

*Unofficial translation***NEWS BULLETIN ON PAST EVENTS
IN COUNTER-NARCOTICS**
(based on mass media reports)**30.09 – 06.10.2019****№ 39****CARICC MEMBER STATES****KYRGYZ REPUBLIC****PROSECUTORS-GENERAL MET IN BISHKEKE**

Bishkek, October 1 - Sputnik. The Ala-Archa State Residence hosted the 17th meeting of general prosecutors of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation member states, the press service of the Kyrgyz Republic's supervisory body reported.

The meeting was attended by delegations of the Prosecutor General's Offices of India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, China, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and observer states and dialogue partners - Belarus, Iran, Mongolia, Armenia, Turkey and representatives of SCO institutions.

"During the meeting the participants discussed issues of improved cooperation between prosecution authorities of the SCO member states in combating smuggling and illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors," reads the report.

The protocol signed by the participants of the 17th meeting of the SCO Prosecutor General's Office documents their decision to use all opportunities to foster work in this area to the maximum extent possible.

<https://m.ru.sputnik.kg/society/20191001/1045856396/kyrgyzstan-shos-genprokuratura-vstrecha-itogi.html>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION**MVD REPORTED AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 5% IN NUMBER OF
DRUGS SALE CRIMES**

MOSCOW, October 2. /The number of crimes related to the sale of drugs detected in Russia increased by more than 5% in the first half of this year. This was reported by TASS in the press center of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation.

" In the first half of 2019, results of the work of internal affairs agencies show a 1.3% decrease in the number of registered crimes related to drug trafficking. At the same time, the number of detected sales increased by 5.2%," said a representative of the Ministry.

He stressed that this year, in accordance with the strategy of the state anti-drug policy of the Russian Federation until 2020, main efforts of internal agencies are focused on

countering organized forms of drug trafficking, uncovering the most dangerous types of crime, and identifying drug traffickers.

"Investigatory department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation this year produced three reviews of positive experience in investigation of criminal cases related to illegal sale of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances through the Internet, committed by criminal organizations, as well as assignment of fingerprint examinations, organization and tactics of inspection of places of production of narcotic and psychotropic substances", - told the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

<https://tass.ru/proisshestiya/6947336>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN



PHARMACY DRUGS CLASSIFIED AS POTENT DRUGS IN UZBEKISTAN

In Uzbekistan, the list of potent drugs has been updated, with the addition of drugs illegally used as "light" drugs: pregabalin ("lyrics"), raptor ("andante") and trophikamid. This is reported in the Telegram-Channel of the Ministry of Justice.

The list of 78 types of potent substances, as well as quantitative indicators of large size of these substances in classification of criminal acts were approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On regulation of trafficking in potent substances in the Republic of Uzbekistan".

According to the document, starting from December 1, 2019, the supply of the above drugs is carried out exclusively by social pharmacies and pharmacies licensed to store and supply narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. In addition, they can be purchased only by prescription and in strictly defined doses.

The Resolution also introduces the practice of uninterrupted video recording of the process of sale of medicines in city pharmacies, and video recordings should be stored for one month.

Earlier, Uzbek media and bloggers repeatedly wrote that the mass use of prehabaline, zaleplone and trophikamid, known among the people as "light" drugs, has become widespread among young people. They could be purchased at any pharmacy without a prescription. Oleg Mustafin, chief narcologist at the Ministry of Health of Uzbekistan, explained to Gazeta.uz that if these drugs are used for a long time in high doses, euphoria and a desire to take them again arise, which eventually creates an addiction syndrome....

<https://kursiv.kz/news/medicina/2019-10/v-uzbekistane-aptechnye-narkotiki-prichislili-k-silnodeystvuyuschim>

OTHER COUNTRIES

USA



FIRST LEGAL MARIJUANA CAFÉ IN THE U.S. OPENED IN CALIFORNIA

Lowell Farms: A Cannabis Cafe is the first restaurant to prefer cannabis cuisine. Within the walls of this restaurant visitors were given an opportunity to use marijuana legally.

In West Hollywood, more than 300 applicants tried to obtain a license, but the first was granted to Lowell Farms, the restaurant reports. The state plans to issue 7 more such licenses.

Chef Andrea Drummer was trained at Le Cordon Bleu in Los Angeles. In 2012, she opened her cooperative, Elevation VIP, and hosted celebrities such as Miguel and Wiz Khalifa.

At Lowell Farms, Drummer created a menu that reflects California flavors. The menu includes seasonal dishes that complement the effect of TCH (tetrahydrocannabinol), one of the main cannabinoids.

The restaurant claims that, because of the legislation on cannabis, dishes will not be served with cannabis. There will also be no alcoholic beverages in the restaurant, as state law prohibits the use of cannabis and alcohol in the same place.

But there's gonna be a version of a sommelier here. The consultant will tell about various marijuana varieties available and explain their flavors and effect.

The 5900-square-foot room will have a patio for smokers and non-smokers, and the entire interior space is designed for smoking.

"Lowell Farms: A Cannabis Cafe has been created so that everyone can find a place to enjoy cannabis openly. Lowell Farms is a cozy place for those who appreciate cannabis and for those who are interested in it and want to try it in a welcoming atmosphere," the café said in a statement.

Only people over 21 years of age can attend.

ForumDaily previously wrote that before its opening the cafe faced protests from a synagogue, which is located across the street. The rabbi asked that the business license be rejected.

Recreational use of marijuana is now legal in 11 states of the United States.

<https://www.forumdaily.com/v-kalifornii-otkrylos-pervoe-legalnoe-kafe-s-marixuanoj/>

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