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PROBLEM OF DRUG TRAFFICKING DISCUSSED IN BAKU

Baku, September 5th, SalamNews. Regular meetings were held in Lankaran as part of bilateral cooperation between delegations headed by Major General Azi Aslanov, head of the General Anti-Narcotics Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Brigadier General Muhammad Zahedian, head of the Anti-Narcotics Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Iran.

According to SalamNews with reference to the press service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Major-General Aslanov informed his Iranian counterpart on combating crime in the country.

The meeting highlighted positive results of close cooperation between law enforcement agencies of the two neighboring countries.

Brigadier General Mohammed Zahedian mentioned the importance of exchange of experience and information in law enforcement, cooperation with law enforcement agencies of Azerbaijan in combating crime, including the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

A number of other topics of mutual interest were also discussed during the meeting in a cordial and business atmosphere.

<https://www.salamnews.org/ru/news/read/358808>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**LENTA.RU PUTIN ASSESSED THE IDEA OF CREATING CYBER POLICE FORCE TO
COMBAT ONLINE DRUGS SALE**

Russian President Vladimir Putin believes that more attention should be paid to new ways of selling drugs on the Internet, but he is not sure that cyberpolice should be created for this purpose. He said this during a meeting with representatives of the public at the Eastern Economic Forum, RIA Novosti reported on Friday, September 6.

"I don't know if the cyber police are needed. The MIA should keep in mind that criminals use modern methods of distribution (drug advertising). We will have to do it within the existing counternarcotics institutions. I will tell (to Interior Minister Vladimir Kolokol'tsev this for certain," said the head of state.

On 20 June, in a straight line, Putin spoke harshly on the topic of drug trafficking in Russia and said that he opposed the easing of Article 228 of the Criminal Code. The

head of state confirmed that there are a lot of convictions under this article in Russia, and the share of such convictions is 26% of the total number of prisoners. In his opinion, it is necessary not to reform the anti-drug legislation, but to establish control over the work of police officers so as not to be able to falsify criminal cases and imprison people for the sake of "halos". The President cited the case of journalist Ivan Golunov, who was accused of attempted drug trafficking, as an example, but the case was dropped after a public outcry.

<https://lenta.ru/news/2019/09/05/cyberpolice/>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BELARUS



LUKASHENKO INTENDS TO MEET WITH PARENTS OF CONVICTED DRUG LAW OFFENDERS

President of Belarus said he could meet with mothers of convicts under the anti-drug article. They have been seeking a meeting with the president for a long time.

"I think I have to meet these parents who want to meet me. But they will have to say something, and in this regard, we think what to do," he said today during a visit to a new school in Minsk, reports the press service of the president.

Alexander Lukashenko admitted that the anti-drug legislation in Belarus was tougher than necessary. He spoke in favor of relaxation.

"By anti-drug legislation, we've seen that we've done it harshly. We will relax it a bit, but not much," said the president.

He also added that "the toughest laws" had been passed on his initiative. It was them that were requested to be changed by the mothers of prisoners. Two months ago, the Mother 328 movement had already met with the head of the Presidential Administration, Natalia Kochanova. She promised to examine more than 100 criminal cases, and some of them to review. Interior Minister Yury Karayev also met with mothers.

This year's amnesty also touched upon those convicted under Article 328 of the Criminal Code. Under article 328, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, of the Criminal Code, persons convicted under article 328, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, for drug trafficking to restriction or deprivation of liberty are exempt from punishment for a period of one year, and minors convicted under that article are exempted from punishment for a period of two years.

"It was on my initiative that the relevant laws were passed. Moreover, somewhere, we must have overstepped. The person who uses drugs is a sick person. And I believed that they should be educated by work - in the colony," explained the president.

At the same time, the president once again expressed his tough stance towards drugs, including users.

"There will be no mercy for those who bring in drugs. A person who uses drugs is capable of anything. They are scary people," he said.



We remind that at a recent meeting with law enforcement officials, Alexander Lukashenko spoke about falsification of criminal cases, provocations organized by employees of authorities responsible for combating drug trafficking.

<https://www.nv-online.info/2019/09/02/lukashenko-nameren-vstretitsya-s-roditelyam-osuzhdennyh-po-antinarkoticheskoy-state.html>

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