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800 GRAFFITI DRUG ADS DESTROYED IN TARAZ

TARAZ. KAZINFORM - Last week, another 100 graffiti inscriptions advertising drug trafficking websites were removed from the walls of the regional center, reports Kazinform correspondent.

According to the press service of the Zhambyl region police department, a week ago, employees of the department for combating drug-related crime and the local police service of the Zhambyl region police department, together with representatives of the organizations "Taraz Zhasyl" and "Zhas Sarbaz" carried out an event to delete graffiti inscriptions that advertise websites selling drugs. Approximately 700 inscriptions were eliminated, and 6 people were detained for graffiti.

"Reflex-2019 action to remove graffiti inscriptions was held in Taraz," the ministry explained. - Employees of the Anti-Drug Crime Department of the Zhambyl region police department in conjunction with the MPS OP-1 of the police department of Taraz city conducted operational and investigative activities to identify individuals distributing synthetic drugs. Graffiti on the walls of buildings and their distribution in computer networks are propaganda and illegal advertising of drugs.

As a result of the Reflex-2019 action, a 30-year-old resident of Taraz, who painted prohibited graffiti inscriptions on the walls of houses, was detained. The detainee confessed and was brought to justice. Zhambyl region police department reminded that this offence is punishable under Article 423 of the Code of Administrative Infringements of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the fine ranges from 150 to 700 MRPs, i.e. from 378,750 to 1,767,500 tenge.

About 800 graffiti inscriptions containing code words on drug distribution were removed from the walls of houses and fences of the regional center.

In addition, officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Zhambyl region Police Department, during the course of monitoring, identified similar Internet sites that functioned in the Telegram application. The identified sites have been deleted, and operational and investigative measures are being taken to identify and arrest persons involved in the creation of websites and inscriptions. Prevention of drug-related crimes is under constant control, assured in the press service of the Department of Police of Zhambyl region and urged population not to remain indifferent to such violations.

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OTHER COUNTRIES

BELARUS



DRUG SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY IS UNDER CONTROL AND STABLE

– The situation with the spread of drugs today continues to be controlled and stable," said Deputy Head of the Main Department for Drug Control and Combating Trafficking in Human Beings of the Interior Ministry Andrei Saladovnikov at a meeting with journalists.
 - But, nevertheless, certain risks remain. For example, we see that the number of drugs transiting through Belarus is increasing. During 10 months of this year, 23 channels of their supply to the country from abroad have been identified and stopped.

The continued threat of drug trafficking is reflected in the amount of seized illicit substances: more than 630 kg of narcotic drugs and 60 kg of psychotropic substances are seized this year.

– We are witnessing a decrease in the number of registered drug addicts, while studies conducted by the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs to identify the latency index have shown that there are about 88 thousand of such persons in the country," said the representative of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

In just ten months of this year, internal affairs authorities have detected almost 4,000 drug-related crimes, about half of which are related to the sale of drugs. The total number of substance poisonings has slightly increased, and the number of overdoses committed by minors has halved.

Today, staff of drug control units are aimed at identifying, first of all, organizers and not consumers, that is, the main task is to destroy the organized structure of drug business. In addition, vector should be gradually shifted from force measures to concentration of efforts to prevent drug addiction and provide medical and psychological assistance to drug addicts, - said Andrei Vyacheslavovich.

The pomogut.by resource already exists for prevention and care of drug addicts. Structurally, it is a website and a counselling centre. According to Zhanna Istomina, deputy head doctor for outpatient department of the city clinical drug dispensary, more than 12.8 thousand people are under supervision of psychiatrists and drug addicts, of whom more than 5 thousand are in Minsk. She spoke about the assistance that drug users can receive in our country today, noting that the rate of remission (not returning to drugs within three years) is 40%, which is several times higher than in other countries.

<http://pravo.by/novosti/obshchestvenno-politicheskie-i-v-oblasti-prava/2019/november/42463/>

CHINA



SCO SECRETARY GENERAL ON WAYS TO COMBAT DRUGS IN AFGHANISTAN

BEIJING, November 12 - RIA Novosti. Combating drug trafficking in Afghanistan requires not only law enforcement measures, but also improvement of conditions in the agricultural sector, creation of profitable alternatives to drug production and necessary logistics infrastructure, SCO Secretary General Vladimir Norov told RIA Novosti on Tuesday.

“If we talk about counter-narcotics (in Afghanistan - ed.), we usually look through the prism of police measures, that is to identify, arrest, stop. But the question is that there should be an alternative to drug production,” Norov said.

He added that “now, of course, both the Afghan government and international organizations, as well as a number of countries are providing assistance in this matter, say, to grow saffron, but the problem is that saffron can not be planted everywhere”. Norov pointed out that “some ASEAN countries have been able to stop producing drugs through cultivation of alternative agricultural products”.

“Next year Cambodia will be chairing the ASEAN Counter Narcotics Structure and is also an SCO dialogue partner, and we want to cooperate and hold a joint event (to share experiences in counter-narcotics - ed.), the Secretary-General of ASEAN has supported this initiative,” Norov stressed.

At the same time, he stated that law enforcement agencies in a number of countries carry out annual eradication measures, “but this does not solve the problem, it is solved by an alternative.”

“On the other hand, we can say that Afghan farmers do not have an alternative to selling their goods, they have grown agricultural products, they have low prices on the domestic market, and they cannot sell it on external market. Only when there are railways, logistics centers, necessary infrastructure, and these agricultural products will be stored, packaged, and transported will there be an alternative,” he said.

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