

**NEWSLETTER ABOUT PAST EVENTS
 IN THE ANTI-DRUG SPHERE**
(according to the media)

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In the period from December 05 to December 11, 2022, based on information of media in the space of the CARICC member states and other countries of the world, 7 events in the anti-drug sphere were covered (*Azerbaijan - 1, Kazakhstan - 1, Russia - 1, Tajikistan - 1, Uzbekistan - 1. According to other countries: Afghanistan - 1, Iran - 1*).

The published articles contain information on the actions taken, training and operational preventive measures in the anti-drug sphere (*AR, RK, RF*), the intention to sign an anti-drug agreement (*RT*), the organization of a study visit (*RU*), as well as an online seminar within the framework of the CICA (*Iran*) and the burning of 2 tons of drugs (*Afghanistan*).

ON CARICC MEMBER-STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN



TRAININGS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS BODIES ORGANIZED IN THE GENERAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE



The Scientific and Educational Center of the General Prosecutor's Office of Azerbaijan organized trainings for employees of internal affairs bodies on the topic "Material bases and procedural rules for characterizing crimes related to illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, as well as investigations into cases from this category."

It is reported that the trainings were held on December 6-8 in real time, remotely via the Zoom program.

Heads of 13 police departments, 8 senior investigators and 38 investigators involved in the field of preliminary investigation in 19 administrative territorial units took part in the trainings as listeners.

The trainers were professional employees of the Scientific and Educational Center of the Prosecutor General's Office, departments for supervision over the execution of laws in investigation, inquiry and operational-search activities of the Department for the Protection of Public Prosecutions, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, as well as justice, customs and tax authorities.

As part of the trainings using educational materials and modern technologies, the students were presented with the issues of the national strategy for combating illicit drug trafficking, the essence and relevance of problems in this area, the experience of foreign countries in combating illicit drug trafficking, characteristics of such crimes and investigation methods.

<https://report.az/ru/proisshestiya/v-genprokurature-organizovany-treningi-dlya-sotrudnikov-organov-vnutrennih-del/>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



DRUG ADVERTISEMENT DESTROYED BY VOLUNTEERS AND POLICE OFFICERS IN ALMATY



The youth took part in the action to paint over the drug graffiti in one of the densely populated districts of Almaty. The campaign for painting over graffiti, identifying and removing inscriptions containing information on the distribution of synthetic drugs, was carried out with the assistance of the Akimat of the Auezov district and the Volunteer League "Narkostop".

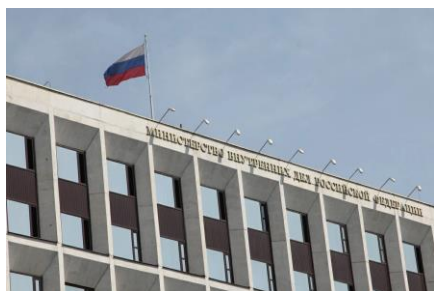
– Volunteers and college students participated in painting over stencils and graffiti advertising sites that promote and facilitate the spread of drugs on the walls of residential buildings, garages, office buildings. To date, over 6,000 drug grafts have been painted over by the police in Almaty. More than 300,000 drug propaganda drawings were painted over directly by volunteers. It is not without reason that we involve young people as much as possible in holding such events, so that they know about the dangers of drugs and carry this axiom to the masses, among their peers. In general, the preventive component is very important in carrying out such actions, - Yerlan Almagambetov, head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Almaty City Police Department, informed.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/reklamu-narkotikov-unichtozhili-volontery-i-politsejskie-almaty/>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION



THE MIA OF RUSSIA SUMMARIZES THE RESULTS OF THE REGIONAL INTERDEPARTMENTAL INTEGRATED OPERATIVE AND PREVENTIVE OPERATIONS " POPPY - 2022"



"In the period from May to October of this year, on the territory of 71 constituent entities of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, in cooperation with the Russian Ministry of Defense, the Russian Ministry of Agriculture, the Russian Federal Security Service, the Federal Customs Service of Russia, with the participation of the Russian Guard, carried out regional interdepartmental complex operational and preventive

operations "Poppy - 2022".

The purpose of the activities was to prevent, suppress and disclose offenses in the field of illegal trafficking in narcotic drugs of natural origin, to identify and destroy illegal crops and centers of growth of wild plants containing drugs. In the involved subjects of the Russian Federation, from one to six stages of the operation were carried out.

Every day, about 38 thousand employees of the internal affairs bodies took part in them. More than 11 thousand operational-search groups, two thousand stationary and thousands of additional posts and barriers worked, of which 199 worked together with the FSB of Russia and the Federal Customs Service of Russia.

When examining the land plots of citizens, more than a thousand illegal crops were found. More than 72 thousand bushes of narcotic plants were confiscated, including opium poppy - 14.6 thousand, hemp - 57.3 thousand.

About 31 thousand foci of wild-growing drug-containing plants were destroyed on an area of about 10.3 thousand hectares. 13,252 instructions were issued for the destruction of these outbreaks.

Stopped 8,360 crimes related to illegal drug trafficking of natural origin. 5,584 criminal cases were initiated for illegal acquisition, storage and transportation of narcotic drugs, 2,138 for illegal production, sale or shipment, 476 for illegal cultivation, 92 for organizing or maintaining brothels, 10 for smuggling.

1,346 persons were identified who collected wild-growing drug-containing plants. 972 people were brought to justice for illegal cultivation, 559 of them - criminal and 413 - administrative. 12,243 protocols on administrative offenses were drawn up.

In total, 6,684 people were detained for committing crimes in the sphere of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs of natural origin, 11,249 administrative offenders," said Irina Volk, official representative of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/34210440/>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN



TAJIKISTAN AND SAUDI ARABIA INTEND TO EXPEDITE THE SIGNING OF THE ANTI-DRUG AGREEMENT



Tajikistan asked Saudi Arabia to expedite the process of signing an anti-drug agreement between the governments of the two countries.

According to the press center of the Drug Control Agency of the Republic of Tajikistan, on December 6 in Dushanbe, the director of the Agency, Khabibullo Vohidzoda, and the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the Republic, Walid Abdurrahmon al Reshaidon, spoke about this. According to the source, this document provides for

cooperation between the two countries in the fight against smuggling and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and chemical precursors. For what reason the parties intend to speed up the process of signing this agreement is not reported.

Meanwhile, Walid Abdurrahmon al Reshaidon called this issue important and expressed readiness to assist in its consideration.

The head of the DCA briefed the guest on the anti-drug situation in the country, the government's measures to combat drug trafficking, and the activities of the competent authorities in this direction.

For six months of this year, 2 tons 578 kg 145 grams of narcotic drugs were seized from illegal circulation in the republic, which is 52% or 882.5 kg more than in the same period in 2021 (1 ton 695 kg 645 grams).

In early August, at a press conference, Khabibullo Vohidzoda reported that after the Taliban came to power in Afghanistan, more than 3 tons of drugs from this country were prevented from being imported into Tajikistan. For the whole of 2020, the volume of drug trafficking across the Tajik-Afghan border, according to him, amounted to just over 1 ton.

Khabibullo Vohidzoda then said that in the six months of this year, 14 drug smugglers were detained at the border - all citizens of Afghanistan. At the same time, Vohidzoda noted that the increase in drug seizures in the country in 2022 is associated precisely with their smuggling from Afghanistan.

<https://www.asiaplustj.info/ru/news/tajikistan/security/20221207/tadzhikistan-i-saudovskaya-araviya-namereni-uskorit-podpisanie-antinarkoticheskogo-soglasheniya>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN



ON STUDY VISIT TO GEORGIA



In the period from November 28 to December 2 this year, the delegation of the Republic of Uzbekistan took part in a study visit to Tbilisi (Georgia) as part of the component "Combating the illicit trafficking of Afghan and synthetic drugs in Uzbekistan through the creation of Interagency Mobile Groups (IMG)" of the UNODC Program for Central Asia.

The event was attended by representatives of the management and expert staff of the competent authorities of the republic, headed by the Director of the NIATSKN O. Narzullaev.

During the study tour, the experience of the law enforcement agencies of Georgia in the field of combating drug trafficking and organized crime, as well as the system of interagency cooperation of law enforcement agencies of Georgia in the suppression of drug crime, was studied. <https://ncdc.uz/news/gruziyaga-amaliy-tashrif-togrisida>

ON OTHER COUNTRIES

AFGHANISTAN



2 TONS OF DRUGS PUBLICLY BURNED IN SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN



About 2 tons of recently seized drugs were burned and destroyed in the southern Afghan province of Zabul. On December 9, according to Ariana News.

According to Zabula Abdul Sattar, head of the operations department of the anti-narcotics department, the drugs were seized at a checkpoint while being transported in the Shah Joy area. One smuggler was detained and prosecuted.

As part of the country's declared crackdown on the drug trade, Haibatullah Akhundzada, supreme leader of the "Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan" (*IEA, the Taliban's self-name of the country*), issued a decree in April banning poppy cultivation. The decree stated that, in addition, the use, transportation, trade, export and import of all types of drugs are strictly prohibited.

As EADaily reported, recently the Taliban, who seized power in Afghanistan after the withdrawal of the troops of the Western coalition led by the United States, began to actively apply Islamist norms in the courts and execution of punishments. On December 7, the first since the arrival of the Taliban took place in the province of Farah (the organization is banned in the Russian Federation)

public execution to power. High-ranking members of the movement arrived to observe the execution, including a judge of the Supreme Court, as well as acting. Heads of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the country Sirajuddin Haqqani and Amir Khan Mutaki. <https://eadaily.com/ru/news/2022/12/09/na-yuge-afganistana-publichno-sozhgli-2-tonny-narkotikov>

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN



EXPERTS OF CICA COUNTRIES DISCUSSED ISSUES OF TREATMENT OF DISORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF OPIOIDS



Supportive care aimed at treating opioid use disorders became the main topic of discussion during the online seminar for specialists from CICA countries, organized on December 5, 2022 by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The meeting was attended by representatives of relevant departments and specialized medical institutions of Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, China, Mongolia, Russia and Turkey.

The listeners were offered lectures and presentations on the use of various active substances in maintenance therapy. An exchange of views took place on the latest approaches and practices in narcology and psychotherapy in the treatment of opioid use disorders.

Iran, as the coordinator of the priority area "Combating Drugs", is holding such a training seminar for the second year in a row. The issues proposed for discussion are characterized by high demand and practical usefulness, including in the context of the collective efforts of the countries of Asia, and, first of all, Central Asia to counter the drug trade and reduce their negative impact on society.

<https://dknews.kz/ru/v-mire/264054-eksperty-stran-svmda-obsudili-voprosy-lecheniya>

