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 IN THE COUNTER-NARCOTICS SPHERE**  
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**9000 INSCRIPTIONS WITH DRUGS PAINTED OVER IN ASTRAKHAN**

The Anti-Drug Commission under the administration of the municipal formation "City of Astrakhan" and district administrations of the city together with youth and volunteer organizations daily carry out the work on identification and destruction of inscriptions containing illegal advertising of drugs. More than 100 raids have already been carried out. More than 600 leaflets on fences, garages, poles and facades have also been identified and destroyed. <https://astrakhan.su/news/za-polgoda-v-gorode-zakrasili-bolee-9000-nadpisej-s-reklamoj-narkotikov/>



**CARPINSK REHABILITATION UNIT "URAL WITHOUT DRUGS" CELEBRATES ITS 7TH ANNIVERSARY IN SVERDLOVSK REGION**

August 1 marked the seventh anniversary of the medical rehabilitation department No. 2 (OMR No. 2) of the branch "Ural without drugs" of the Regional Drug Abuse Hospital in Karpinsk. According to press service of the Ministry of Health of the Sverdlovsk region, the Carpinsk branch, opened in August 2012, first operated as part of the Psychiatric Hospital № 10 and was a pilot site of the first state rehabilitation center "Ural without drugs", joining it on January 1, 2015.

This is men's department, where patients from all over the Sverdlovsk region undergo rehabilitation courses. Over the seven years of its operation, the department has treated 441 patients.

As part of cooperation with patients of the department, various events are held on a monthly basis: lectures, talks, presentations and master classes. <http://vedomosti-ural.ru/news/75182/>



**ACTIVISTS PAINTED OVER BANNED INSCRIPTIONS IN ST. PETERSBURG**

In the city on the Neva River, an action called "Blue Bird - Safe Territory" was held, in which activists painted over hundreds of advertisements on drug sales.

Activists combat the sale of illegal substances by first painting illegal advertisements with white paint, and then painting the image of a blue bird on top, a symbol of their organization. Today, the advertisements are painted both on the asphalt and on the walls of houses.

The coordinator of the action, Konstantin Piskun, noted that regular work in this direction will reduce appearances of such inscriptions in the future.

Campaigns are held regularly. Every month, activists paint up illegal advertisements and claim that they are getting fewer.

<https://spbdnevnik.ru/news/2019-07-31/net-narkotikam-aktivisty-zakrasili-zapreshchennye-nadpisi-v-peterburge>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### USA

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#### **Balloons are being tested to detect drug trafficking in the United States**

The country's authorities are confident that high-altitude balloons will provide an inexpensive platform for monitoring. They can monitor multiple vehicles or boats for several hours. The U.S. military is now conducting tests in six Midwestern states.

Sierra Nevada Corporation, a defense company, announced that as an experiment it will launch balloons that will fly at altitudes of up to 20,000 meters above sea level. They are designed to "provide a permanent system to detect and deter threats, including drug trafficking.

The balloons are equipped with high-tech radars necessary for round-the-clock tracking of vehicles in all weather conditions. The military has already received a license for flights from mid-July to September.

This is a joint project of the US Army, Navy and Air Force. One of its main functions is to detect and intercept drug trafficking. <https://hightech.fm/2019/08/02/pentagon>

### UN



#### **WORLD DRUG REPORT 2019**

Globally, some 35 million people are estimated to suffer from drug use disorders and who require treatment services, according to the latest World Drug Report, released today by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Estimates for 2017 increased compared with previous years as a result of more accurate data from new drug use surveys conducted in India and Nigeria, which are among the top 10 most populous countries in the world.

According to the report, the number of opioid users is estimated at 53 million, an increase of 56 per cent over previous estimates. Two thirds of the 585,000 people who use drugs died as a result of opiate use in 2017. Also in 2017, 11 million people injected drugs worldwide, of whom 1.4 million were living with HIV and 5.6 million with hepatitis C.

The report shows that effective treatment measures based on scientific evidence in accordance with international human rights obligations are not sufficiently accessible, and national governments and the international community should work harder to close this gap.

The World Drug Report and its detailed content can be found here: <https://www.unodc.org/wdr2019/>

The World Drug Report 2019 provides a global overview of supply of and demand for opiates, cocaine, cannabis, amphetamine-type stimulants and new psychoactive substances (NPS) and their health effects. Improved research and more accurate data underscore that the adverse health consequences of drug use are more serious and widespread than previously thought.

[https://www.unodc.org/unodc/ru/frontpage/2019/June/world-drug-report-2019\\_-35-million-people-worldwide-suffer-from-drug-use-disorders-while-only-1-in-7-people-](https://www.unodc.org/unodc/ru/frontpage/2019/June/world-drug-report-2019_-35-million-people-worldwide-suffer-from-drug-use-disorders-while-only-1-in-7-people-)



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