

*Unofficial translation***CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(based on mass media reports)

11.10 to 17.10.2021**№29**

During the period 11-17 October 2021, based on information from mass media, law enforcement bodies and law enforcement agencies of CARICC member states seized **619 kg 554 g of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances from illegal turnover, including: heroin-79.3 kg, opium - 169 kg, cannabis group - 292.3 kg and synthetic drugs - 38.5 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES**REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**

11.10.2021 The officers of the Border Service in the service area of the Goradiz frontier detachment, on the Bahramtapa-Bilasuvar highway, stopped a Mercedes car driven by a 29-year-old resident of Astara region. During the search of the car, **5.4 kg** of drugs were found and seized (type not specified). <https://dsx.gov.az/xeber/1138>

12.10.2021 Officers of the Border Guard Service on the territory of the state border of Bilasuvar region detained a 33-year-old citizen of Iran, from whom 35 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances were seized (type not specified). https://www.inform.kz/ru/bolee-100-kg-kontrabandy-narkotikov-presekli-v-azerbaydzhane_a3848037

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

13.10.2021 Police officers stopped a Mazda car driven by a 38-year-old local woman during in the course of investigation in the city of Ekibastuz, Pavlodar region. During the search of the car, **8.8 kg of marijuana** were found and seized. https://www.inform.kz/ru/pochti-devyat-kilogrammov-narkotikov-kupila-zhittel-nica-ekibastuza-dlya-lichnogo-pol-zovaniya_a3848860

13.10.2021 Employees of the Office for Counteracting Drug Crimes of the Police Department of the Zhambyl Region during in the course of investigation in the Zhambyl Region detained a 59-year-old local resident who was found and seized **234 g of heroin** at his place of residence. https://www.inform.kz/ru/za-sbyt-geroina-v-osobo-krupnom-razmere-zaderzhan-zhittel-zhambylskoy-oblasti_a3847728

14.10.2021 Employees of the Office for Combating Drug Crimes of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan during operational-search activities in the city of Shymkent detained a local resident who was found and seized **1 kg of marijuana**. https://www.inform.kz/ru/kilogramm-marihuany-nosil-v-sumke-zhittel-shymkenta_a3848812

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

15.10.2021 Employees of the Service for Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic during in the course of investigation in the city of Bishkek detained a 22-year-old local resident, who seized **3 kg of hashish**.



https://24.kg/proisshествija/210505_vodnom_izmagazinov_bishkeka_nashli_3kilogramma_gashisha/

15.10.2021 Employees of the State Committee for National Security stopped an Opel car driven by a local resident in the Kara-Suu district of the Osh region during in the course of investigation. During the search of the car, **13 kg of hashish** were found and seized.

https://24.kg/proisshествija/210545_vkara-suu_zaderjali_chlena_narkogrupperovki_s13kilogrammami_gashisha/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

11.10.2021 Police officers detained a resident of the Krasnoyarsk Territory during in the course of investigation in the Moshkovsky District of the Novosibirsk Region, who organized a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs in a rented house located in the Moshkovsky District. During the search, **30 kg of mephedrone**, laboratory equipment, precursors, electronic scales and a chemical reactor were found and seized.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/26359542>

12.10.2021 Police officers, during the search operations in the city of Sestroretsk, Leningrad Region, detained two local men who created an online store and sold synthetic drugs through it through the so-called bookmark caches. During a search at the place of residence of the detainees, **4.5 kg of mephedrone** were found and seized.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/26408505>

13.10.2021 Employees of the Drug Control Directorate of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Moscow Region detained a 23-year-old native of one of the republics of Central Asia during in the course of investigation in the city of Domodedovo. During a search at the place of residence of the detainee, **4 kg of mephedrone** were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/26420151>

13.10.2021 Police officers detained a 36-year-old citizen of one of the neighboring countries during search operations in the city of Lesosibirsk, Krasnoyarsk Territory, from whom **120 g of heroin** was found and seized at his place of residence.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/26421512>

14.10.2021 Police officers detained a 61-year-old local resident during in the course of investigation in the Birobidzhan district of the Jewish Autonomous Region, who found and seized **11.5 kg of marijuana** at his place of residence. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/26437465>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

12.10.2021 During in the course of investigation in the city of Dushanbe, the employees of the Department of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan suppressed the activities of an organized criminal transnational group that had been involved in drug smuggling from Afghanistan to Tajikistan for a long time, then to the CIS countries and Europe. As a result of the operation, six citizens of Tajikistan and one citizen of Uzbekistan were detained, from whom **79 kg of heroin, 169 kg of opium and 255 kg of hashish** worth \$ 6 million were seized. <https://asiaplustj.info/ru/news/tajikistan/laworder/20211014/v-dushanbe-konfiskovano-okolo-500-kg-narkotikov-na-6-millionov>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

16.10.2021 Australian Federal Police officers in the port of Melbourne, during an inspection of a container with a shipment of marble slabs from Malaysia, found and seized **450 kg of heroin** worth \$ 140 million. On this fact, a citizen of Malaysia was detained, transporting this cargo. This seizure is the largest heroin seizure in Australian history.

<https://newsroom.abf.gov.au/releases/afp-seizes-450-kilograms-of-heroin-in-largest-ever-onshore-detection>

BANGLADESH

11.10.2021 Police officers in Dhaka city detained two men who seized **5 kg of crystalline methamphetamine**. The drugs were brought in from Myanmar.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/crime-justice/news/biggest-haul-crystal-meth-seized-dhaka-2200091>

BRAZIL

11.10.2021 Police officers in southeastern Brazil in the state of Espirito Santo stopped a truck loaded with marble slabs. During a search of the truck, **350 kg of cocaine** were found and seized inside the marble slabs. The drugs were destined for shipment to Belgium. On this fact, two passengers who were in the truck were detained.

<https://pc.es.gov.br/Not%C3%ADcia/policia-civil-apreende-350-quilos-de-cocaina-que-iriam-para-belgica#prettyPhoto>

GREAT BRITAIN

14.10.2021 Police officers in the north-east of England, in the city of South Shields, detained a 26-year-old local resident, from whom **2 kg of cocaine** and 180 thousand pounds sterling were found and seized at his place of residence.

<https://www.chroniclive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/northumbria-police-baring-street-drugs-21893613>

INDIA

14.10.2021 Police officers on the Pakistani-Indian border near the Tapu outpost in Ferozepur, Punjab state found **6 kg of heroin**. On this fact, an investigation is underway to identify the persons involved in this crime. <https://www.news18.com/news/india/bsf-punjab-police-seize-heroin-worth-rs-7-crore-in-joint-op-even-as-political-row-rages-over-jurisdiction-4325066.html>

16.10.2021 Employees of the international airport of Kochi, Kerala state, during the check of the luggage of a citizen of Côte d'Ivoire, found and seized **530 g of cocaine**. In the course of additional measures, an accomplice in the crime was also detained, a citizen of Côte d'Ivoire, who lived in the city of Kochi and was the recipient of the seized drug.

<https://www.onmanorama.com/news/kerala/2021/10/18/cocaine-worth-rs-5-5-crore-seized-at-kochi-airport-two-african-w.html>

17.10.2021 Police officers in Hyderabad, Telangana state stopped a car with two men inside. During the search of the car, **300 kg of marijuana** were found and seized.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/others/hyderabad-police-seize-300kg-marijuana-arrest-two-101634411528564.html>

SPAIN

11.10.2021 A Venezuelan fishing vessel was stopped off the Spanish coast by agents of the National Police, working with the Portuguese Navy and Air Force. During the search of the vessel, **4.2 tons of cocaine** were found and seized.

http://www.interior.gob.es/es/web/interior/noticias/detalle/-/journal_content/56_INSTANCE_1YSSI3xiWuPH/10180/13997974/?redirect=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.interior.gob.es%2Fes%2Fprensa%2Fnoticias%3Fp_p_id%3D101_INSTANCE_GHU8Ap6ztgsg%26p_p_lifecycle%3D0%26p_p_state%3Dnormal%26p_p_mode%3Dview%26p_p_col_id%3Dcolumn-2%26p_p_col_count%3D1

13.10.2021 Agents of the national police, as part of a joint operation with the tax agency in the port of Algeciras, during an inspection of a container with bananas, found and seized **1.1 tons of cocaine**. https://www.policia.es/es/comunicacion_prensa_detalle.php?ID=10002

MALDIVES

16.10.2021 Police officers on the island of Attol Raa in the course of two special operations detained two foreign nationals, from whom **215 kg of heroin** were seized.

<https://avas.mv/en/108517>

NIGERIA

14.10.2021 Customs officers in the port of Lagos, during an inspection of a vessel that arrived from Brazil, found and seized **32 kg of cocaine**. On this fact, 22 members of the ship's crew were detained. All of them are Thailand citizens.

<http://saharareporters.com/2021/10/14/22-thai-sailors-arrested-lagos-over-attempt-smuggle-329kg-cocaine-nigeria>

THE NETHERLANDS

14.10.2021 Customs officers in the port of Rotterdam, during an inspection of a container arriving from Guatemala, found and seized **712 kg of cocaine**.

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/10/14/douane-onderschept-712-kilo-cocaine-in-rotterdamse-haven>

15.10.2021 Customs officers in the port of Rotterdam during an inspection of a container with coal that arrived from Colombia inside a box with an anchor chain found and seized **115 kg of cocaine** worth 8 million euros.

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/10/15/douane-onderschept-115-kilo-cocaine-in-ankerkettingbak>

16.10.2021 Customs officers in the port of Rotterdam during an inspection of a container with vegetable waste sugar cane, arrived from Brazil, found and seized **520 kg of cocaine** worth 39 million euros.

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/10/16/douane-onderschept-520-kilo-cocaine-tussen-bagasse>

UAE

11.10.2021 Police officers in an operation called "Scorpion" seized the largest consignment of cocaine from smugglers - **500 kg** worth 136 million dollars. The drugs were hidden in the

structure of a shipping container that arrived at the port of Dubai. During the operation, a citizen of one of the countries of the Middle East was detained, who controlled the transportation of cargo. In addition to the container, a warehouse of narcotic substances was also found and arrested.

<https://www.dubaipolice.gov.ae/wps/portal/home/mediacenter/news/newsdetails/2497>

PAKISTAN

12.10.2021 Police officers at the Islamabad International Airport during a check of the luggage of a passenger flying to Bahrain, found and seized **4.2 kg of heroin** hidden at the bottom of the bag of luggage. <https://dailytimes.com.pk/828535/anf-seizes-4-200-kg-heroin-arrests-one-person/>

SAUDI ARABIA

12.10.2021 Police officers, together with the customs service in Jeddah city, stopped a truck loaded with grain. A search of the truck found and seized **1.5 million amphetamine tablets** (Captagon). Citizens of Saudi Arabia and Syria were detained on this fact.

<https://www.arabnews.com/%20node%20/%201946791%20/%20%D1%81%D0%B0%D1%83%D0%B4%D0%BE%D0%B2%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B0%D1%8F%20%D0%B0%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%B2%D0%B8%D1%8F>

USA

12.10.2021 Police officers in Sterling Heights, Michigan stopped a car driven by a local resident. During the search of the car, **6 kg of cocaine** worth 650 thousand dollars were found and seized. <https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/local/2021/10/14/sterling-heights-police-seize-6-kilos-of-cocaine-during-traffic-stop/>

13.10.2021 Police officers in Bridgeport, West Virginia stopped a vehicle driven by a 61-year-old local. During the search of the car, **500 g of methamphetamine**, firearms and US \$ 1,900 were found and seized. https://www.wvnews.com/theet/news/more-than-a-pound-of-meth-among-drugs-seized-in-early-morning-traffic-stop-in/article_8f0a681c-2c36-11ec-ba23-277a88bdca16.html

13.10.2021 Border Patrol agents in El Centro, California, stopped a vehicle driven by a 27-year-old man. During a personal search, **1 kg of fentanyl** was found and seized, which was tied to the man's body. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/body-carrier-arrested-fentanyl-pills>

14.10.2021 Border Patrol agents in Tucson, Arizona, stopped a Ford vehicle driven by a 33-year-old US citizen. During a search of the car, **24 kg of fentanyl** were found and seized. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/agents-seize-large-quantity-fentanyl-checkpoint>

THAILAND

12.10.2021 Police officers in Phetchabun province detained a group of drug traffickers. On the road between Mukdahan province and Phetchabun province, two vans were stopped. During the search of the vehicles, **962,000 methamphetamine tablets, 195,950 MDMA tablets, 38 kg of heroin and 3 kg of crystalline methamphetamine** were found and seized. The total value of the seized drugs was 157 million baht.



<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2196627/b157m-in-drugs-in-abandoned-smugglers-car-woman-arrested>

13.10.2021 Police officers in Songkhla City, Hat Yai Province, stopped a car with four women inside. During the search of the car, **200 kg of marijuana** were found and seized. <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2197883/four-women-held-200kg-of-ganja-seized-in-hat-yai>

UKRAINE

13.10.2021 Police officers during operational-search activities in the Stepanetsk region of the Cherkasy region found a hemp plantation on one of the land plots. During the search, **3 kg of marijuana** and **1,500 hemp bushes** with a total value of 2 million hryvnia were found. On this fact, three men who were engaged in the cultivation of cannabis were detained. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochyni/na-cherkashyni-pravooxoronczi-viyavili-plantacziyu-konopel-na-sumu-blizko-2-mln-grn/>

17.10.2021 Employees of the Security Service of Ukraine, together with the police, detained three residents of the Poltava region, who were involved in the sale and transportation of drugs, during the search operations in the city of Kiev. During a search at the place of residence of the detainees, **1.5 kg of amphetamine, 1 kg of cannabis and 100 MDMA tablets** were found and seized. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochyni/u-kijevi-pravooxoronczi-likvidovali-kanal-postachannya-narkotikiv-majzhe-na-odin-miljon-griven/>

ECUADOR

11.10.2021 Police officers in the port of Guayaquil, during an inspection of a container bound for Belgium, found and seized **133 kg of cocaine**. The drugs were hidden in the ventilation ducts and the floor of the container. <https://www.expreso.ec/actualidad/policia-ecuador-decomisa-133-kilogramos-cocaina-camino-europa-113480.html>