

*Unofficial translation***CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(based on mass media reports)

15-21.03.2021**№11****CARICC MEMBER STATES****REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**

19.03.2021 Police officers jointly with the State Border Service in the course of investigation in the Bilasuvar region detained a citizen of Iran and seized **5.7 kg of heroin and 2.8 kg of psychotropic substances**. The detainee illegally crossed state border between Iran and Azerbaijan with a shipment of drugs.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210319/426509958/azerbaijan-kontrabanda-narkotiki-iran.html>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

16.03.2021 Employees of the Department for Combating Drug Crimes detained a group of six people in the city of Shymkent in the course of investigation. During inspection of the place of residence of detainees they found and seized **1.5 kg of synthetic drugs**. The detainees were selling drugs in social networks.

https://www.inform.kz/ru/okolo-1-5-kg-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov-iz-yali-policeyskie-shymkenta_a3766202

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

15.03.2021 Employees of the Chelyabinsk regiment of traffic police during supervision of traffic on the road Chelyabinsk-Kharlushi in Sosnovsky district stopped a car. During inspection of the vehicle they found and seized **2.2 kg of synthetic drugs**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/23438284>

15.03.2021 Employees of the Department for Drug Control of the Interior Ministry of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) in the course of investigation in the city of Yakutsk arrested two men who illegally kept **4 kg of synthetic drugs** ready for future sale in a rented apartment. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23436150>

16.03.2021 Employees of traffic police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Gorodischensky district of Volgograd region stopped a car driven by a 26-year-old man. During inspection of the vehicle under the gear lever they found a cache with **1.5 kg of heroin**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23446533>

17.03.2021 Employees of the Russian Interior Ministry Department for Drug Control in the Republic of Tyva detained a 36-year-old man and seized **1.4 kg of marijuana** during investigation in the city of Turan. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23475163>

17.03.2021 Employees of the Department for Drug Control of GU MVD of Russia for the Moscow region in the course of investigation in the town of Taldom detained a 27-year-old man who in his garage near his home had equipped a laboratory for production of narcotic drugs. During a search were found and seized canisters of chemical reagents and laboratory equipment together with **10 kg of mephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23470684>

17.03.2021 Employees of the Department for Drug Control of MVD of Russia in the Chaikovsky urban district of Perm region during investigation in the city of Chaikovsky detained a 43-year-old man who had built a tent for growing cannabis in a rented garage. During a search of the garage they found and seized a ventilation system, lighting and irrigation of drug plants, and **1.2 kg of marijuana**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/23471230>

17.03.2021 Employees of Department for Drug Control of UMVD of Russia in Kursk region in the course of investigation have stopped actions of an organized criminal group engaged in the sale of synthetic drugs. Seventeen people aged 22 to 41 were detained on suspicion of selling drugs. The detainees were distributing drugs by making drug dead drops on the territory of Kursk. The total weight of **synthetic drugs** seized from the detainees amounted to **6 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23464335>

18.03.2021 Employees of UMVD of Russia for Krasnogorsk urban district of Moscow region stopped operations of a drug laboratory located in the territory of Nakhabino settlement. In the course of investigation, they detained two men who had equipped a laboratory and outbuildings for drying and packaging of illegal substances in a rented house. During a search they seized **10 kg of mephedrone** worth 25 million rubles.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/23449249>

18.03.2021 Employees of criminal investigations of OMVD of Russia in the Altai district during investigation in the village Beryozovka detained 33-year-old man and seized **6.9 kg of marijuana** at the place of residence. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23485358>

19.03.2021 Employees of MO MVD of Russia "Borodinsky" in the Krasnoyarsk region during investigation in the village of Novaya Solyanka detained a 33-year-old man and seized **2 kg of marijuana**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23509069>

19.03.2021 Employees of the Department for Drug Control of MVD of Russia in Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia in the course of investigation in Petrozavodsk detained two men aged 32 and 34 who set up an Internet store for selling drugs of plant origin. The detainees were cultivating narcotic plants in a private house. During a search of the detainees' place of residence police seized **8 kg of marijuana**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/23496649>

19.03.2021 Employees of the Drug Control Department of MVD of Russia for the city of Novorossiysk, Krasnodar region, detained a 27-year-old man in the course of investigation. During examination of the vehicle in which the detainee was traveling, police found and seized drugs - **2 kg of mephedrone, 2.2 kg of N-methylephedrone and 104 g of cocaine**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23498866>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

19.03.2021 Customs officers at the border customs post "Ayritom" in Surkhandarya region on the border with the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan detained a man who was carrying bottles of shampoo for hair in car trunk. Inspection of the bottles revealed and seized liquid heroin weighing 4 kg. On the same day, three more men were detained at the customs post, with bottles of liquid heroin also found among their belongings. The total weight of the

seized **heroin** reached **12.3 kg**. <https://uz.sputniknews.ru/20210319/v-surkhandare-narkokurery-pytalis-khitrym-sposobom-provezti-123-kg-zhidkogo-geroina--17852941.html>

OTHER COUNTRIES

VIETNAM

18.03.2021 Border guard force officers in Dien Bien province in northern Vietnam detained three men and seized **30 000 synthetic pills and 1 kg of opium**. Seized drugs had been brought to Vietnam from Laos.

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/asiapacific/2021-03/17/c_139817000.htm

GUATEMALA

20.03.2021 Officers of the General Directorate of Drug Information Analysis (SGAIA) at the APM terminal of the port of Quetzal discovered three bags with **100 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of containers arriving from Colombia.

<https://pncdeguatemala.blogspot.com/view/magazine>

INDIA

16.03.2021 Police officers in Ludhiana district, Punjab state, detained two men and seized **4 kg of heroin**.

<https://adda4news.com/2021/03/16/punjab-3-held-with-4kg-heroin-rs-37-lakh-seized-in-ludhiana-ludhiana-news-times-of-india/>

17.03.2021 Police in Mumbai arrested a man and seized **63 kg of marijuana** worth 9.5 million rupees in his residence. <https://www.newstoday24x7.in/mumbai-civil-engineer-turned-vegetable-seller-held-for-trying-to-peddle-63kg-marijuana-mumbai-news-times-of-india/>

17.03.2021 Police officers in Fatehgarh Sahib district, Punjab state, detained two men and seized **6 kg of opium**. https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/patiala/two-peddlers-held-with-6-kg-opium-226986?utm_source=nyoooz&utm_medium=post

18.03.2021 Coast Guard officers stopped two boats in the southern Indian Ocean on Minicoy Island. During an inspection of the boats they found and seized five AK-47 rifles with 1000 live rounds and **300 kg of heroin**.

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2021/mar/18/coast-guard-apprehends-boats-carrying-large-cache-of-bullets-ak-rifles-and-drugs-2278426.html>

18.03.2021 Police officers in Srinagar, Kashmir, apprehended two men with **1 kg of heroin**. <https://www.deccanherald.com/national/north-and-central/about-1-kg-heroin-seized-from-srinagar-hotel-2-held-963146.html>

18.03.2021 Police officers in Delhi City detained two citizens in the course of investigation and seized of **15 kg of heroin**. Drugs had been brought to Delhi from West Bengal.

<https://www.aninews.in/news/national/general-news/delhi-police-arrest-two-and-seize-drug-worth-rs-60-crore20210318210352/>

18.03.2021 Law enforcement officers found a dead drop of **9 kg of heroin** near the India-Pakistan border in Ajnala district, Punjab state.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/chandigarh-news/9kg-heroin-recovered-in-amritsar-cross-border-smuggler-arrested-101616010850900.html>

IRAN

21.03.2021 Anti-Narcotics Police of Iran between 13 and 19 March seized **6.981 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 135 kg of heroin, 5.528 tons of opium, 599 kg of hashish, 15 kg of methamphetamine, 598 kg of morphine, 106 kg of other types of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.**¹

SPAIN

18.03.2021 Civil Guard officers at the port of Huelva stopped a car driven by a woman and during inspection of the car found **2 kg of cocaine** near engine.

<https://www.autobild.es/noticias/descubre-guardia-civil-dos-kilos-droga-interior-motor-coche-831075>

CANADA

19.03.2021 Police officers in Surrey, British Columbia, apprehended two men in possession of **1 kg of methamphetamine.**

<https://www.surreynowleader.com/local-news/mounties-seize-drugs-and-cash-from-three-people-connected-to-a-home-in-cloverdale/>

20.03.2021 Two men were detained by police in Shuswap, British Columbia. A search of the detainees' residence revealed and seized **650 g of fentanyl, 100 g of methamphetamine, 16 g of cocaine and 30 g of heroin.**

<https://www.lakecountrycalendar.com/news/guns-drugs-and-cash-seized-in-shuswap-police-raid/>

LATVIA

18.03.2021 Police officers stopped a truck on the Riga - Daugavpils highway in the course of an investigation. During inspection of the truck, **1 ton of hashish** was found and seized under artificial stone slabs. The truck driver, a 56-year-old Lithuanian citizen, was detained.

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/europe/2021-03/18/c_139819652.htm

THE NETHERLANDS

18.03.2021 Customs officers at the port of Rotterdam discovered **130 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of a container. Drugs were hidden on top of the container.

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/03/19/130-kilo-cocaine-onderschept-in-rotterdamse-haven-mogelijk-sprake-van-gevaar-voor-personen>

PAKISTAN

18.03.2021 Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) officers together with officers from Bacha Khan International Airport in Peshawar detained a man who intended to smuggle **4.7 kg of amphetamine** in a rubber recess concealed in a bag. <https://nation.com.pk/18-Mar-2021/anf-seizes-794-kg-drugs-in-21-operations>

18.03.2021 Police officers during an investigation in the city of Islamabad stopped a car with **38 kg of hashish and 10 kg of opium** hidden inside.

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

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/805848-drugs-smuggling-attempt-thwarted>

PANAMA

15.03.2021 Agents of the National Police (PNP) at the port of Cristobal during an inspection of a container bound for Spain found and seized **540 kg of cocaine**.

https://www.tvn-2.com/nacionales/Ubican-paquetes-dentro-contenedor-Espana_0_5806669283.html

18.03.2021 National Police (PNP) officers at the Port of Colon found and seized 10 bags containing **216 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of a container arriving from Ecuador. Drugs were in the hull of the ship.

https://www.tvn-2.com/nacionales/Decomisan-maletines-paquetes-droga-Belgica_0_5809669055.html

PORTUGAL

15.03.2021 Judicial Police officers, in conjunction with the Spanish National Police, detained two Portuguese nationals who concealed **806 kg of cocaine** in 12 tanks during an investigation. Drugs had been shipped from Latin America.

<https://www.jn.pt/justica/isoladores-de-pontes-escondiam-800-quilos-de-cocaina-13458677.html>

SINGAPORE

17.03.2021 Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) stopped a vehicle with three men on Campas Road. A search of the vehicle revealed and seized **419 g of methamphetamine and 87 MDMA pills**. During an inspection of the detainees' residence, **8 kg of heroin, 5 kg of methamphetamine, 20 kg of cannabis, 1 000 MDMA tablets and 100 tablets of Erimin-5** were seized.

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/cnb-drugs-largest-cannbis-haul-seized-heroin-14435108>

SAUDI ARABIA

20.03.2021 Police officers at the port of King Abdulaziz in Dammam during inspection of shipments of stone and marble found and seized **3 million pills of amphetamine**. Two men were detained in connection with the case.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1828466/saudi-arabia>

USA

17.03.2021 Police officers stopped a van on a highway near Lowell, Indiana, examined it and found **578 kg of marijuana** in the backside of it. <https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/543743-indiana-police-dog-finds-8-million-worth-of-marijuana-in-routine-traffic>

18.03.2021 Officers from the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division, Louisiana, arrested five people in a series of operations and seized **6 kg of heroin, 1 kg of fentanyl, 5 kg of cocaine and 13 kg of marijuana**. <https://www.wbrz.com/news/five-arrested-in-ebroso-major-drug-bust/>

19.03.2021 Narcotics detectives (SDSO) on a highway north of Warner Springs, California, near Palomar Mountain, discovered a premises being used to grow **1 191 cannabis bushes**. Two men, aged 48 and 63, were arrested for cultivating cannabis.

<https://www.nbcсандiego.com/news/local/large-illegal-marijuana-grow-shut-down-in-warner-springs/2554727/>



21.03.2021 Border Patrol agents in El Centro, California, stopped a Nissan pickup truck at a checkpoint, searched it and seized **3 kg of methamphetamine**.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/border-patrol-agents-seize-meth-checkpoint-0>

21.03.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Laredo, Texas, checkpoint stopped a Kenworth truck carrying a load of multipurpose stone slab paste arriving from Mexico. Inspection of the truck revealed **22 kg of methamphetamine** hidden inside the cargo. <https://cbsaustin.com/newsletter-daily/14-million-worth-of-methamphetamine-seized-at-border-in-two-separate-incidents>

TANZANIA

17.03.2021 Police officers found a **cannabis plantation of 10 hectares** in the village of Msalala in Shinyanga district. Two farmers engaged in cannabis cultivation were detained. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-03/15/c_139812502.htm

UKRAINE

17.03.2021 Employees of the Department for Combating Drug Crimes of the National Police of Ukraine in the course of investigation in the city of Mukachevo, Transcarpathian region, arrested 7 men aged 33 to 44 years old who were selling drugs. During a search of the detainees they found **1 kg of marijuana and 50 g of methamphetamine**.

<https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/na-zakarpatti-policzejski-pripinili-zlochinnu-diyalnist-mukachivskix-narkotorgovcziv/>

ECUADOR

17.03.2021 Police officers at the port terminal in Yilport, El Oro Province, found **29 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of a container.

<https://machalamovil.com/policia-decomisa-29-paquetes-con-droga-camouflada-en-container-que-tenia-como-destino-europa/>

SRI LANKA

17.03.2021 Police officers in the city of Rajagiriya detained a man and seized **2 kg of heroin**. <http://www.dailynews.lk/2021/03/17/local/244239/suspect-arhibited-2kgs-heroin>.

JAMAICA

20.03.2021 Security officers at Sangster International Airport in Montego Bay apprehended a 42-year-old woman intending to transport **1.3 kg of cocaine** to the U.S.

<https://www.loopjamaica.com/content/montego-bay-woman-charged-after-10-million-cocaine-seizure>