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**DRUG DEALERS OPERATING THROUGH INTERNET MAY FACE UP TO
15 YEARS**

Citizens can get up to 15 years of age for distributing drugs via the Internet, Deputy Prosecutor General Marat Akhmetzhanov said, Zakon.kz reports.

"We're introducing a new responsibility. Time is of the essence. We live in a digital world. But unfortunately, criminals also use different technologies to distribute drugs. That is why responsibility is growing here. These crimes, which will be committed using such technologies, will be serious crimes. Up to 15 years' imprisonment is provided," Akhmetzhanov said at a briefing at the Central Communications Service.

He added that such cases are far-reaching, and this type of offence poses a great threat to public health.

"When these crimes are registered, of course, there will be a full range of investigative and operative measures aimed at uncovering these crimes. This will encourage all law enforcement agencies to solve these crimes," Akhmetzhanov added.

Earlier, the press service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs reported that for placing offers on production and sale of drugs in electronic resources, it is proposed to imprison for 15-20 years, up to life imprisonment.

What's already done? Every year more than 4.5 thousand websites advertising or selling various drugs are blocked. At the initiative of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, amendments to legislation have been adopted, allowing for the shortest possible time to add new psychoactive substances to the lists of controlled substances. These lists now include all known drugs and their analogues. At the same time, a number of legislative initiatives related to the distribution of drugs via the Internet are being considered," the press service said.

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KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

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**HEAD OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE ISLAMIC
REPUBLIC OF IRAN VISITED THE SERVICE FOR COMBATING DRUG
TRAFFICKING OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE ISLAMIC
REPUBLIC OF IRAN**

Bishkek, 13.09.19 /Kabar/. After the signing of an agreement on cooperation between Kyrgyzstan and Iran on security between the two countries, Minister of Internal Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran Abdolreza Rakhmani Fazli visited the Service for Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking of the Kyrgyz Republic, the press service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs said.

According to information, during the meeting parties discussed current situation in Kyrgyzstan and Iran, and exchanged views on trends in its development and ways to address it.

In turn, the Iranian colleagues were interested in the positive experience of Kyrgyzstan in combating drugs, including a reduction in the number of female drug addicts, and the need to continue working in this area.

The sides also stressed the need to strengthen international cooperation in order to counter the new challenges and threats in illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

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OTHER COUNTRIES

VIETNAM



VIETNAM IS COMMITTED TO BUILDING A DRUG-FREE REGION

On the afternoon of 10 September in Hanoi, the Ministry of Public Security of Vietnam organized a ministerial conference on enhancing cooperation in preventing and combating transnational drug trafficking.

The conference was attended by approximately 200 delegates from different countries and international organizations, such as Cambodia, Laos, China, Thailand, Myanmar, Philippines, Vietnam, United States Drug Enforcement Agency, Australian Federal Police, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Southeast Asia and the Pacific.

In his speech at the conference, the Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam, Truong Hoa Binh, called on countries to participate more actively in the development of national and regional drug control policies and strategies, to make contributions and to mobilize resources for regional and international drug prevention and control initiatives. Truong Hoa Binh stressed "I want to reaffirm Vietnam's determination, goodwill and commitment to strengthen cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the states of the region and the world. Viet Nam has been, is and will always be an active and responsible member of the international community, keeping pace with countries in strict implementation of commitments made and working towards common goals of the region for peace, stability, development, prosperity and building a drug-free region.

Conference participants adopted a Joint Statement on Strengthening Drug Prevention and Control.

On the same day, Deputy Prime Minister Truong Hoa Binh received the conference participants. The Vietnamese leader stressed that Vietnam and the ASEAN countries were striving to make ASEAN a drug-free region and to enhance cooperation with partners in



the fight against drugs. The Vietnamese Government would continue to cooperate with regional countries, partners and international organizations in that fight, contributing to common efforts of the international community to address that global challenge.

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