuts were also found among drugs, indicating the use of Switch by perpetrators, the HARC team launched an investigation. A container of uncooked nuts from Argentina was subsequently found in the harbor, apparently used to ship drugs to the Netherlands. The cargo was destined for a company in Russia, which probably had nothing to do with smuggling. The HARC team, a partnership between customs, FIOD, the port police and the Rotterdam prosecutor's office, continues to investigate the cases. Seized cocaine shipments were destroyed. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/01/15/douane-onderschept-1069-kilo-cocaine-tussen-bier-en-oldtimers>

**15.01.2021** Employees at Rosendahl Business Park found a large shipment of drugs in an incoming shipment. This information was passed on to police. Police units that arrived on the scene secured the facility and seized a **cocaine** shipment totaling **approximately 750 kg**. Seized drugs were subsequently destroyed. The matter is under investigation. No one has been arrested. Cocaine is worth about 30 million euros. <https://www.politie.nl/nieuws/2021/januari/15/08-30-miljoen-euro-aan-cocaine-op-roosendaals-bedrijventerrein.html>

**PANAMA**

**15.01.2021** Joint operations between the Panamanian National Police Anti-Narcotics Directorate and the US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) seized **600 kg of cocaine hydrochloride** concealed in a fruit container at the Port of Colon. Smuggling was organized by an international criminal organization. The shipment was worth about 2.8 million pesos. The ship carrying the container was en route from the port of Uraba, Colombia, to Colón, Panama, to its final destination, Civitavecchia, Italy. <https://palmira.extra.com.co/noticias/judicial/contundente-golpe-al-narcotrafico-incautaron-600-kilos-de-co-654113>  
<https://extra.com.co/noticias/judicial/contundente-golpe-al-narcotrafico-incautaron-600-kilos-de-co-654113>

**PAKISTAN**

**11.01.2021** A joint operation by the Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA), the Pakistan Navy (PN) and Pakistan Customs resulted in interception of a fishing boat carrying more than **200 kg of crystal methamphetamine and 227 kg of heroin** in the Arabian Sea off the coast of the country. Drugs are worth 16.3 billion rupees (about 99.8 million U.S. dollars). The operation resulted in several arrests, with some smugglers escaping. Authorities are making efforts to track down and prosecute the perpetrators. Seized drugs were handed over to customs for further investigation and prosecution. [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-01/11/c\\_139659501.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-01/11/c_139659501.htm)

**13.01.2021** The Punjab Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) at Allam Iqbal International Airport in Lahore foiled an attempt to smuggle drugs into the United Kingdom by finding **2.214 kg of heroin** inside a parcel of decorative items. <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2279838/bid-to-smuggle-drugs-masterfully-concealed-in-decorative-apples-foiled>

## PERU

**13.01.2021** A joint operation between the Peruvian Navy, Peruvian National Police and Customs, following an inspection of the Malta-flagged vessel CMA CGM Arkansas, which arrived in the port of Callao, detected and seized **197.8 kg of cocaine**.

<https://andina.pe/ingles/noticia-peru-nearly-200-kg-of-drugs-seized-from-vessel-at-callao-port-829893.aspx>

[https://twitter.com/naval\\_peru](https://twitter.com/naval_peru)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=LD6nEh300Y&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=LD6nEh300Y&feature=emb_logo)

**14.01.2021** During an anti-drug operation at the Callao port terminal, customs officers found more than **67 kg of cocaine hydrochloride**. Cocaine packages were placed in four suitcases and were destined for international markets.

<https://twitter.com/PoliciaPeru/status/1349848311969312771>

## USA

**11.01.2021** Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers in Chicago, Illinois, intercepted two shipments arriving from Lithuania that contained anabolic steroids. Officers found and seized **500 tablets of Methandienone, Stanozolol, Tamoxifen Citrate and Anastrozole, 1000 tablets of Oxandrolone, 300 tablets of Clomiphene, 250 tablets of Liothyromine and other steroids**. The packages were destined for a recipient in Albuquerque, New Mexico. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/more-4000-pills-various-steroids-seized-cbp-officers-chicago>

**13.01.2021** From 6 to 13 January, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers in Louisville, Kentucky, intercepted 10 packages from Peru containing a dangerous controlled substance from Schedule I, **dimethyltryptamine (DMT)**. The substance was found inside packages in bottles. Separate shipments were destined for Spain, Italy, and Hong Kong. Four of the packages were destined for U.S. recipients. One package contained **52.16 kg of DMT**. The seized substance has hallucinogenic effects similar to LSD.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/229-pounds-dmt-seized-cbp-louisville-six-days>

**14.01.2021** A Toyota Camry driven by a 51-year-old Weslaco resident was stopped by police for a traffic violation on the I-10 in Texas. Upon inspection of the vehicle by a K9 officer, 15 packages of **cocaine** totaling **18.14 kg** were found in the vehicle. Drug was inside a secret compartment built into the dashboard. Female driver was arrested.

<https://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/kolt-the-k9-sniffs-out-1725000-worth-of-cocaine>

## TURKEY

**14.01.2021** Police and gendarmerie in several anti-drug operations conducted in different regions of the country:

- 1) In Ankara's Kecioren district detained two men and seized at least **1300 psychotropic pills** and two handguns during a body search and searches of the suspects' homes;
- 2) seized **50 kg of opium and 12 kg of synthetic drugs** in the Baskale district of eastern Van province;
- 3) seized **5.1 kg of marijuana** during a raid in the eastern province of Malatya;
- 4) seized **2.75 kg of marijuana** during a raid in the western province of Manisa.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/turkey-drug-busts-net-seizures-arrests/2110189>



## SRI LANKA

**13.01.2021** A raid by the Colombo Special Police Task Force (STF) in the Kosgoda Takaran Wadia area found and seized **23.155 kg of heroin**. Drug was handed over to the Colombo Narcotics Bureau for further investigation. Shipment is estimated to be worth 240 million rupees. [http://www.colombopage.com/archive\\_21A/Jan13\\_1610518903CH.php](http://www.colombopage.com/archive_21A/Jan13_1610518903CH.php)

## ECUADOR

**17.01.2021** Ecuadorian police in the port of Guayaquil found and seized **1.3 tons of cocaine** concealed in a container that was destined for Estonia. According to the Ecuadorian Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ecuadorian police seized a total of 128 tons of drugs in 2020. <https://www.straitstimes.com/world/ecuador-seizes-13-tonnes-of-cocaine-destined-for-estonia>  
<https://twitter.com/ppazminoec/status/1350620599966703616>