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REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

DRUGS WERE ADVERTISED ON BANNERS IN THE MIDDLE OF ALMATY

Drug banners were placed in the center of Almaty, reports Tengrinews.kz.
"The banner has a QR code and the name of the site, where you can go and buy a stuff for all tastes - speed, mephedrone, crystals - anything. Moreover, people who have hung banners also organize a contest where they play iPhone and other nice things. The condition of the contest is to be photographed with a banner, to post it at home, to mark friends and so on. That is, as usual. Only this contest is not from a fitness center, but from drug dealers. By the way, they give you 1000 rubles for registration, which you spend on the first purchase on this site. It's a great way to get your kids in, isn't it? - According to the author of the post.

In addition, according to her, such advertisements appear on banners in Nur-Sultan, Karaganda, Shymkent, Ust-Kamenogorsk, as well as in Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan. In Almaty, they were hanging on several central streets.
"The company, for which everything is registered, is located in Russia and has been working quietly since 2005," concludes the resident of Almaty.

The Department of Urban Planning and Planning of Almaty informed that in the initial sketch of advertising a QR code was linked to the site, where there was no prohibited information.
"Later when placing the advertisement the applicants changed the information at the site. On this fact all the materials were handed over to the law enforcement bodies, the banners were dismantled. The investigation is underway," the agency said.

To date, billboards have been dismantled in Almaty.
The press service of the Almaty Police Department said that the customer and the company that installed the banners had already been installed. They are promised to be found in the near future and prosecuted under the law.

The Shymkent Police Department said there are no such banners in the city.
"On November 19, employees of the Department for Combating Drug Crime conducted raids all over the city. According to their results, no billboards with such advertisement were found at any point in the metropolis," the city's DS said.

The Karaganda Oblast Akim's press office confirmed that there were indeed such banners in the city, but they had already been dismantled.
"The design belongs to the Outdoor Advertising - Regions LLP, the banner was installed at
the request of the Almaty company. Now the dismantling has been carried out. About what happened they were notified in the House of Representatives of the region”, - informed the akimat.


**REPUBLIC OF KYRGYZSTAN**

**DRUG BANNERS HAVE APPEARED IN BISHKEK**

In Kyrgyzstan, banners advertising narcotic drugs have appeared. Dangerous advertising appeared in the busiest place in Bishkek, at the intersection of Kurmanjan Datka Street and Chui Avenue. VB.KG correspondents became eyewitnesses.

On the banner there is a QR code and the name of the site where you can buy synthetic drugs. And, the assortment is rather various. Drug dealers also attract clients by drawing an iPhone, offering to be photographed with "nice" advertising.

It is worth noting that similar advertising was recently discovered in the center of Almaty in Kazakhstan. This was reported by the newspaper Tengrinews.kz. Moreover, the type of drug banner and conditions of the contest are identical to those of the Kyrgyz ones.

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Advertising for synthetic drugs on a shield at the intersection of Kurmanjan Datki Street and Chui Avenue has been dismantled. This was reported by the press service of the Bishkek Mayor's Office.

Employees of the land use and construction department, together with a special brigade of the MT "Tazalyk" responded promptly to the appeal, yesterday evening there was no more advertising.

The municipality noticed that the State Agency for Antimonopoly Regulation is in charge of monitoring the legality of advertising and is not within their competence.

The tenant and owner of the billboard is Eurostil.

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**REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN**

**DRUG BANNERS HAVE APPEARED IN UZBEKISTAN**

In Tashkent, drug advertisements were distributed under the guise of Internet Challenge. This is reported on the website of the Department of Internal Affairs of the capital of Uzbekistan, reports Tengrinews.kz.

According to the press service, the banners featured advertisements for the Challenge, the winners of which were promised to donate gadgets or teach them how to earn money. The citizens were offered to go to the site by a QR code, however after the registration the user got to the inner, hidden site with advertisement of drugs, smoking mixtures and
psychotropic substances.

The 29-year-old resident of the Samarkand region, the head of the company engaged in outdoor advertising, was ordered to place a banner with advertising of drugs. According to him, a blogger from Russia sent him a model with ready-made advertisements. His identity is currently being established.

It is noted that the advertisement was removed from the street stands. In addition to Tashkent, a similar banner was placed in the city of Samarkand. The banner has already been dismantled.

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