

NEWSLETTER ABOUT PAST EVENTS IN THE ANTI-DRUG SPHERE

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In the period from October 31 to November 6, 2022, based on information from the media in the space of the CARICC member states and other countries of the world, 7 events in the anti-drug sphere were covered (*Kazakhstan - 1, Kyrgyzstan - 1, Russia - 2, Tajikistan - 1, Uzbekistan - 1. For other countries: Afghanistan - 1*).

The published articles reflect information on the conducted training (RF) and preventive measures (RK, RF) in the anti-drug sphere, long-term plans in the fight against pharmacy drug addiction (KR), bilateral and multilateral meetings (RT, RU), as well as trends in the development of the drug situation in Afghanistan.

ON CARICC MEMBER-STATES

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



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ACTION "FUTURE WITHOUT DRUGS" HELD POLICE OFFICERS OF TURKESTAN REGION

In order to prevent drug addiction and promote a healthy lifestyle among young people, employees of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Turkestan Region's Department of Drug Enforcement held the action "Future Without Drugs", which took place at the Turkestan Higher Medical College of Turkestan.

More than 150 pupils and students took part in the event. During the meeting, the police explained to the guys how drugs destroy a person's life, and that this can end in a crime.



As an example, law enforcement officers showed several videos related to drug addiction, and also answered in detail the questions of students. The students also shared their opinions and, together with the police, put up leaflets on the topic of the dangers of drugs. <https://polisia.kz/ru/aktsiyu-budushhee-bez-narkotikov-proveli-politsejskie-turkestanskoj-oblasti/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC



MINISTRY OF HEALTH INTENDS TO FIGHT PHARMACY ADDICTION



The Ministry of Health intends to control potent drugs in the territory of Kyrgyzstan.

A draft resolution "On the circulation of potent substances subject to state control in the territory of Kyrgyzstan" was submitted for public discussion. Goals to be achieved as a result of the adoption of the resolution:

- improving the health of the population;
- increasing the security of the state and society.
- The objectives of the proposed regulatory legal act:
- establishment of state control over the circulation of potent substances that pose a threat to human life and health in their non-medical use;
- reduction of demand, supply and harm from the non-medical use of potent substances, which will be subject to state control measures;
- prevention of non-prescription medicines.

The Ministry of Health notes that in recent years, cases of the use of certain drugs for non-medical purposes to obtain an effect similar to drug intoxication have become more frequent.

The use of drugs for non-medical purposes is not associated with the direct therapeutic purpose of the drug, but with its side effects. This refers to drugs that are used by themselves or in combination with others to achieve a state of drug intoxication.

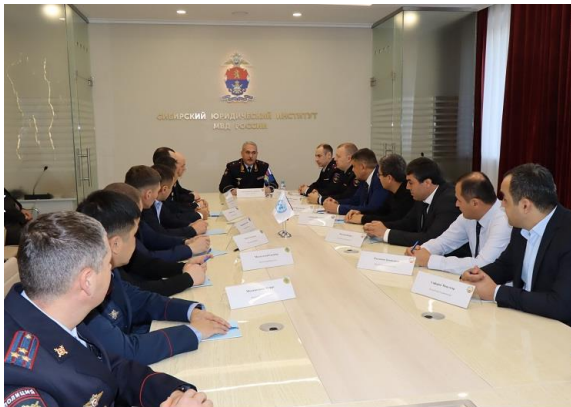
“The fact that minors are increasingly resorting to such actions is of particular concern. The ubiquity of this phenomenon has already led to the fact that the terms “pharmacy drug addiction” and “pharmaceutical drugs” have begun to be used in society,” the justification note says.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES OPENED IN THE SIBERIAN LEGAL INSTITUTE OF THE MIA OF RUSSIA

After a long break, this is the first face-to-face advanced training course within the framework of the joint project "UNODC-Russia Partnership for Training Anti-Drug Personnel for the Countries of Central Asia in 2022".



The training course is attended by representatives of the competent authorities from Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. Within two weeks, foreign students will consider various issues of theory and practice of combating drugs, taking into account the national laws of the countries participating in the course, and will also be able to discuss international and interdepartmental cooperation in this area with the teaching staff of the institute.

Opening the training course, Chief of the Siberian Law Institute of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, Police Major General Dmitry Kim emphasized that "our countries adhere to common approaches in the fight against drug threats, therefore, an effective fight against drug crime is possible within the framework of interstate and interdepartmental cooperation in this area." Dmitry Vladimirovich expressed confidence that "the rich scientific and pedagogical potential of the university and the available educational and material base will allow students to focus on the practical consolidation of knowledge and skills necessary in the daily activities of drug police." Since 2012, together with the UNODC Siberian Law Institute of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia more than 1,000 law enforcement officers of the Central Asian states specializing in combating drug trafficking have been trained in various formats. <https://mvd.rf/news/item/33521718/>



A WORKSHOP ON THE PREVENTION OF DRUG ADDICTION IN A TEENAGE ENVIRONMENT WAS HELD IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR DRUG TRAFFIC CONTROL OF THE MIA FOR THE KABARDINO-BALKARIAN REPUBLIC

As part of the second stage of the All-Russian campaign “Tell me where they sell death”, a seminar-meeting was held at the Department for Drug Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the KBR, the press service of the department reports.

The seminar-meeting was held on the topic: "Improving the effectiveness of activities in the field of drug abuse prevention and combating drug trafficking among adolescents."



The event was attended by employees of the republican UNC, juvenile inspectors of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the KBR and territorial bodies of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia at the district level, as well as representatives of the Penitentiary Inspectorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia for the KBR and the Narcological Dispensary.

The purpose of the seminar is to increase the effectiveness of anti-drug preventive activities of juvenile inspectors and employees of the Criminal Executive Inspectorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia for the KBR.

The meeting addressed issues of early detection of non-medical drug use, preventing the involvement of young people in their illegal use. During the seminar, the problematic issues of preventing drug addiction and combating drug trafficking among adolescents were discussed, and the drug situation in the Kabardino-Balkarian Republic was considered. Particular attention is paid to preventing the involvement of minors in illegal activities in the field of drug trafficking.

During the event, the participants got acquainted with the anti-drug presentation materials. The organizers of the seminar-meeting presented information thematic leaflets to the participants of the meeting.

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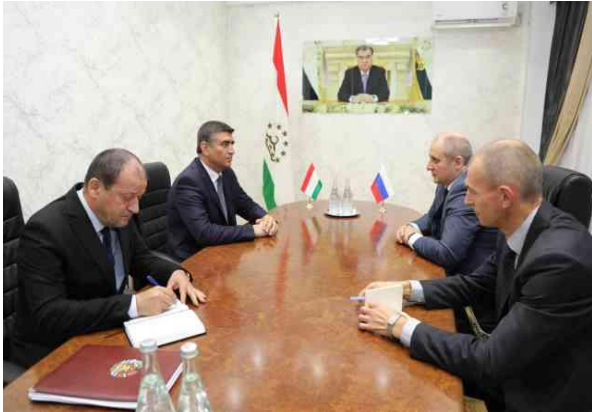
REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN



MEETING OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY WITH THE HEAD OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE OF THE MIA OF RUSSIA IN TAJIKISTAN

On November 2 of this year, a meeting was held between the Director of the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Major General of Justice Khabibullo Vohidzoda, and the head of the Representation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Tajikistan, a police colonel A.S. Egorov.

Head of the Representation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, Mr. Egorov A.S. introduced to the meeting participants the newly appointed Deputy Head of the Representation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Tajikistan, Police Colonel Sedov S.V.



Director of the Agency, congratulating Mr. Sedov S.V. with the appointment to a new position, wished him success in the performance of his duties.

Then the Director of the Agency briefed the guests on the drug situation in the country, especially in the areas of Tajikistan bordering Afghanistan. It was stressed that drug seizures had increased in these areas over the past year, and there was a need to establish new Agency departments in these areas and equip them with

the necessary machinery and equipment.

Mr. Egorov A.S., was interested in the project of creating mobile interdepartmental groups in the border areas, considered their creation expedient in the difficult situation in Afghanistan. The parties, having expressed their opinion on the draft Agreement between the DCA under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation on cooperation and assistance to the Agency in the field of combating illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors for 2022-2024, considered it necessary to sign it in the near future time.

At the end of the meeting, the parties expressed their readiness to further strengthen cooperation between the Agency and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia.

<https://akn.tj/ru/2022/11/02/the-meeting-of-the-director-of-the-agency-with-the-head-of-the-representation-of-the-ministry-of-internal-affairs-of-russia-in-tajikistan/>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN



ON THE VISIT OF THE AUDITORS OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT OF THE UN INTERNAL OVERVIEW OFFICE IN TASHKENT

On November 2, 2022, a joint meeting of the staff of the Internal Audit Division of the UN Office of Internal Oversight Services with representatives of NIACDC, the MFA and UNODC was held in the NIACDC building as part of the ongoing audit of UNODC activities.



During the meeting, the issues of participation and responsibility of national partners in the UNODC program in Central Asia, as well as its compliance with regional and national interests, impact and further sustainability were jointly considered.

<https://ncdc.uz/news/bmtning-ichki-nazorat-xizmatlari-boshqarmasining-ichki-audit-bolimi-auditorlarining-tashrifi-haqida>

ON OTHER COUNTRIES

AFGHANISTAN



UNDER THE TALIBIS, AFGHANISTAN'S OPIUM CROPS INCREASED BY 32%

Opium poppy cultivation in Afghanistan increased by 32% compared to the previous year and amounted to 233,000 hectares. This is stated in the report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).



The main areas under crops are concentrated in the southwestern regions of Afghanistan - they account for 73% of the total area of opium poppy cultivation and the largest increase in yield was also observed there. In Helmand province, a fifth of the arable land was devoted to opium poppy, according to a UNODC report.

“Opium prices skyrocketed after the [radical Taliban*] announced a ban on [opium poppy] cultivation in April [this year]. Farmers' income from opium sales more than tripled from \$425 million in 2021 to \$1.4 billion in 2022 – the new figure is equivalent to 29% of total agricultural sector revenue in 2021. In 2021, the selling price of opiates was only about 9% of total agricultural revenue.”

- the report says.

However, the document notes that the increase in income from the sale of opium poppy did not necessarily affect purchasing power, since inflation increased sharply over the same period, and food prices rose by an average of 35%.



“Seizure cases collected by the UNODC Drug Monitoring Platform suggest that opiate trafficking from Afghanistan has continued uninterrupted since August 2021. Afghan opiates provide about 80% of the entire [illicit] opiate market in the world,” the UNODC report notes.

Experts have repeatedly expressed fears that after the seizure of power by the Taliban, drug trafficking from Afghanistan will increase significantly, since for many Afghans in rural areas, growing opium poppy and selling opium has been the main income for a long time. With a catastrophic economic situation and growing food problems, the dependence of Afghans on the drug business will only increase.

** The Taliban movement has been recognized as a terrorist movement and banned in the Russian Federation and many other countries (we indicate as required by Russian law).*

<https://fergana.agency/news/128192/>

