

**CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(based on mass media reports)

**15-21.02.2021****№ 7****CARICC MEMBER STATES****AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC**

**20.02.2021** Employees of the General Department for Combating Drugs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Azerbaijan in Baku detained two citizens and found and seized two rolls of **heroin** weighing **2 kg**. A criminal case was initiated.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210220/426280393/narkotiki-baku-mvd.html>

**22.02.2021** Police officers of Jalilabad region together with soldiers of the State Border Service on the territory of Ojagly village stopped a Toyota car driven by a resident of Baku. During a search of the vehicle they found and seized **6.4 kg of heroin and 1.2 kg of psychotropic substances**. Investigation of the case is underway.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210222/426291683/azerbaijan-zhitel-baku-jalilabad-geroin.html>

**REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN**

**18.02.2021** Employees of the Department for Combating Drug Crimes of the Zhambyl region Police Department in the course of investigation detained a 34-year-old resident of Taraz, who was selling marijuana on the territory of the regional center. A personal search and at his place of residence resulted in the discovery and seizure of **1.6 kg of marijuana**. A criminal case was launched.

[https://www.inform.kz/ru/sbytchika-marihuany-zaderzhali-v-taraze\\_a3754938](https://www.inform.kz/ru/sbytchika-marihuany-zaderzhali-v-taraze_a3754938)

**19.02.2021** Employees of the Department for Combating Drug Crimes of the Transport Police Department detained a group of people who illegally stored and sold narcotic substances in Nur-Sultan. During a personal search of the detainees they found and seized **87 g of heroin**. [https://www.inform.kz/ru/ot-4-do-11-let-poluchili-pyatero-astanchan-za-hranenie-i-sbyt-geroina\\_a3755325](https://www.inform.kz/ru/ot-4-do-11-let-poluchili-pyatero-astanchan-za-hranenie-i-sbyt-geroina_a3755325)

**KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**

**19.02.2021** Employees of Department of SBNON MVD KR in Osh city during investigation on the highway "Osh-Bishkek" in Toktogul district stopped a car "Ford Focus", driven by a citizen born in 1986, which was going in the direction of the capital. During search of the car 146 packages with **1.182 kg of hashish** were found and seized. A pre-trial investigation is being conducted with regard to the detainee. <https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/mass-media/all-news/item/12262-operativnikami-sbnon-mvd-presechen-sbyt-gashisha-na-trasse-v-toktogulskom-rajone-zaderzhan-narkotogovets>

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**16.02.2021** Employees of UNK GU MVD of Russia for Yekaterinburg detained a resident of Perm, during a personal search they seized 120 g of methylephedrone. In the course of

further search activities police found about 530 g of methylephedrone in a rented apartment. The total weight of drugs seized amounted to **650 g of methylephedrone**. A criminal case was initiated against the suspect. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23098003>

**16.02.2021** Employees of MO MVD of Russia "Dalnegorskiy" found and seized a polymeric barrel with **25 kg of cannabis oil** on outbuildings of a private residence of a 41-year-old man. It was also found that the suspect had been previously convicted of drug trafficking. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23100510>

**17.02.2021** Employees of UNK MVD of the Republic of Kabardino-Balkaria in Nalchik detained a 43-year old man and a 37 year old woman. During a personal search of the suspects and examination of the place of incident they found and seized 160 polymeric packages with **heroin** weighing **800 g**. Criminal cases were launched. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23122781>

**17.02.2021** Officers of OMVD of Russia in the city of Istra, Moscow region, detained a 21-year-old native of Moscow on suspicion of drug trafficking during investigation in the Moscow region. During a personal search police found and seized electronic scales, items for packaging and a roll with drugs - **mephedrone**, a total weight of **990 g**. A criminal case was initiated against the suspect by investigative department of OMVD. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23120489>

**17.02.2021** Employees of GUNK MVD of Russia in Penza found several dead-drops in forest areas in Penza containing **5 kg of mephedrone and 3 kg of amphetamine**. Two men were detained in connection. Investigative Department of the Penza region UMVD of Russia initiated a criminal case. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23116553>

**18.02.2021** Employees of OMVD of Russia in Stavropol region stopped a car driven by a 23-year-old man. During inspection of the car they found and seized four rolls of **heroin** weighing **400 g**. A criminal case was initiated. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23134668>

**18.02.2021** Employees of ONK MVD of Russia in Novorossiysk detained a 37-year-old woman in a wooded area near the city. Police seized a **1 kg** bundle of **methylephedrone** from the detainee. A criminal case was initiated against the suspect by SU UMVD of Russia in Novorossiysk. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23144345>

**19.02.2021** In Lipetsk region during investigation police officers stopped illegal actions of a previously convicted 37-year-old local resident, who was involved in the sale of drugs through an online store in the region. **3 kg of narcotics and psychotropic substances** were found in the car of the detainee. The man was transporting illegal substances in plastic containers. A criminal case was initiated on the fact. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23161717>

**20.02.2021** Employees of OUR UMVD of Russia in Podolsk, in the course of investigation detained a previously convicted 49-year-old local resident near a house in L'vovskiy district. During a search of suspect's residence they found and seized two cellophane bags with **cannabis**, with a total weight of **2 kg**. A criminal case was initiated against the suspect. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23168692>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### AUSTRALIA

**16.02.2021** Border Force (BFA) agents seized a large shipment of cocaine allegedly smuggled in from Greece and concealed inside ice cream bags. **13 kg of cocaine**, valued at about 5.8 million dollars, was seized. Boxes of packaged cocaine were hidden in the steering console of a boat tender. <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9268659/Haul-cocaine-Greece-worth-5-8million-Sydney-hidden-inside-Capri-wafer-cone.html>

**19.02.2021** Detectives from Joint Task Force Icarus and Task Force Trident arrested a 45-year-old man for importing **25 kg of drugs, including methamphetamine, heroin and cocaine**, during a search at Lewis Street, Thornbury. <https://www.police.vic.gov.au/taskforce-icarus-drug-trafficking-arrest>

### AFGHANISTAN

**22.02.2021** From 16 to 22 February the Counter Narcotics Police of Afghanistan seized more than **852 kg of narcotics and psychotropic substances, including 20 kg of heroin, 97 kg of opium, 297 kg of hashish, 415 kg of cannabis, 21 kg of methamphetamine and 12 kg of precursors.**<sup>1</sup>

### BULGARIA

**16.02.2021** Customs (NCA) officials during an inspection of containers arriving at the Black Sea port of Varna from Dubai found **401 kg of heroin**. The illicit cargo was distributed among almost 500 packages concealed inside bitumen rolls from Iran. Owner of the importing company and a customs officer were detained and charged with drug smuggling. <https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/law-order/1451062-bulgaria-nabs-heroin-haul-on-container-ship-from-dubai>

### BRAZIL

**18.02.2021** Federal Revenue Service (IRS) officials at the Port of Santos seized **69 kg of cocaine** concealed in a shipment of frozen lemon juice bound for the port of Valencia, Spain, during customs surveillance and goods control. <https://www.gov.br/receitafederal/pt-br/acao-a-informacao/acoes-e-programas/acoes-da-receita-federal/noticias/2021/fevereiro/8a-regiao-fiscal/receita-federal-apreende-69-kg-de-cocaina-em-conteiner-no-porto-de-santos>

**20.02.2021** Federal Revenue Service (IRS) officers at the port of Itapoa discovered drugs after a ship's captain warned of a container's refrigeration engine malfunction. Upon inspection, **45 kg of cocaine** was found, recording the first drug seizure at the port this year. <https://ndmais.com.br/seguranca/policia/local-inusitado-receita-apreende-45-kg-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-itapoa/>

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

## UNITED KINGDOM

**18.02.2021** Officers of the Garda National Drugs and Organized Crime Bureau (GNDOCB) searched containers arriving at the Ringaskiddy Port, Co. Cork from Central America and seized **172 kg of cocaine**. Investigation is underway.

<https://www.revenue.ie/en/corporate/press-office/press-releases/2021/pr-021921-revenue-seize-drugs-in-cork.aspx>

**19.02.2021** Officers of the National Crime Agency and the Organised Crime Partnership (OCP) in Tottenham, north London, detained ten people aged between 21 and 56 in connection with a seizure of **2.3 tonnes of cocaine** imported into the UK as part of a shipment of bananas. The container arrived on a cargo ship from Colombia the day before and was disguised as a legitimate shipment of bananas.

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/2-3-tonnes-of-cocaine-seized-before-reaching-uk-streets>

**19.02.2021** Officers of the National Crime Agency stopped two trucks at the port of Harwich. During inspection, in addition to a legitimate shipment of plastic destined for Leicester, the truck contained 64 packages of **heroin**, weighing a total of **32 kg**. Both drivers of trucks were arrested; they had arrived in Harwich from the Netherlands.

<https://www.harwichandmanningtrestandard.co.uk/news/19104306.lorry-drivers-jailed-3-2m-heroin-found-harwich-port/>

**20.02.2021** Officers from the Garda National Drugs and Organized Crime Bureau (GNDOCB) detained a 30-year-old man living in the Monaghan area in the course of an operation. **300 cannabis plants** valued at 250 000 euros were found at the detainee's residence.

<https://www.irishmirror.ie/news/irish-news/garda-drug-raids-major-hauls-23538654>

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

**17.02.2021** Officers of the National Narcotics Control Directorate (DNCD) during an operation in Santo Domingo, near the Iguamo River, found and seized two green nylon bundles fastened with metal rings, one of which contained 23 packages and the other 26 packages, under the bottom of a ship on the starboard bow. A total of **49 packages of cocaine**.

<https://www.dncd.gob.do/index.php/noticias1/noticias/item/941-escondidos-debajo-de-buque-ocupan-49-paquetes-presumiblemente-cocaina-en-spm>

## INDIA

**20.02.2021** Officers from the Mumbai Police Anti-Narcotic Cell in the Andheri East area detained a 27-year-old man for illegal possession of more than **100 kg of marijuana**.

<https://mumbaimirror.indiatimes.com/mumbai/crime/mumbai-police-recovers-over-100-kg-of-marijuana-arrests-one/articleshow/80920718.cms?>

## COLOMBIA

**19.02.2021** Employees of the Office for Drug Control of the Attorney General's Office and soldiers of Battalion No. 6 of Alta Montaña discovered and seized **510 kg of cocaine** at Los Pachencas in a banana farm located in the El Oasis sector.

<https://www.hoydiariodelmagdalena.com.co/archivos/480597>

## COSTA RICA

**19.02.2021** PCD officers at the APM Terminals dock in Limonens while inspecting a container of bananas and fried chips en route to Spain found and seized 21 bags with **513 kg of cocaine**. <https://amprensa.com/2021/02/caen-mas-de-500-kilos-de-droga-en-contenedor-de-frituras-que-iba-rumbo-a-espana/>

## MALAYSIA

**17.02.2021** Police officers detained a young couple during an operation at a condominium located in Lebuh Sungai Pinang. A search of residence uncovered a drug processing laboratory and seized **2396 g of MDMA, 338.5 g of ketamine, 576 MDMA tablets and 390 tablets of Erimin 5**, worth 77318 ringgit. <https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2021/02/19/couple-nabbed-in-drug-lab-bust-cops-seize-drugs-worth-over-rm70k>

## THE NETHERLANDS

**17.02.2021** Customs officers at the port of Rotterdam during inspection of containers with coffee beans arriving from Brazil found **1 ton 329 kg of cocaine**. Seized drugs are worth 99 million euros. The case is under investigation. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/02/17/douane-onderschept-1329-kilo-cocaine-tussen-koffiebonen>

## PAKISTAN

**16.02.2021** Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) officers stopped a truck carrying two men on Shikarpur Road in Karachi. An inspection of truck revealed and seized **323 kg of hashish and 6 kg of opium**. ANF officers also intercepted a package at the office of a private courier company and seized **850 g of methamphetamine** concealed in a fruit basket. <https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/anf-arrests-two-members-of-interprovincial-dr-1168597.html>

**17.02.2021** The Pakistan Coast Guard (PCG) seized **37.65 kg of hashish, 29.80 kg of heroin, 60.60 kg of methamphetamine, 6.15 kg of opium** and arrested four smugglers during a bus inspection at the Windar Naka Khari checkpoint. The bus was going from Panjgor to Karachi. <https://nation.com.pk/18-Feb-2021/pcg-arrests-four-seizes-drugs-worth-millions>

## PORTUGAL

**15.02.2021** Officers from the Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre-Narcotics (MAOC-N), with cooperation and support of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), intercepted a cargo ship carrying nutmeg and powdered coal from Colombia to Denmark off the coast of Portugal. A 26-year-old Venezuelan national who had been hiding in the ship for two weeks was detained during a search of the vessel. Officers found bags containing **100 kg of cocaine** worth 3 million euros. <https://www.portugalresident.com/tip-off-from-us-narcotics-police-leads-to-seizure-of-100-kgs-of-cocaine-in-portuguese-waters/>

## PERU

**18.02.2021** Peruvian National Police (PNP) officers at the northern port of Paita detained a container with **3 tons of cocaine** that was to be shipped to Panama and on to the Netherlands. Seized cocaine was concealed in palm vegetable oil bottles.

[http://spanish.xinhuanet.com/2021-02/19/c\\_139751975.htm](http://spanish.xinhuanet.com/2021-02/19/c_139751975.htm)

## PANAMA

**15.02.2021** National Air Service (Senan) officers in Pacific waters detained a vessel arriving from Ecuador inside a container and found **100 packages of cocaine**. Drugs were to be shipped to the United States. <https://www.telemetro.com/nacionales/2021/02/15/incautan-100-paquetes-contenedor-provenia/3752365.html>

**16.02.2021** National police officers at seaport in the province of Colón detained a vessel arriving from Suriname. An inspection of two containers revealed and seized **1818 packages of cocaine**. Drugs were to be shipped to Belgium.

<https://www.panamaamerica.com.pa/provincias/mas-mil-paquetes-cocaina-que-tenian-como-destino-belgica-decomisan-en-puerto-colon>

**21.02.2021** National police officers at a seaport in the province of Colón detained a vessel arriving from Canada. **89 packages of cocaine** were discovered and seized during an inspection of the vessel. Drugs were going to Italy.

<https://twitter.com/ProtegerServir/status/1363309494164484096>

## RWANDA

**19.02.2021** The Rwandan National Police (RNP) in Kirimbi sector in Nyamasheke District, during a search of a house in Mushungwe Village, found and seized 3 bags with **80 kg of cannabis**. A 33-year-old woman was detained. It was found that she had obtained drugs from Congolese suppliers for 200 000 francs. <https://taarifa.rw/police-arrets-woman-with-80kgs-of-cannabis/>

## USA

**17.02.2021** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers in Florida at Hollywood International Airport, Florida seized **3.6 kg of cocaine** concealed in luggage from an airplane arriving from the Bahamas.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-fort-lauderdale-seizes-luggage-filled-cocaine>

**18.02.2021** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers in Texas at the Gateway International Bridge seized drugs in two separate, unrelated incidents:

1) a package with **3.1 kg of heroin** was found during an inspection of a 2004 Chrysler, owned by a 37-year-old man.

2) an inspection of a 2010 Chrysler, owned by a 27-year-old woman, revealed a bag with **10.9 kg of methamphetamine and 4 kg of cocaine**.

Cases were referred to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations (ICE-HSI) special agents for further investigation.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/brownsville-cbp-officers-seize-743k-worth-narcotics-two-seizures>

**18.02.2021** U.S. Border Patrol agents in Texas near the Laredo Sector on the banks of the Rio Grande River found **marijuana** bundles totaling **428 kg** worth 755 920 dollars.  
<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/laredo-sector-border-patrol-agents-stop-multiple-narcotics-smuggling>

**19.02.2021** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials in Cincinnati inspected a shipment from Peru and found **19.9 kg of cocaine**-soaked flakes.  
<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/s-not-frosted-flakes-cincinnati-cbp-snares-44-pounds-cocaine-soaked>

**19.02.2021** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers in Florida at Miami International Airport, while searching luggage of a Jamaican national, discovered 500 g of cocaine concealed in a pair of sandals. The detainee also intended to smuggle 28 capsules of cocaine weighing 500 g using intracavitary method. **Cocaine** seizures amounted to a total of **1 kg**.  
<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-miami-seizes-cocaine-sandals-and-smuggled-internally>

**SINGAPORE**

**16.02.2021** Officers from the Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) detained three men during an operation in Edgedale, Punggol. A search of the detainees' residence seized **3.72 kg of heroin, 813 g of methamphetamine, 2.9 kg of cannabis and one tablet of Erimin-5** valued at about 401 000 dollars.  
[https://in.news.yahoo.com/401000-drugs-seized-3-arrested-cnb-operation-091422156.html?guccounter=1&guce\\_referrer=aHR0cDovL2RydWdzLmdsb2JhbGluY2lkZW50bWFWLmNvbS9ldmVudGRldGFpbC5waHA\\_SUQ9NTk1NzM&guce\\_referrer\\_sig=AQAAAA23EFVAI2canFJPRyQnksqenKBJuajJZXKXH1G5q2oXduFqOCEyyoWQsNEcknWJD\\_j8V9PzOboYRBrhnW22K5litG-e0-UXEkbaqx\\_smiXWzIaLpI3FcNFGf-ET43tM6VqDlcAXqh3Pc\\_rVB7JkqpYZvGNPLb1vDXnOdxqX73EhW](https://in.news.yahoo.com/401000-drugs-seized-3-arrested-cnb-operation-091422156.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cDovL2RydWdzLmdsb2JhbGluY2lkZW50bWFWLmNvbS9ldmVudGRldGFpbC5waHA_SUQ9NTk1NzM&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAA23EFVAI2canFJPRyQnksqenKBJuajJZXKXH1G5q2oXduFqOCEyyoWQsNEcknWJD_j8V9PzOboYRBrhnW22K5litG-e0-UXEkbaqx_smiXWzIaLpI3FcNFGf-ET43tM6VqDlcAXqh3Pc_rVB7JkqpYZvGNPLb1vDXnOdxqX73EhW)

**THAILAND**

**16.02.2021** Police officers at Huay Rai checkpoint in Denchai district stopped a HINO truck with a full load of mango. Upon search they found 1400 **heroin** bars with a total weight of **551 kg**. The driver, a 29-year-old woman from Trat province, was arrested. During additional measures, a truck carrying a load of charcoal was stopped in the same area. Police found **8 million methamphetamine pills** hidden among charcoal. The driver, a 34-year-old man from Phetchabun, was arrested. Drivers of the two trucks were found to have been hired by one person, each receiving 100 000 baht.  
<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2069163/>

**UKRAINE**

**18.02.2021** Police officers in Luhansk region detained a group of people who were cultivating cannabis at home. Officers seized **136 cannabis bushes**, growing equipment, ultraviolet lamps, temperature control devices and fans from the detainees' homes. They also seized **130 g of amphetamine** and 5 liters of liquid used for manufacture.  
<https://www.npu.gov.ua/ua/news/narkozlochyni/na-luganshyni-policzija-vikrila-grupu-narkozbuvachiv-yakiviroshhuvali-konopli-u-budinku/>



**18.02.2021** Police officers in Kherson detained organizers of a criminal group and stopped actions of a drug laboratory. During searches of the detainees' residences they seized **700 g of amphetamine, 800 g of phenylpropene**, laboratory equipment, money, bank cards and cell phones. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/u-xersoni-policzejski-pripinili-diyalnist-narkolaboratoriji-ta-zatrimali-organizatoriku-i-dvox-uchasnikiv-zlochinnoji-grupi/>

**19.02.2021** Employees of Patrol Police Department in Suma detained a 28-year-old man. During a search of the detainee's place of residence they seized **2 kg 30 g of alpha-PVP, 230 g of amphetamine, 230 g of cannabis, 79 pieces of MDMA and 3 LSD stamps**. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/u-sumax-policziya-zatrimala-cholovika-za-zbut-narkotikiv/>

## PHILIPPINES

**16.02.2021** Bureau of Customs (BOC) agents at Port Clark seized two black plastic packages containing **1 kg of methamphetamine** hidden inside a fryer imported from Malaysia. A resident of Cebu City was detained in connection. <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1398849/boc-seizes-p6-8m-worth-of-crystal-meth>

**18.02.2021** Officers from the Police Regional Office- Central Luzon Narcotics Department, in the Pampanga area, detained 6 people during an operation and seized **163 kg of marijuana**. <https://www.rappler.com/nation/millions-worth-marijuana-seized-tarlac-february-18-2021>

## SRI LANKA

**17.02.2021** Employees of Organized Crime Division detained a motorcyclist in the Piliyandal district. During a personal search they seized **3.2 kg of heroin**. Investigation is underway. [http://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking\\_news/Mason-nabbed-with-over-3kg-heroin-in-Piliyandala/108-205954](http://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Mason-nabbed-with-over-3kg-heroin-in-Piliyandala/108-205954)