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CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

(based on mass media reports)

31.05. to 06.06.2021

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In the period from 31 May to 06 June 2021, based on information from mass media law enforcement bodies and security agencies of CARICC Member States seized **144.4 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 0.500 kg, opium – 6 kg cannabis group drugs - 81.1 kg and synthetic drugs - 53.8 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

01.06.2021 Employees of the border troops of Azerbaijan at the section of the Azerbaijani-Iranian border of the Fizuli region detained an Iranian citizen, from whom 3 kg of drugs were seized (the type of drug is unknown).

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210601/427100600/V-poslednie-dni-maya-pogranichniki-vzyali-bliz-granitsy-nemalyy-gruz-narkotikov.html>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

06.06.2021 Police officers stopped a VAZ "21099" car driven by a 61-year-old man during search operations in the city of Kostanay. During an inspection of the car, 80.1 kg of marijuana were found in the back seat of the car. https://www.inform.kz/ru/bolee-80-kg-marihuany-iz-yali-u-zhitelya-kostanayskoy-oblasti_a3798103

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

01.06.2021 Police officers stopped a car with two passengers during search operations in the city of Togliatti, Samara Region. During the inspection of the car, two packages containing **1 kg of methylephedrone** were found in the passenger compartment.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/24459961>

02.06.2021 Police officers stopped a car driven by a 41-year-old man during search operations in the city of Kazan. During the inspection of the car, **2.8 kg of synthetic drugs** were found on the back mat and in the glove compartment of the passenger compartment. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/24483804>

02.06.2021 Employees of the Drug Control Directorate of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Tver Region, during the search operations at the railway station of the city of Tver, detained a 40-year-old local resident who was found and seized **500 g of heroin.** <https://мвд.рф/news/item/24490496>

03.05.2021 Employees of the UDK Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Udmurt Republic in the course of investigations in the Votkinsk region liquidated an underground laboratory for the manufacture of synthetic drugs. On suspicion of the production and sale of drugs, the police detained three residents of Udmurtia. During the search, **39 kg of synthetic drugs,** a



large number of containers with chemicals and liquids, as well as equipment for the manufacture of drugs were found and seized.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/24504018>

03.05.2021 Police officers detained a 50-year-old resident of Moscow in the course of investigations in the village of Lipitsy, Moscow Region, from whom **1 kg of methylephedrone** was seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/24502954>

04.05.2021 Employees of the UNK Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Saratov Region, during investigations in the territory of the Saratov Region, stopped the activities of citizens intending to sell a large consignment of drugs. The detainees, hiding the drugs in the car, were going to deliver them to other regions of the Russian Federation. During the inspection of the vehicle, 67 parcels with the drug **mephedrone** with a total weight of **10 kg** were found and seized under the lining of the car doors. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/24514365>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

01.06.2021 During investigations in the Dangara district of the Fergana region, officers of the State Security Service stopped a Nexia car with three passengers inside. During the inspection of the car, **1 kg of hashish** was found.

<https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/operativniki-sgb-zaderzhali-neskolko-krupnykh-partiy-gashisha/>

02.06.2021 The officers of the State Security Service stopped a truck during investigations in the city of Samarkand. During the inspection of the truck, **6 kg of opium** were found.

<https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/operativniki-sgb-zaderzhali-v-samarkande-dalnoboyshchika-narkotorgovtsa-on-vvez-v-stranu-svyshe-6-ki/>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BELGIUM

03.06.2021 Customs officers in the port of Antwerp, during an inspection of a container of bananas arriving from Ecuador, found **5 tons of cocaine** worth 250 million euros.

<https://news.belgium.be/nl/grote-drugsvangst-de-haven-van-antwerpen>

BULGARIA

04.06.2021 The General Directorate for Combating Organized Crime and the Prosecutor's Office of Bulgaria in south-eastern Bulgaria, in the city of Sliven, during an inspection of a warehouse inside the marbles, found more than **600 kg of heroin**.

<https://www.novinite.com/articles/209881/Nearly+700+kg+of+Heroin+Seized+in+Sliven+-+GDBOP>

BRAZIL

31.05.2021 The Federal Police (PF) in the port of Paranagua, during a container inspection in the engine compartment of a refrigerator container, found **46 kg of cocaine**.

<https://www.gov.br/receitafederal/pt-br/aceso-a-informacao/acoes-e-programas/acoes-da-receita-federal/noticias/2021/maio/9a-regiao-fiscal/receita-federal-apreende-46-kg-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-paranagua200b200b200b>

INDIA

04.06.2021 The Border Security Forces (BSF) on the Indian-Pakistani border in Hajuwala, Rajasthan, noticing suspicious movement along the border, opened fire, forcing the smugglers to flee back. Upon arrival at the scene, border guards found **56 kg of heroin**. <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/rajasthan-bsf-foils-attempt-by-pak-smugglers-recover-56-kg-heroin-1810631-2021-06-04>

05.06.2021 Police officers, together with the Customs Service in Hyderabad, Telangana State, at Hyderabad International Airport detained a Ugandan citizen who was intending to transport **12 kg of heroin** in her luggage. <https://news.abplive.com/videos/news/12-kg-drugs-seized-at-hyderabad-airport-uganda-woman-arrested-1462191>

IRAN

04.06.2021 From 29 May to 4 June, the Iranian Anti-Narcotics Police seized **19.989 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 477 kg of heroin, 15.747 tons of opium, 1.940 tons of hashish, 620 kg of methamphetamine, 1.205 tons of other types of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.**¹

SPAIN

01.06.2021 The Civil Guard, together with the Tax Office and the National Police, on the high seas in the east of the Canary Islands, hijacked a fishing vessel with four crew members, on board of which **15 tons of hashish** were found. <https://www.guardiacivil.es/es/prensa/noticias/7856.html>

03.06.2021 Police officers in Medina del Campo, located in northern Spain, stopped a truck loaded with charcoal. During the examination of the truck, **862 kg of cocaine** disguised as charcoal were found inside the bags. On this fact, three persons involved in drug trafficking were detained. The drugs were transported from Colombia. https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/jun/02/police-in-spain-seize-860-kilos-of-black-and-odourless-cocaine?utm_term=Autofeed&CMP=tw_t_gu&utm_medium&utm_source=Twitter#Echobox=1622638659

ITALY

04.06.2021 Officials of the Financial Guard of Reggio Calabria in the port of Calabria, during an inspection of a container of bananas arriving from Ecuador, found and seized **1 ton 126 kg of cocaine** worth 225 million euros. <https://www.gdf.gov.it/stampa/ultime-notizie/anno-2021/giugno/operazione-antidroga-maxi-sequestro-di-oltre-una-tonnellata-di-cocaina>

THE NETHERLANDS

05.06.2021 Customs officers in the port of Rotterdam during an inspection of a container of bananas arriving from Colombia found **700 kg of cocaine** worth 52 million euros. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/06/05/douane-onderschept-700-kilo-cocaine-tussen-bananen>

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

PANAMA

31.05.2021 In the port of Cristobal, officers of the National Aviation Service found **516 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of a container with timber arriving from Peru.

<http://www.aeronaval.gob.pa/default.asp?aid=noticias&n=articulos-noticias-2021-20210531a.html>

USA

02.06.2021 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the port of entry of Laredo, Texas, stopped a truck from Mexico loaded with charcoal. During the inspection of the truck, **46 kg of cocaine** were found and seized. A 36-year-old truck driver who is a citizen of Mexico was detained on this fact. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-laredo-port-entry-seize-hard-narcotics-worth-over-12>

02.06.2021 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Port of Entry in Buffalo, New York, stopped two trucks carrying commercial cargo. Inspection of the trucks found vacuum-sealed packages contained in boxes containing **1.3 tons of marijuana** with a retail value of over \$ 6 million. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/another-6-million-marijuana-seized-port-buffalo>

03.06.2021 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the port of entry in Juarez Lincoln, Texas, stopped a Ford F150 vehicle driven by a US citizen. During the inspection of the car, **30 kg of methamphetamine** were found hidden in personal belongings. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-laredo-port-entry-seize-hard-narcotics-worth-over-14>

04.06.2021 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the port of entry of Laredo, Texas, stopped a Nissan truck from Mexico carrying a batch of tables. During the inspection of the truck, **130 kg of marijuana** worth 57 thousand dollars was found. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-laredo-port-entry-seize-hard-narcotics-worth-over-14>

06.06.2021 US Border Patrol (RGC) agents in Temecula, California, stopped a vehicle driven by a US citizen. During the inspection of the car, **4 kg of heroin** were found inside the car's battery case. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/usbp-seizes-heroin-fentanyl-concealed-car-s-battery>

06.06.2021 Law enforcement officials from about 20 countries carried out an operation to detain more than 800 people suspected of crimes. Among other things, the FBI, the US Drug Enforcement Administration, the Netherlands National Police, the Swedish Police Department, the Australian Federal Police and other departments took part in it. The international operation called Trojan Shield has become one of the largest and most complex in the field of combating criminal activity. In recent days, law enforcement officers have conducted more than 700 searches in 16 countries and detained hundreds of people. The operation found more than 8 tons of cocaine, **22 tons of cannabis and cannabis resin, 2 tons of synthetic drugs (amphetamine and methamphetamine) and 6 tons of synthetic drug precursors.** In addition, law enforcement agencies seized 250 weapons, 55 luxury cars and more than \$ 48 million in various currencies and cryptocurrencies. It took several years to prepare for the implementation of Operation



Trojan Shield. A secret messenger developed by the FBI helped. The ANOM program was specially designed for the purpose of the operation and promised complete anonymity of information to users. As a result, almost 12 thousand phones specially prepared and controlled by the police and special services with the installed "ANOM" program were distributed among criminals belonging to 300 large criminal syndicates in 100 countries. <https://ru.euronews.com/2021/06/08/16>, <https://www.tvc.ru/news/show/id/212867>

UKRAINE

04.06.2021 Police officers during investigations in the city of Mariupol, Donetsk region, detained a 24-year-old man, who seized **500 g of the psychotropic substance alpha-PVP**. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/policzejski-donechchini-vikrili-mariupolczya-z-psixotropami-na-sumu-blizko-300-000-griven/>

06.06.2021 Police officers in the course of carrying out operational-search activities in the Vinnitsa region, detained a local resident, from whom **200 g of amphetamine** were found and seized at her place of residence. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/na-vinnichchini-policzejski-vikrili-zlochinnu-etnichnu-grupu-yaka-zajmalas-zbutom-narkotikiv-na-teritoriji-oblasti/>

RSA

05.06.2021 Police officers in the city of Pongolo, KwaZulu-Natal province, stopped a Toyota car driven by a 28-year-old man. During the inspection of the car, a package of coffee containing **6 kg of heroin** was found, worth more than 1 million rand. <https://www.news24.com/news24/SouthAfrica/News/kzn-police-arrest-motorist-found-transporting-heroin-worth-more-than-r1-million-20210605>