

## NEWSLETTER ABOUT PAST EVENTS IN THE ANTI-DRUG SPHERE

(according to the media)

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In the period from October 24 to October 30, 2022, based on information from the media in the space of the CARICC member states and other countries of the world, 11 events in the anti-drug sphere were covered (*Kazakhstan - 3, Kyrgyzstan - 2, Russia - 2, Tajikistan - 2, Uzbekistan - 1. For other countries: Germany - 1*).

The published articles reflect information about the main trends in the development of the drug situation, bilateral and multilateral cooperation of the CARICC member states with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, the anti-drug and preventive measures taken, as well as the decisions made on the legalization of marijuana (Germany).

### ON CARICC MEMBER STATES

#### REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



#### FIGHTING DRUGS AND CRIME: A PRIORITY FOR COOPERATION OF KAZAKHSTAN WITH THE UN



First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan Kairat Umarov, during a working trip to Almaty, held talks with the leadership of the regional office of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre for combating illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors (CARICC), reports Delovoy Kazakhstan.



During the consultations of K. Umarov with the Regional Representative of UNODC in Central Asia Ashita Mittal, the priorities of cooperation in the field of countering the Afghan drug threat, strengthening borders, preventing radicalization in prisons, as well as the return of property and income obtained illegally were discussed. The interlocutors stressed that the UNODC technical assistance programs in Central Asia should be aimed at achieving practical results in accordance

with the national priorities of the countries of the region, both in the field of security and socio-economic development.

At a meeting with acting CARICC Director Atageldy Yazlyev discussed the current trends in drug trafficking in the region and ways to further develop the center, taking into account the results achieved in conducting anti-drug operations and analytical studies over the past 15 years. Following the meeting, the parties agreed on further coordination in strengthening

cooperation between CARICC and international partners, including within the framework of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

The Kazakh diplomat also spoke at a meeting of the steering committee of the UNODC program for Central Asia for 2022-2025, which was developed to increase the capacity of the countries of the region in the fight against drug trafficking, crime and other transnational challenges and threats. Congratulating the participants of the event from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan on the past UN Day and the 30th anniversary of UN membership, K. Umarov noted that: "Strengthening security and stability in Central Asia is a common foreign policy priority of both Kazakhstan and other Central Asian countries. We welcome the active and constructive role of UNODC and all UN agencies in our region and fully support the implementation of the UNODC program for Central Asia." <https://dknews.kz/ru/politika/257841-borba-s-narkotikami-i-prestupnostyu-prioritet>

## finprom THE NUMBER OF CRIMINAL OFFENSES RELATED TO DRUG TRAFFIC REDUCED BY 9%

The number of criminals caught in such offenses decreased by 5%.

In January-September of this year, 5.7 thousand criminal offenses related to the illegal circulation of narcotic drugs, psychotropic or poisonous substances, their analogues and precursors were registered in the country, which is 8.7% less than a year earlier.

Сведения о зарегистрированных уголовных правонарушениях, связанных с незаконным оборотом наркотических средств, психотропных или ядовитых веществ, их аналогов и прекурсоров. Январь-сентябрь (ед.)

	2022/09	2021/09	Прирост
Всего	5 717	6 284	-8,7%
Незаконное обращение с наркотическими средствами, психотропными веществами, их аналогами без цели сбыта (ст. 296)	3 811	4 372	-12,8%
Незаконное изготовление, переработка, приобретение, хранение, перевозка в целях сбыта, пересылка либо сбыт наркотических средств, психотропных веществ или их аналогов (ст. 297)	1 324	1 351	-2,0%
Незаконное культивирование запрещенных к возделыванию растений, содержащих наркотические вещества (ст. 300)	283	247	14,6%
Контрабанда изъятых из обращения предметов или предметов, обращение которых ограничено (ст. 288)	141	124	13,7%
Пропаганда или незаконная реклама наркотических средств, психотропных веществ или их аналогов, прекурсоров (ст. 299-1)	120	113	6,2%
Нарушение правил обращения с наркотическими средствами, психотропными или ядовитыми веществами (ст. 303)	11	22	-50,0%
Склонение к потреблению наркотических средств, психотропных веществ или их аналогов (ст. 299)	9	4	125,0%
Организация или содержание притонов для потребления наркотических средств, психотропных веществ или их аналогов и предоставление помещений для тех же целей (ст. 302)	7	7	0,0%
Создание и руководство организованной группой, преступной организацией, а равно участие в них (ст. 262)	6	11	-45,5%
Незаконный оборот ядовитых веществ, а также веществ, инструментов или оборудования, используемых для изготовления или переработки наркотических средств, психотропных веществ, их аналогов или ядовитых веществ (ст. 301)	3	10	-70,0%
Хищение либо вымогательство наркотических средств, психотропных веществ, их аналогов (ст. 298)	2	-	-
Создание и руководство транснациональной организованной группой, транснациональной преступной организацией, а равно участие в них (ст. 264)	-	2	-
Легализация (отмывание) денег и (или) иного имущества, полученных преступным путем (ст. 218)	-	1	-

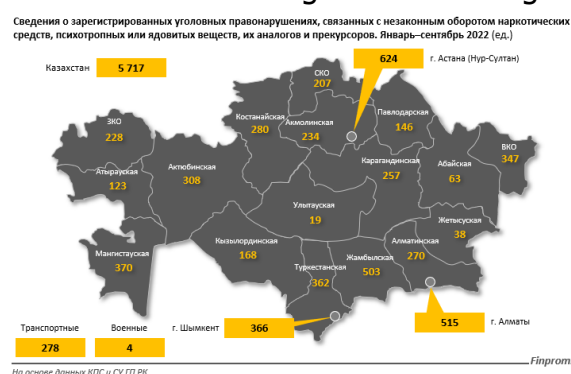
На основе данных КЛПС и СУ ПП РК  
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Two-thirds of all offenses fell on the illegal handling of narcotic drugs without the purpose of sale: 3.8 thousand cases, immediately minus 12.8% per year.

Such offenses for the purpose of sale were also frequently registered (1.3 thousand cases, minus 2% per year) and cases of cultivation of plants containing narcotic substances prohibited from cultivation (283 cases, plus 14.6%).

In the course of detecting offenses, 728 vehicles, 19.1 thousand weapons, 297 extremist materials, 38 forged documents, as well as property, money

and valuables totaling 1.1 billion tenge were seized from violators.



In the regional context, offenses related to illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic or poisonous substances, their analogues and precursors were most often registered in the capital: 624 cases since the beginning of the year - 30% less than a year earlier. Almaty (515 cases, minus 11.5%) and Zhambyl region (503 cases, minus 14.2%) were on the second and third lines of anti-leadership.

A noticeable increase in the number of offenses was noted in the Aktobe region (plus 33.3%, up to 308 offenses), the largest reduction was in the capital.

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Незаконное культивирование запрещенных к возделыванию растений, содержащих наркотические вещества (ст. 300)	179	157	14,0%
Контрабанда изъятых из обращения предметов или предметов, обращение которых ограничено (ст. 286)	122	94	29,8%
Пропаганда или незаконная реклама наркотических средств, психотропных веществ или их аналогов, прекурсоров (ст. 299-1)	4	5	-20,0%
Организация или содержание притонов для потребления наркотических средств, психотропных веществ или их аналогов и предоставление помещений для тех же целей (ст. 302)	2	1	100,0%
Нарушение правил обращения с наркотическими средствами, психотропными или ядовитыми веществами (ст. 303)	2	3	-33,3%

На основе данных КТС и СУ ПП РК

Over the nine months of this year, 3.2 thousand people were caught on criminal offenses related to the illegal circulation of narcotic drugs, psychotropic or poisonous substances, their analogues and precursors, which is 4.7% less than a year earlier. Among them, 204 people had previously committed offenses. 133 offenders are women, 18 offenders are minors. Most of the criminals are citizens of the Republic of

Kazakhstan, and among those who violated the law were 140 citizens from the CIS countries, including 55 citizens of Uzbekistan, 48 citizens of Russia, 22 citizens of Kyrgyzstan, 4 citizens of Tajikistan, 2 citizens of Turkmenistan.

73% of offenders were caught illegally handling drugs without the purpose of sale.

Meanwhile, the number of people who committed criminal offenses under the influence of drugs and toxic substances has decreased by a noticeable 28.8% since the beginning of the year, to 569 people.

A draft Comprehensive Plan to Combat Drug Addiction and Drug Business is being developed in the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan reports.

The project involves coordination of efforts in three main areas:

- improvement of the drug control mechanism, simplification of the procedure for placing new psychoactive substances under state control;
- material and technical equipment of state bodies, especially institutes of forensic examinations and public health authorities;
- organization of drug addiction prevention. <http://finprom.kz/ru/article/kolichestvo-ugolovnyh-pravonarushenij-svyazannyh-s-nezakonnym-oborotom-narkotikov-sokratilos-na-9>



## IN KAZAKHSTAN LIQUIDATED IN 10 MONTHS 11 INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFIC CHANNELS



In Kazakhstan, from July to October of this year, 36 anti-drug operations were carried out, including jointly with partners from Russia, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, the National Security Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan reported.

11 international and 14 regional drug trafficking channels have been liquidated. The activities of 4 clandestine laboratories for the production of synthetic drugs have been neutralized," the committee's website says.

During special operations, 59 members of drug structures were detained. More than 282 kg of drugs were seized from illegal circulation, including 32 kg of heroin, 11 kg of opium, 60 kg of synthetic drugs, 156 kg of marijuana, 22 kg of hashish. In addition, 861 ecstasy tablets and more than 3 tons of chemical reagents intended for the manufacture of psychotropic substances have been withdrawn from circulation, the department noted.

Measures to counter the international drug business continue.

[https://www.kt.kz/rus/state/v\\_kazahstane\\_za\\_10\\_mesyatsev\\_likvidirovany\\_11\\_mezhdunarodnyh\\_1377941846.html](https://www.kt.kz/rus/state/v_kazahstane_za_10_mesyatsev_likvidirovany_11_mezhdunarodnyh_1377941846.html)



**REPUBLIC OF KYRGYZSTAN**



**DELEGATION OF THE MIA OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC PARTICIPATED IN THE WORK OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE UNODC PROGRAM FOR THE CENTRAL ASIAN STATES FOR 2022-2025**



On October 26, 2022, in Almaty, a delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic, consisting of representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Prosecutor General's Office, customs and border services, headed by the Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic Nurbek Abdiev, took part in the work of the Steering Committee of the UNODC Program for the States of Central Asia at 2022-2025 years.

The event was chaired by the Head of the UNODC Regional Office for Central Asia, Ashita Mittal.

The participants reviewed the progress in the implementation of both national and regional projects within the framework of the Program in the field of combating drug trafficking, forensics, combating transnational organized crime, international terrorism, cybercrime, corruption, and human trafficking. The members of the Steering Committee determined the main areas of cooperation for the next year, taking into account the current challenges and threats to security in the region.

In his speech, Nurbek Abdiev informed the participants about the measures taken in Kyrgyzstan in the above areas and expressed the readiness of the competent state bodies of the Kyrgyz Republic to actively cooperate and unite joint efforts in ensuring regional security. <https://mvd.gov.kg/news/1428>  
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**EMPLOYEES OF THE SNON MIA OF THE KR HELD A LECTURE FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN ON THE TOPIC: "WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR ACTIONS"**



The day before, employees of the Service for Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic at the school of the gymnasium of the humanitarian and legal direction No. 4 in Bishkek held a lecture for high school students on the topic: "We are responsible for our actions."

An employee of the Service, Cholpon Tabaldieva, told the 8th grade students about liability in general, including criminal liability, which comes from the age of 14 under certain articles of the Criminal Code of the Kyrgyz Republic. The objectives of such events are the formation of skills for independent decision-making, the promotion of legal knowledge, the development of the ability to work in a group, express one's views, and lead a discussion.

Also, a preventive video was presented to the attention of schoolchildren, warning about the harmful consequences of drug use.

The purpose of the event is to prevent the involvement of adolescents in drug trafficking and the prevention of drug use.

Recall that until the end of October, students of three schools 10, 4 and 11 will subsequently take part in a quest task for knowledge and consolidation of the materials covered. This task will be organized by the Public Foundation "New Generation of Youth" together with the Security Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/news/1414>

## RUSSIAN FEDERATION



### RUSSIAN SCHOOLS PROPOSED TO INTRODUCE MANDATORY DRUG TESTING



Mandatory drug testing was proposed to be introduced in the Khabarovsk Territory. At a thematic meeting of teachers, parents and doctors, the initiative was voiced against the backdrop of the growing scale of narcotization of minors and the growth of adolescent mortality from psychoactive substances, Izvestia writes.

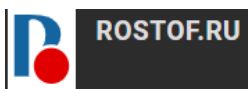
To date, testing in schools is most often carried out by health workers with the involvement of psychologists - after the conversation, the teenager is invited to undergo an in-depth examination. May go as far as giving urine samples for testing for drug markers.

At a meeting of the anti-drug commission of the Samara region a few days ago, they noted the positive experience of socio-psychological testing.

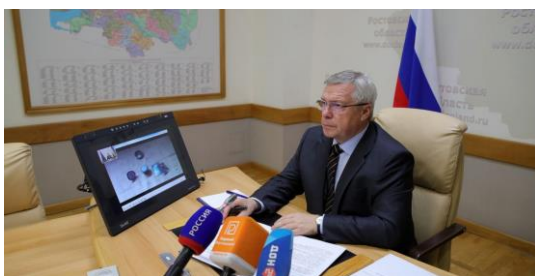
"I consider testing very important and necessary, it should definitely be carried out in schools. At least as a deterrent, a psychological barrier. They should know and understand that at any time the school can be tested for drugs, traces of which can remain in the blood for more than 30 days," commented State Duma deputy, head of the Sober Russia project Sultan Khamzaev.

At the same time, he noted that there should be a program for the rehabilitation of drug addicted children, which is currently absent in the country.

<https://informpskov.ru/news/405672.html>



### PHARMACY ADDICTION IS UNDER SPECIAL CONTROL OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DON REGION



The prevention of drug addiction associated with non-medical consumption of drugs was discussed at a meeting of the regional anti-drug commission chaired by Governor Vasily Golubev. This was reported by the press service of the head of the region.

- The problem of "pharmacy drug addiction" requires constant attention. In addition to regular inspections of pharmacy chains, monitoring compliance with bans on remote sale of drugs, legislative regulation of this area is also required, the report says.

The Don departments have prepared proposals for improving legislative measures to combat "drug addiction". We are talking about a strict quantitative accounting of drugs, the introduction of new forms of prescription forms. There is also a social component to this work: involving representatives of public organizations in conducting test purchases, in monitoring specialized sites for the online sale of medicines, and in prevention among adolescents and young people.

- In addition to solving large-scale problems in this area, it is necessary to explain the negative consequences of non-medical consumption of psychoactive drugs for human health. Pay special attention to preventive work with teenagers and young people, - said Vasily Golubev.

The participants of the meeting were unanimous in their opinion that it is important to organize close cooperation in this direction among all institutions and bodies of prevention, including commissions for minors and the protection of their rights, divisions for minors of the territorial bodies of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, penitentiary inspections.

"If necessary, we need to help these guys get an education or find a job," the governor said.

The activities of mentors who are assigned to difficult teenagers should be effective.

<https://rostof.ru/articles/aptechnaya-narkomaniya-na-osobom-kontrole-rukovodstva-donskogo-regiona>

## REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN



### **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SECURITY AND BORDER CONTROL TO COUNTER TERRORISM AND PREVENTION THE MOVEMENT OF TERRORISTS"**



On October 18-19, 2022, in the city of Dushanbe, with the participation of the Founder of Peace and National Unity - the Leader of the Nation, the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Emomali Rahmon, a high-level International Conference was held on the topic "International and regional cooperation in the field of security and border management in order to counter terrorism and prevent movement of terrorists".

High-ranking officials of Member States, the UN, the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism, international and regional organizations, as well as civil society organizations and experts in the field of border security took part in the work of the Conference and spoke.

At the beginning of the Conference, the Leader of the Nation, the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Emomali Rahmon, spoke, who emphasized that "Given the difficult situation in the region, the Government of Tajikistan pays special attention to the constant strengthening of the protection of the state border and takes the necessary measures to



prevent the cross-border transfer of terrorist fighters, illegal trafficking drugs, weapons and other transnational crimes.

The President of the country also said that Tajikistan is at the forefront of the fight against the threat of extremism and terrorism, protecting not only the region, but also territories beyond its borders from the tragic consequences of this phenomenon.

Representatives of the Drug Control Agency of the Republic of Tajikistan, headed by the Director of the Agency, Major General of Justice Khabibullo Vohidzoda, also took part in this Conference.

It should be noted that within the framework of this Conference, along with other ministries and departments of the republic and international authorized organizations, an exhibition of the Agency's achievements was organized on the first floor of Kokhi Somon.

The exhibition featured a photo booth titled "Tajikistan on the Front Line of the Fight against Drugs", where materials on anti-drug activities, visits of high-ranking guests, drug burning, as well as videos related to the activities of the Agency were presented. Also, the participants of the Conference were shown samples of special machinery and equipment used in the fight against drug trafficking.

Responsible employees provided the visitors of the corner of the Agency with the necessary information about the exhibition materials in Tajik, Russian and English, presented souvenirs with anti-drug symbols and inscriptions, as well as magazines "Overview of the drug situation in the Republic of Tajikistan" and brochures with the text "National drug control strategy in the Republic of Tajikistan Republic of Tajikistan for 2021-2030" in Tajik, Russian and English. <https://akn.tj/ru/2022/10/19/confronsi-bainalmilalia-xamkorii-bainalmilali-va-mintakavi-oid-ba-amniyat-va-mudiriyati-sarhad-hixati-muqovimat-ba-terrorism-va-peshgiri-az-harakati-terroristho/>



## HEAD OF DCA TOLD UN REPRESENTATIVE ABOUT THE SITUATION WITH THE SEIZURE OF DRUGS IN TAJIKISTAN



Director of the Drug Control Agency of Tajikistan Khabibullo Vohidzoda met in Dushanbe with the Regional Representative of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime in Central Asia, Ms. Ashita Mittal.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Director of the Agency acquainted the guests with the results of the activities of the law enforcement agencies of the republic, including the Agency, in the field of drug seizure.

According to the press service of the Agency, the head of the anti-drug department informed about the situation with the fight against drugs in the regions of Tajikistan bordering Afghanistan.

It was stressed that the situation is still worrying, and since the Taliban came to power, the intensity of drug seizures in these regions tends to increase.

The Director of the Agency made a number of proposals to strengthen the fight against drug trafficking, especially in the border areas, by creating new departments and equipping them with the necessary equipment and supplies.

H. Vohidzoda proposed to purchase the necessary technical equipment, develop and implement new joint projects within the framework of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime Program for Central Asia for 2022-2025.

Ms. Ashita Mittal, expressing satisfaction with the cooperation with the Agency, said that the process of implementing the UN Office on Drugs and Crime Program for Central Asia for 2022-2025 requires close cooperation with the Agency, including in the field of creating mobile interagency teams, operational interaction with law enforcement agencies of neighboring countries, the fight against new psychotropic substances and the spread of drugs via the Internet, etc.

Ashita Mittal handed over three sets of technical tools for holding events online for more efficient work of the Agency. <http://avesta.tj/2022/10/27/glava-akn-rasskazal-predstavitelyu-oon-o-situatsii-s-izyatiem-narkotikov-v-tadzhikistane/>

## REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN



### ON THE MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS OF THE PARIS PACT ON THE PREVENTION OF DISCHARGES OF PRECURSORS



From 24 to 25 October this year. in Bucharest (Romania) in a hybrid format, a meeting of the Working Group of Experts of the Paris Pact on preventing the diversion of precursor chemicals was held.

The meeting was attended by the head of the International Department of the NIACCS D. Abdukhaparova, representatives of the competent authorities of the states of Central Asia, Iran, Denmark, the Czech Republic, France, the USA,

Romania, Pakistan, as well as delegations of regional and international organizations.

During the event, an analysis of the risks in the field of diversion of precursors at the national and international levels was carried out. As a result of the event, final documents were adopted. <https://ncdc.uz/news/prekursorlarni-tarqalishini-oldini-olish-boyicha-parij-paktining-ekspertlar-ishchi-guruhining-yigilishi-togrisida>

## ON OTHER COUNTRIES

### GERMANY



### NO DRUG ANYMORE: THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED THE PLAN TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA



On October 26, the German government backed a plan that would see cannabis and its active ingredient tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) no longer be classified as drugs.

The corresponding plan was presented by the Minister of Health of Germany, Karl Lauterbach, reports "DS" with reference to DW.



Thus, the purchase and possession of up to 30 grams of marijuana for personal recreational consumption will not be penalized. Its cultivation will be allowed to a limited extent.

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At the government meeting, Lauterbach was supposed to present a survey according to which about 4 million adults in Germany use marijuana. The data indicate the existence of a large-scale black market and organized crime, the publication noted.

In a coalition agreement, the German Social Democratic Party (GSD), the Green Party and the Free Democratic Party (FDP) agreed to introduce "controlled distribution of adult cannabis for consumption through licensed shops".

However, the publication noted that the rules of the European Union on the treatment of cannabis may interfere with its legalization in Germany, because the international legal framework offers "limited opportunities for the implementation of the coalition project."

That is, the relevant bill must first be evaluated by the EU and can be considered by the German parliament only if it does not receive legal objections from the European Union. The coalition is expected to present the bill late this year or early next year, but its final version will depend on the EU's assessment.

As "DS" wrote, on June 7, the Cabinet of Ministers supported a bill on the legalization of plants of the genus Cannabis (Cannabis) for use in medical, industrial purposes, scientific and scientific and technical activities. <https://www.dsnews.ua/world/bolshe-ne-narkotik-pravitelstvo-germanii-podderzhalo-plan-legalizacii-marihuany-27102022-468451>