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Central Asia Monitor COMBATING TRANSNATIONAL CRIME - A COMMON CONCERN

The second Meeting of Ministers of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan was held in Almaty. The participants discussed enhancing effectiveness of interaction between internal affairs agencies in search for criminals and enhancing cooperation between internal affairs agencies of border regions, including in combating drug trafficking.

The meeting was attended by Ministers of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan - Yerlan Turgumbayev, Tajikistan - Ramazon Rakhimzoda, Uzbekistan - Pulat Bobozhonov and representative of Kyrgyzstan Aziz Dolosbayev, heads of services of central offices of Ministries of Internal Affairs and border agencies of internal affairs.

Minister of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan Yerlan Turgumbayev spoke about the work of police in countering transnational crime.

- There are many examples of joint detection of serious crimes, successful search and detention of dangerous criminals who committed crimes in our countries. Operative environment in the region is positively affected by joint measures. I would like to emphasize that positive experience has been accumulated in this work in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) in the course of the international operation "Rozysk" (annually in two stages). In addition, for the first time in the quadrilateral format, coordinated operative and preventive actions "Skotokrad" (December 2018) and "Stop-traffic" (November 2018) were carried out in our countries, aimed at preventing, suppressing, detecting and uncovering crimes related to cattle theft and human trafficking," said Minister of Internal Affairs Yerlan Turgumbayev.

Within the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the first counter-narcotics operation "Pautina" was conducted in July, aimed at disrupting supply and distribution of synthetic drugs.

- During it, more than a thousand drug crimes were detected in the territory of the SCO countries, almost 7 tons of various drugs were seized, and more than 2,000 people were detained for drug offences. According to decision of Heads of State (SCO), this operation will henceforth be conducted permanently," said Lieutenant-General of Police Yerlan Turgumbayev in his speech.

Joint work in this direction is the key to the most effective basis for practical cooperation in combating transnational crime. This year alone, at the request of the internal affairs bodies of Central Asian countries, about seven dozen criminals have been identified in

Kazakhstan, including those who have committed particularly serious crimes. This year, four operational and investigative teams have left Kazakhstan for Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan, each with assistance of foreign colleagues.

Central Asian Ministers of the Interior signed an agreement on establishment of a regional consultative and advisory body to combat cross-border crime.

<https://camonitor.kz/33500-borba-s-transnacionalnoy-prestupnostyu-obschaya-zabota.html>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN



TWO TONS OF DRUGS BURNED IN DUSHANBE

DUSHANBE, August 15 - Sputnik. Interior Ministry officials burned more than 1.7 tonnes of drugs in Tajikistan, the Interior Ministry's press office said.

"Drugs were destroyed in front of representatives of the Prosecutor's Office, Court, media and other structures," the statement said.

In particular, 49 kilograms of heroin, 465 kilograms of opium, 346 kilograms of hashish, 850 kilograms of cannabis and cannabis bushes were burned in a special furnace.

In presence of commission, a large number of synthetic drugs seized by police were also destroyed.

Destroyed drugs have been prosecuted in 159 criminal cases, and sentences have been enforced.

<https://tj.sputniknews.ru/country/20190815/1029654727/Dushanbe-sozhzhenno-svyshe-17-tonn-narkotiki-tajikistan.html>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BELARUS



ANOTHER WORKING MEETING USA DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY HELD IN MINSK

On August 13, 2019, the central office of the Investigative Committee held a working meeting with I. Tsatiashvili and K. Nersesyan, officers of the Drug Enforcement Agency of the US Department of Justice stationed in the Russian Federation.

It should be noted that this is the third meeting with colleagues from this agency this year. In May, a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed in Minsk between the Investigation Committee of the Republic of Belarus and the Drug Enforcement Agency of the US Department of Justice.

During the meeting some aspects related to investigation of crimes in illicit drug trafficking, cooperation of the Investigative Committee with other law enforcement agencies in the course of pre-trial criminal proceedings on cases of this category, possibility of exchanging information of mutual interest were discussed.



In the context of the concluded Memorandum of Understanding, the parties touched upon a possibility of hosting joint events (seminars, round tables, etc.) on counter-narcotics as well as prospects for further participation of Investigative Committee personnel in trainings held in different countries with the support of the agency.

The working meeting contributed to development of a constructive dialogue with US law enforcement agencies specialized in combating crime.

<https://sk.gov.by/ru/news-ru/view/ocherednaja-rabochaja-vstrecha-s-predstaviteljami-agentstva-po-borbe-s-narkotikami-ssha-sostojalas-v-minske-8298/>

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