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SUMMER LEISURE: ALMATY TEENAGERS PAINT UP DRUG ADVERTISEMENTS

In the summer time Administration for Combating Drug Crime of the Almaty City Police Department continues to work on prevention of drug addiction among minors. Police officers give interesting lectures on the dangers of drugs to Almaty teenagers," Almaty.tv reported citing press service of the Police Department.

"Almaty police pay close attention to the younger generation, the youngest residents of the city, who, unfortunately, due to their age, are most exposed to negative influence and external influences. To prevent drugs from harming our children, we want to help them understand negative effects of drug addiction and its consequences. Our visit took place at the Zhetysu yard club located in the Turksib district. Purpose of the meeting is to promote healthy lifestyles among young people and to prevent drug addiction among adolescents, including synthetic drugs, which, with the adoption of a new law since July 5 this year, are related to drugs and for their storage, use and sale are already criminalized. Nowadays, narcotic drugs have thousands of different names, as a weapon of mass destruction, which is aimed at the destruction of humanity. Today, we have armed students from the yard club with knowledge about harmful effects of drugs on human health. They were shocked by the demonstrated video and saw with their own eyes how drugs ruthlessly take away the life given by parents", - said deputy head of Department for Combating Drug Trafficking Lieutenant Colonel Yerlan Almagambetov.

"After conversation, students of the yard club willingly agreed to help paint up stencil advertisement of drugs, which at times intruders apply to facades of residential houses and buildings. In general, the meeting aroused keen interest among young people, who, in turn, promised to tell their parents and friends about the dangers of drug use and never to approach it. At the end of the lecture, participants were given brochures and leaflets with recommendations for parents of modern teenagers," Almagambetov added.

<https://almaty.tv/news/obschestvo/1219-letniy-dosug-almatinskie-podrostki-zakrashivayut-reklamu-narkotikov>

OTHER COUNTRIES

LUXEMBOURG

Postimees FIRST EU COUNTRY TO FULLY LEGALIZE MARIJUANA

Ministry of Health of Luxembourg reported that it plans to fully legalize marijuana – its production and consumption - in the next two years, and calls on other European countries to review drug policy, writes Postimees.

Minister of Health Etienne Schneider told Politico: "The drug policy we have been pursuing for the past 50 years has not worked. The ban simply made it interesting for young people.

According to him, now young people buy drugs on black market, and cannabis of unknown quality and it can be dangerous.

The permit for marijuana consumption will be extended to persons over 18 years of age. The state will regulate cultivation and sale of cannabis. In autumn, the first draft of the act will appear, from which it will become clear exactly what goods will be allowed and how they will be taxed.

However, already now, Minister Schneider has assured that sale of marijuana to foreigners will be banned in order to avoid drug tourism. Home cultivation of marijuana for personal use will also be banned.

Today Luxembourg allows the use of marijuana for medical purposes as well as decriminalization of possession of small amounts for recreational use (for pleasure). Purchase, sale and cultivation of cannabis remain illegal.

Luxembourg intends to increase financing of education and channel money to addiction assistance programs through taxes earned from marijuana legalization.

Luxembourg will be the third country in the world, after Uruguay and Canada, which has fully legalized marijuana.

Legalization of marijuana is contrary to the UN convention stipulating that marijuana can only be consumed for medical purposes.

<https://rus.postimees.ee/6748597/pervaya-strana-evrosoyuz-a-polnostyu-legalizuet-marihuanu>

UKRAINE



USA TO OPEN DEA OFFICE IN UKRAINE

Office of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) will appear in Kyiv in 2020, reports press service of National Police.

It was added that it was discussed today, on 8 August, during a meeting of first deputy chair of National Police, Veaceslav Abroskin with head of US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) office in Warsaw, Jason Schumacher.

It is reported that Jason Schumacher praised the cooperation with police officers of the Department on Combating Drug Crime of the National Police of Ukraine.



"We value our partnership, our joint work and the results we achieve. We are working hard to open a DEA office in Kyiv. In particular, the U.S. Embassy is making every effort to open it. Therefore, I am confident that the office will be operational in 2020," he said.

Schumacher added that the DEA currently has 92 officers in more than 70 countries around the world and that Ukrainian police officers will be able to join this powerful team to combat international drug crime.

First deputy chair of the National Police, Vyacheslav Abroskin, added that performance of Department on Combating Drug Crime of the National Police is the highest for the last 25 years.

"Over the recent history of Ukraine - 25 years - such large-scale and effective special operations have never been carried out. Such consignments of narcotic substances as cocaine and heroin have never been seized. This is our common victory. Only in cooperation were we able to achieve such results", - said Vyacheslav Abroskin.

The agency recalled that earlier police arrested members of an international drug cartel and seized 400 kg of cocaine.

<http://www.dsnews.ua/society/ssha-otkroyut-v-ukraine-predstavitelstvo-po-borbe-s-narkotikami-08082019165900>

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