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CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

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CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

07.04.2021 Police officers in the course of investigation in Sabunchu district of Baku detained two men and seized **2 kg of heroin and 500 pills of psychotropic substances**. A criminal case was initiated and an investigation is underway.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210407/426639491/azerbaijan-baku-narkotiki-zaderzhanie.html>

10.04.2021 Police officers in the course of investigation in Novkhani settlement of Absheron district of Baku have detained two men and found and seized **38 kg of heroin, 1 kg of opium, 3 kg of marijuana and 20 kg of psychotropic substances** at their place of residence.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210410/426665923/azerbaijan-krupnaja-partija-narkotiki.html>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

09.04.2021 During search operations in the city of Uralsk, West Kazakhstan region, police officers detained a man who had **21 kg of hashish** in his bag and seized it.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/21-kg-gashisha-i-marihuany-iz-yali-u-narkokur-era-v-ural-ske/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

10.04.2021 Employees of the SBNON Department of the MVD KR during investigation in Bishkek detained a 41-year-old man and seized **550 g of hashish**.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/mass-media/all-news/item/12568-mvd-militsionery-iz-yali-u-bishkekchanina-polkilogramma-gashisha>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

05.04.2021 Employees of the Federal Customs Service stopped a truck at the Burachki automobile checkpoint located in Pskov region. During inspection of the truck they found that the vehicle's fuel tank had a compartment. Upon opening the cache they found **150 kg of hashish**. <https://sztu.customs.gov.ru/news/document/274911>

07.04.2021 Employees of the department for drug control of UMVD of Russia in the Kolomna urban district of Moscow region as a result of investigations in the city of Kolomna detained 40-year-old local resident and seized **4 kg of mephedrone**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/23746222>

07.04.2021 Employees of the Directorate for Drug Control of GU MVD of Russia in the Moscow region during investigations in the village of Semenovskoye, Stupino district detained a 30-year-old man in possession of **4.4 kg of mephedrone**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/23733082>



09.04.2021 In the course of investigation officers of UMVD of Russia in the Kostroma region detained four men involved in the sale of synthetic drugs through an online store. During inspection of the place of residence they confiscated **2 kg of mephedrone**, packaging equipment, cell phones and bank cards. All of the detainees acted on behalf of a store in the shadow segment of the Internet. It was on this electronic platform that they purchased drugs and received instructions from curator about delivery regions. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23782589>

11.04.2021 Employees of line department of MVD of Russia on transport in the course of investigations in Peschanokopsky area of the Rostov region arrested a 57-year-old man, at whose place of residence they found and seized **2 kg of marijuana**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23810269>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

07.04.2021 Employees of the Drug Control Agency during investigations in Ishkashim district of Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region detained a 39-year-old man with a bag filled with 49 bags of **hashish** weighing **47.3 kg**. A criminal case was initiated and an investigation is underway. <https://akn.tj/ru/2021/04/05/gbao-report/>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

07.04.2021 Employees of the State Customs Committee in Sergeli district of Tashkent stopped a Matiz car. During inspection of the vehicle they found and seized **3.9 kg of opium and 2.8 kg of hashish**. A criminal case was opened and an investigation is underway. <https://news.mail.ru/incident/45856247/>

09.04.2021 Employees of Internal Affairs Department of Namangan region during investigation in the city of Namangan detained a 37-year-old man and seized **256 g of hashish**. <https://iiv.uz/ru/news/namangan-viloyat-iib-jqb-xodimlari-tomonidan-qiyohvand-modda-saqlab-yurgan-shaxs-aniqlandi>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

11.04.2021 Police officers in Port Wakefield, north of Adelaide, Western Australia, stopped a truck with two passengers. An inspection of the truck revealed **50 kg of methamphetamine** concealed inside a load of horse feed. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-04-07/sa-police-seize-meth-hidden-in-horse-feed-on-truck/100054276>

ALBANIA

05.04.2021 Customs officials at the port of Durrës found **49 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of banana containers. <http://www.dogana.gov.al/d/172/172/0/838/durres-sekuestrohen-reth-49-kg-lende-narkotike>

11.04.2021 Police officers, together with the Customs Service at the port of Durrës, during an inspection of a container arriving from Ecuador in a modified compartment of a cargo container with bananas found **143 kg of cocaine**. <https://exit.al/en/2021/04/11/albanian-police-seize-143-kg-of-cocaine-arriving-from-ecuador/>

AFGHANISTAN

11.04.2021 Between 5 and 11 April, the Counter Narcotics Police of Afghanistan seized more than **259.4 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 2.4 kg of heroin, 46.8 kg of opium, 192.9 kg of hashish and 17.3 kg of methamphetamine.**¹

BRAZIL

05.04.2021 Employees of the Federal Revenue Service (IRS) at the port of Paranagua, during an inspection of a container bound for Portugal in a container refrigerator engine found **38 kg of cocaine.** <https://g1.globo.com/pr/parana/noticia/2021/04/05/receita-federal-apreende-38-quilos-de-cocaina-em-conteiner-que-seguiria-do-porto-de-paranagua-para-portugal.ghtml>

06.04.2021 Federal Revenue Service (IRS) officials at the port of Itajai, R.J. found **342.2 kg of cocaine** hidden in three tree stems in large quantities of wood that were to be shipped to Europe. <https://g1.globo.com/rj/rio-de-janeiro/noticia/2021/04/06/receita-federal-apreende-340kg-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-itaguai-rj.ghtml>

07.04.2021 Federal Revenue Service (IRS) officers at the port of Santos, during an inspection of a container with a cargo of lemons, discovered **68 kg of cocaine** hidden inside refrigeration system in a container's refrigerator engine. The shipment was bound for the Netherlands. <https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2021/04/policia-federal-realiza-apreensao-de-droga-no-porto-de-santos>

INDIA

06.04.2021 Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) officers detained five drug traffickers in a series of operations in Bangalore, Karnataka. During the operation, a truck was stopped and **1 ton of hashish** was found inside. Drugs were to be transported to Pune, Maharashtra. <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/bangalore/ncb-drug-network-ganja-7259956/>

08.04.2021 Customs officials at Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi detained a Malawian national in an attempt to smuggle **4 kg of heroin.** The detainee had hidden drugs inside her carry-on luggage. <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/malawian-woman-held-at-delhi-airport-for-smuggling-heroin-worth-rs-28-crore-2409269>

08.04.2021 Border security force near the Pakistan-India border in Ferozepur district, Punjab state, detained a man with **31 kg of heroin.** <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/pakistani-smuggler-arrested-in-punjab-drugs-seized-border-security-force-2408542>

INDONESIA

07.04.2021 Police officers in East Aceh district, Aceh province, stopped a boat with four people on board. An inspection of the boat revealed and seized **50 kg of crystalline methamphetamine.** <https://en.antaranews.com/news/171918/aceh-police-seize-50-kg-drugs-arrest-four>

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

IRAN

11.04.2021 From 3 to 9 April, the Iranian Anti-Narcotics Police seized **17.931 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 603 kg of heroin, 9.773 tons of opium, 1.504 tons of hashish, 46 kg of methamphetamine, 2.824 tons of morphine, 3.181 tons of other types of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.**²

CANADA

09.04.2021 Police officers in the province of Manitoba dismantled a drug trafficking ring in the course of an operation. During a search of the detainees' residences they seized **81 kg of cocaine** and 1.5 million U.S. dollars in cash. <https://www.netnewsledger.com/2021/04/09/major-drug-bust-7-million-in-drugs-and-1-5-in-cash-seized-by-rcmp/>

COLOMBIA

05.04.2021 Police officers at Zungo wharf found **225 kg of cocaine** at the bottom of cardboard boxes of fruit while registering a shipment of bananas. <https://www.policia.gov.co/noticia/policia-antinarcoicos-incauta-mas-225-kilos-cocaina>

07.04.2021 In a joint operation with the National Police in the city of Cartagena, the Colombian Navy discovered **82 kg of cocaine** in steering compartment of the Madison tanker in berth. The discovery was made during an underwater inspection of the tanker by divers. <https://www.cgfm.mil.co/en/blog/colombian-navy-finds-cocaine-shipment-contaminated-tanker-cartagena>

MALAYSIA

06.04.2021 Malaysian police officers, as a result of international cooperation based on information from the Saudi Arabian Directorate General of Narcotics Control, discovered **650 kg of Captagon** tablets during an inspection of a container at the port of Klang. Seized drugs were hidden inside aluminum springs. Of the 889 boxes seized, 875 boxes contained springs with pills. <https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2021/04/08/cops-seize-650kg-of-drugs-worth-rm200mil-at-port-klang>

PANAMA

07.04.2021 National police officers at the port of Colón found **800 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of a container bound for Belgium. <https://www.critica.com.pa/sucesos/ubican-2-contenedores-prenados-con-cocaina-que-iban-camino-belgica-601707>

PUERTO RICO

07.04.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Port of San Juan found **44 kg of cocaine** in the cooling system of a container aboard a cargo ship arriving from the Dominican Republic. It is estimated that seized cocaine has a value of 1.3 million dollars.

² Data provided by liaison officer of the Anti-Narcotics Police of the Islamic Republic of Iran.



<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-seizes-96-pounds-cocaine-inside-container-board-cargo-vessel>

USA

06.04.2021 The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in Maine arrested two men and seized **1.5 kg of cocaine, 225 g of fentanyl and 2.7 kg of marijuana** from their residence. <https://www.wmtw.com/article/best-latex-pillows-2021/35992951>

09.04.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers stopped a 2005 Ford Ranger driven by a 21-year-old man at the Eagle Pass port of entry. During an inspection of the vehicle they found and seized **33 kg of methamphetamine** concealed in the vehicle's tires. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/eagle-pass-cbp-officers-seize-narcotics-worth-over-18-million>

10.04.2021 Police officers in Stockton, California, detained a man and seized **6 kg of methamphetamine, 1.8 kg of heroin and 500 g of cocaine** at his place of residence. <https://sacramento.cbslocal.com/2021/04/10/stockton-couple-identified-as-major-drug-suppliers-in-amador-county-sheriff-says/>

UKRAINE

07.04.2021 Police officers on the highway Slavyansk-Kramatorsk stopped a car with two men inside. During inspection of the car they found and seized **5 kg of amphetamine**. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/policzejski-kramatorska-ta-pracziwniki-sbu-viluchili-blizko-p-yati-kilogramiv-amfetaminu/>

11.04.2021 Police officers in the city of Dnepr in Dnepropetrovsk region dismantled an amphetamine laboratory. During a search they found **120 kg of amphetamine and more than a ton of precursors**, from which 700 kg of ready-to-use amphetamine could be produced. A criminal case was opened and an investigation is underway. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/u-rezultati-speczoperacziji-naczionalnoji-policziji-vikrito-masshtabnu-merezhu-vigotovlennya-ta-zbutu-amfetaminu-Igor-klimenko/>