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CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

(based on mass media reports)

26.04. to 09.05.2021

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In the period from 26 April to 9 May 2021 based on information from mass media, law enforcement agencies of CARICC Member States seized **232 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin-167.5 kg, cannabis group drugs-54 kg and synthetic drugs-10.8 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

01.05.2021 Customs officers at the Astara customs post located on the Azerbaijan-Iran border during inspection of a transit truck transporting various decorative items from Iran discovered **107 kg of heroin** inside decorative panels. The vehicle was driven by a citizen of Ukraine. Cargo's final destination was the Czech Republic.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210501/426842024/narkotiki-tamozhnja-azerbaijan.html>

02.05.2021 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Beylagan district of Baku detained two local residents who were carrying **60 kg of heroin** in bags. Heroin detected was seized.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210505/426869132/azerbaijan-policija-izjala-bolshoj-objem-narkotiki.html>

08.05.2021 During search operations in the Jalilabad district police detained a local resident and found and seized **3 kg of marijuana** at his place of residence.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210511/426931320/azerbaijan-narkotiki-zaderzhanie-izjatie.html>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

02.05.2021 Employees of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of Zhambyl region in the course of investigations in the city of Shu detained a 47-year-old local resident and seized **2 kg of marijuana**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/2-kg-marihuany-iz-yali-politsejskie-u-zhitelya-shu/>

06.05.2021 Police officers in the course of investigations in Zhambyl region near the village of Tasotkel stopped a motorcycle "Suzuki" driven by a 57-year-old local resident. During inspection of the motorcycle they found and seized **25 kg of marijuana** in a bag.

https://www.inform.kz/ru/marihuanu-na-dva-mln-tenge-iz-yali-policeyskie-v-zhambylskoy-oblasti_a3787066

09.05.2021 During search operations in the Karaganda region, police officers detained a 36-year-old man who was carrying a bag with **7 kg of hashish**.

https://www.inform.kz/ru/narkokur-era-s-sem-yu-kg-gashisha-zaderzhali-v-karagande_a3787040



KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

08.05.2021 Employees of the GKNB of the Kyrgyz Republic during investigations in the Kara-Suu district of Osh region detained a man and seized **1 kg of hashish** at his place of residence.

https://24.kg/proisshestvija/193852_voshskoy_oblasti_zaderjan_narkotorgovets_skilogrammom_gashisha/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

26.04.2021 Employees of the General Directorate for Drug Control of the Russian MVD during investigations in the city of Serpukhov, Moscow region detained two men who set up a laboratory for drug production in a rented facility. During inspection of the premises they seized **5 kg of mephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/24006307>

28.04.2021 Employees of transport police during investigations near a railway station located in Leningrad region stopped a car driven by a 35-year-old resident of St. Petersburg. An inspection of the car revealed and seized **3.6 kg of methylephedrone** in the trunk of the car. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/24062329>

29.04.2021 Employees of OMVD of Russia in Topki municipal district during investigations in the city of Topki, Kemerovo region detained a 32-year-old man and seized **16 kg of marijuana** at the place of residence. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/24081602>

30.04.2021 Employees of the Department for Drug Control of UMVD of Russia in the Ryazan region in the course of investigations on a section of federal highway Moscow-Ural stopped a car with two foreign nationals 20 and 24 years old. An inspection of the car revealed and seized **567 g of heroin**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/24083821>

02.05.2021 Police officers during an investigation in Surgut, Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug - Ugra arrested a 26-year-old man and seized **2.2 kg of synthetic drugs** at his place of residence. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/24115426>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

02.05.2021 Employees of the Interior Ministry's Department for Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking seized **1 637 opium poppy plants, 22 cannabis plants and 40 g of marijuana** from gardens of residents of the Ferghana, Bukhara and Namangan regions during the "Koradoree-2021" anti-drug operation. <https://iiv.uz/ru/news/fargona-viloyati-hududida-otkazilayotgan-qoradori-2021-tadbiri-doirasida-aniglangan-holatlar>; <https://iiv.uz/ru/news/xonadonida-giyohvandlik-vositalarini-etishtirgan-shofirkonlik-qolga-olindi>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

30.04.2021 Police officers in the Kingswood area of Sydney West stopped a Toyota with two men inside. A search of the vehicle revealed 41 kg of methamphetamine concealed in three large plastic bins. Also, 248 kg of methamphetamine were found during a search of the detainees' residence in a shed inside 13 large tubs. The total weight of

methamphetamine seized amounted to **289 kg**, its value is estimated at 87 million U.S. dollars. <https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/almost-300-kilograms-of-ice-seized-in-major-sydney-drug-bust-police-20210430-p57nv7.html>

AFGHANISTAN

08.05.2021 Between 1 and 7 May, Afghanistan's Counter Narcotics Police seized more than **889.7 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 184.1 kg of heroin, 305.6 kg of opium, 345.8 kg of hashish and 54.1 kg of methamphetamine.**¹

BRAZIL

05.05.2021 Federal Revenue Service (IRS) officials at the Port of Santos inspected frozen meat containers bound for Germany and found **68 kg of cocaine** in the interior back of one of the containers. <https://g1.globo.com/sp/santos-regiao/porto-mar/noticia/2021/05/05/receita-federal-localiza-68-kg-de-cocaina-em-conteiner-no-porto-de-santos-sp.ghtml>

HONG KONG

02.05.2021 Police officers in the Yuen Long area found two abandoned cars with **100 kg of cocaine** inside. A man involved in drug trafficking was detained in the case. Investigation is underway to identify others involved. <https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3131978/hong-kong-police-seize-hk134-million-worth-suspected>

INDIA

02.05.2021 Police officers in Kambopur village, Haryana, apprehended a man and seized **5 kg of opium**. Drugs had been brought from Jharkhand. <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/haryana/man-held-with-opium-247545>

SPAIN

09.05.2021 National police officers, in conjunction with the Tax Service, detained five men at the port of Algeciras who were transporting drugs from Latin America. An inspection of another shipment of pineapples from Costa Rica found **16 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.guardiacivil.es/es/prensa/noticias/7831.html>

MALAYSIA

28.04.2021 Police officers in the Kerian area of Perak arrested a 33-year-old man and seized **7 kg of methamphetamine**. An investigation is underway to identify others involved in the crime. <https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2021/04/28/perak-police-nab-man-seize-7kg-of-drugs-worth-over-rm120000>

29.04.2021 Customs officers at Kuching International Airport, Sarawak State, detained a 27-year-old resident of Kuching in an attempt to smuggle drugs and found **18 kg of marijuana** inside her bag.

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



<https://www.theborneopost.com/2021/05/03/customs-dept-foils-largest-attempts-to-smuggle-drugs-into-sarawak-via-kuching-international-airport/>

THE NETHERLANDS

03.05.2021 Customs officers at the port of Vlissingen discovered **50 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of a ship. Drugs were found below the waterline in a metal box attached to the ship's hull when divers inspected it.

<https://www.belastingdienst.nl/wps/wcm/connect/bldcontentnl/berichten/nieuws/douane/douaneduikers-treffen-50kg-cocaine-aan>

OMAN

03.05.2021 Officers of the Royal Oman Police (ROP) in the city of Muscat detained a man in possession of **7 kg of hashish**. Drugs had been smuggled by sea.

<https://timesofoman.com/article/100861-man-arrested-for-smuggling-narcotics-in-oman>

PANAMA

06.05.2021 SENAN officers at the Port of Rodman discovered **600 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of a container with bananas arriving from Ecuador. The shipment was bound for the port of Mersin, Turkey. <http://www.aeronaval.gob.pa/default.asp?aid=noticias&n=articulos-noticias-2021-20210506.html>

POLAND

05.05.2021 Officers from the National Tax Administration in cooperation with the Central Police Bureau of Investigation (CBSP) during an operation in the city of Lodz stopped a trailer transporting 16 tons of cauliflower from Spain to Poland. During an inspection of the trailer they found plastic bags filled with marijuana under the floor. Drugs filled almost the entire surface of the trailer floor. **154 kg of marijuana** were seized as a result, worth about 4.5 million zlotys. <https://www.gov.pl/web/kas/sluzby-udaremny-przemyt-marihuany-wartej-45-mln-zl>

SAINT LUCIA

28.04.2021 Officers of the Royal Police detected and seized **1.9 tons of marijuana** in the north of the island during an inspection of a container arriving from Jamaica.

<http://www.loopslu.com/content/drugs-seized-shipping-container-worth-millions>

SINGAPORE

03.05.2021 Officers in the Woodlands Avenue area stopped a vehicle driven by a 19-year-old man. An inspection of the vehicle revealed **1.7 kg of heroin and 1.3 kg of methamphetamine** inside a box of Chinese tea.

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/heroin-ice-3-men-arrested-suspected-drug-trafficking-cnb-14747126>

USA

03.05.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers stopped a Chevrolet driven by a 19-year-old U.S. citizen at the port of entry in Hidalgo, Texas. During an inspection of the vehicle they found and seized **41 kg of heroin** valued at 2.5 million dollars inside a vehicle's tire. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-hidalgo-international-bridge-arrest-local-men-over-3>

04.05.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, Georgia, detained a 21-year-old U.S. citizen arriving from Jamaica. An inspection of her luggage revealed **1.3 kg of cocaine** hidden in the soles of seven pairs of shoes. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-atlanta-intercepts-cocaine-hidden-shoes>

08.05.2021 U.S. Border Patrol agents in Salton City, California, stopped a car driven by a 22-year-old Mexican national. An inspection of the car revealed and seized **3 kg of heroin**, valued at 85 000 dollars, inside the engine manifold. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/border-patrol-agents-foil-heroin-smuggling-attempt>

09.05.2021 Officers in Indianapolis, Indiana, stopped a vehicle driven by a 27-year-old man. A search of the vehicle revealed and seized **73 kg of methamphetamine**. <https://abc7.com/drug-bust-meth-drugs-seized-indiana-state-police/10610243/>

TURKEY

28.04.2021 Police officers in Saray district, Van province, found **80 kg of heroin** packed in three bags in a creek bed. An investigation is underway to identify those connected with seized drugs. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/80-kilograms-of-heroin-seized-in-eastern-turkey/2222485>

UKRAINE

26.04.2021 Police officers jointly with the Customs Service of Ukraine in the course of investigations at Boryspil International Airport in Kiev detained a group of persons engaged in smuggling precursors for manufacture of psychotropic substances. As a result of the operation four people were detained and **10 thousand** blisters (packages) of **pseudoephedrine** worth 2.5 million hryvnias were seized from them. Seized precursors had been purchased in Egypt. Couriers hid illegal substances in suitcases with clothes. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochyni/naczpolicziya-privinila-masshtabnu-kontrabandu-prekursoru-psevdoefedrinu-z-Jegiptu/>

30.04.2021 Police officers in the course of investigations in Kiev detained two foreign citizens and seized **2 kg of cocaine** worth 2 million hryvnias at their place of residence. Drugs had been brought from South America. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochyni/viluchennya-kokajinu-na-20-miljoniv-griven-naczpolicziya-vikrila-chleniv-transnacionalnoji-grupi-na-kontrabandi-ta-zbuti-narkotikiv/>

01.05.2021 Police officers in the course of investigations in the northern Ukrainian city of Chernigov detained a group of people who had set up a laboratory for production of drugs and created five online stores to sell it. A search resulted in the discovery of **2 kg of marijuana, 1 kg of amphetamine, 11 liters of precursors** and equipment for drug



production. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/policzejski-vikrili-ugrupovannya-za-vigotovlennya-ta-zbut-narkotikiv-i-psixotropiv-na-chernigivshhini-ta-kijivshhini/>

05.05.2021 Police officers in the course of investigations in Kiev detained a 32-year-old woman who had established sale of drugs via dead-drops or by mail, which she had ordered through a Telegram channel. A search of the detainee's place of residence led to the discovery and seizure of **2 kg of cannabis, 1.5 kg of amphetamine, 1 kg of mephedrone, MDMA tablets (1900), 20 g of ketamine and 20 g of cocaine.**

<https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/u-kijevi-policzejski-vikrili-xarkiv-yanku-yaka-zbuvala-narkotichni-zasobi-po-vsij-krajini-andrij-krishhenko/>

FRANCE

01.05.2021 Customs officers in the town of Millau stopped a refrigerated semi-trailer on the A75 on its way from Spain to the Netherlands. During the inspection of the refrigerated truck with a cargo of plastic pellets intended for industry they found **929 kg of cannabis pollen.**

<https://www.transport-online.nl/site/126670/929-kilo-cannabis-gevonden-door-franse-douane-in-nederlandse-koeloplegger-fotos/>

ECUADOR

03.05.2021 National police officers at the seaport of Guayaquil during an inspection of a container of bananas bound for Russia found **2 tons of cocaine** inside 36 bags.

<https://www.swissinfo.ch/spa/ecuador-drogas/ecuador-descubre-dos-toneladas-de-coca%C3%ADna-que-iban-a-ser-embarcadas-a-rusia/46587400>