

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

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REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



KOSTANAY POLICE OFFICERS TOLD SCHOOL TEACHERS ABOUT PREVENTION OF DRUG CRIME



In Kostanay, in secondary school No. 19, employees of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Department of Justice of the Kostanay region met with teachers.

The main goal is to tell about the preventive measures that are used to combat drug crime.

As noted by Aigul Eradilova, an employee of the OPN DP of the Kostanay region, now law enforcement officers are focusing on identifying channels for the distribution of synthetic drugs, which are extremely dangerous. Last year, police seized more than 2.5 kg of synthetics from illegal circulation. During this period, 314 drug-related crimes and offenses were identified.

Today, the police are fighting distributors who are active from Telegram messengers, the OLX free classifieds site. To date, employees have blocked more than 400 Internet resources, through which drugs and psychotropic substances were advertised and distributed.

Also, at the meeting, they spoke about the responsibility for drug crimes, the punishment for them up to life imprisonment with confiscation of property.

At the meeting, it was decided to hold a series of parent-teacher meetings with the participation of employees of drug crime counteraction units and various specialists in this field. A number of events will also be organized for schoolchildren.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/o-profilaktike-narkoprestupnosti-rasskazali-uchitelyam-shkol-kostanajskie-politseyskie/>



ZHAMBYL POLICE OFFICERS TALKED ABOUT DRUGS HAZARD TO SPECIAL SCHOOL STUDENTS



Alim Bazhikbaev, head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Zhambyl region, gave a lecture on the dangers of drugs at a special school for children and adolescents, Polisia.kz reports.

In a special school, underage teenagers are brought up who came here by a court decision for committing offenses. The audience was told about the prevention of drug addiction, the legal aspects of consumption and distribution of drugs.

– *Based on my experience of working with drug addicts, I can say that once caught in this "trap" it is very difficult to get out of it. The use of drugs leads to terrible diseases. For an addict, willpower alone is not enough; professional help from specialists and years of rehabilitation are needed. This disease will destroy not only your life, but also the life of your loved ones. You have your whole life ahead of you. Now all the necessary conditions are being created for young people. Young people only need to study hard and develop, lead a healthy lifestyle, confidently strive for heights and achieve their goals, - Alim Bazhikbaev addressed the pupils of the center.*

Participants took an active part and asked questions. The guard spoke about the work in the police department, activities aimed at preventing delinquency among young people.

– *I am sure that during today's lecture our pupils received a lot of useful information. Unfortunately, among children there are also those who at one time used drugs. Therefore, we pay special attention to preventive work. I express my gratitude to the staff of the UPN DP for close cooperation, said Ospan Kuntubaev, director of the Special School for Children and Teenagers of the Education Department of the Akimat of the Zhambyl region.*

At the end of the event, Alim Bazhikbayev presented gifts to all those present. Such meetings with the participation of students and pupils of secondary schools of the city by the employees of the Department of Education and Science of the Zhambyl region are held on a systematic basis as part of the execution of the instructions of the Head of State. The goal is to draw their attention to the problems of drug addiction, and call for joint preventive work. <https://polisia.kz/ru/zhambylskie-politsejskie-rasskazali-o-vrede-narkotikov-uchenikam-spetsshkoly/>

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ANTI-DRUG EVENTS WERE HELD IN THE SCHOOLS OF THE VILLAGE TROITSKOYE



Representatives of the authorities and the elders of the village of Troitskoye organized anti-drug events in schools, the students were told about the perniciousness of the consumption of psychotropic and potent drugs, about the serious consequences of the effect of the potion on the psyche and mental abilities of children.

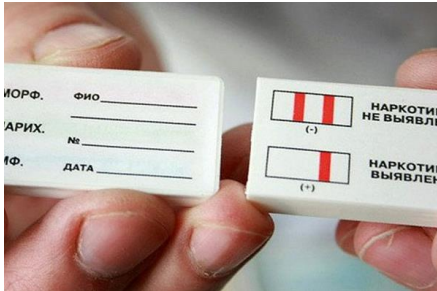
According to the administration of the Sunzhensky district, schoolchildren were asked to be vigilant, choosy and careful when choosing friends, to lead a healthy lifestyle. The speakers emphasized that drug addiction threatens the very existence of the people.

The police spoke about the criminal liability for the distribution, possession and use of drugs. <https://gazetaingush.ru/news/v-shkolah-sela-troickoe-proveli-antinarkoticheskie-meropriyatiya>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN



THE PROCEDURE FOR THE USE OF TECHNICAL MEANS IN THE PROCESS OF THE EXPRESS CHECK OF NARCOTIC DRUGS IS ESTABLISHED



The Government Decree (No. 12 of January 12, 2023) approved the Regulation on the procedure for using technical means in the process of express testing of samples of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their analogues, precursors, potent substances and currency during operational search activities.

According to the Decree, from July 1, 2023, the bodies carrying out operational-search activities check samples of substances (objects) or currency at the place of their discovery or in the building of law enforcement agencies using technical means of express verification in the following cases:

- in case of doubts about belonging to a narcotic drug of a substance (object) identified during registration of a condition associated with illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs;
- when the question arises as to what type of narcotic drugs the substance (subject) being determined belongs to;
- in the detection of new types of drugs;
- in case of suspicion of counterfeiting a sample of currency identified during operational-search activities;

if it is necessary to ensure long-term operational-search activities, in order to be efficient and save time accordingly.

In order to ensure that photo and video materials of each of the above cases are recorded using the express verification method, they are stored as a separate consolidated volume for 2 years. <https://uzdaily.uz/ru/post/74820>

ON OTHER COUNTRIES

BELGIUM



DRUG TRAFFIC RECORD: OVER 100 TONS OF COCAINE SEIZED IN BELGIAN ANTWERP IN A YEAR



The Belgian port of Antwerp broke the drug trafficking anti-record in 2022: more than 100 tons of cocaine were seized here in a year.

The ports of Antwerp and nearby Dutch Rotterdam are the main gateways for cocaine imports from Latin America to Europe. Most often, the drug is hidden in batches of fruit.

Over the past ten years, the Belgian port has regularly broken records for the amount of cocaine detected and seized. In 2021, the Belgian authorities seized a total of 89.5 tons of powder in the port, which is 30% more than in 2020. As of mid-October last year, the total volume of drugs seized amounted to 71.62 tons after several hundred cargo inspections at the port. This was

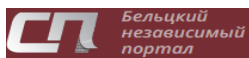
told by a representative of the Belgian Ministry of Finance, which is responsible for customs inspections.

Seizures rose only in the last quarter of 2022, closer to Christmas, a period when cocaine use is on the rise, a spokeswoman for Belgian customs said.

More than three tons of cocaine were seized in several interceptions, and in mid-October, one shipment, consisting of two containers from Suriname, contained a total of six tons.

However, the authorities estimate that despite the use of sniffer dogs and scanners for cargo containers, the authorities intercept only about 10% of the total drug smuggling through Antwerp. <https://ru.euronews.com/2023/01/10/over-100-ton-cocaine-seized-over-2022-in-belgian-port-of-antwerp>

LISBON



EUROPE IS BECOMING A COCAINE MANUFACTURING CENTER



The European Monitoring Center for Drugs and Drug Addiction said the continent is becoming a hub for cocaine production. Large quantities of cocaine powder are made in Europe from coca paste smuggled in from South America, Euronews reports.

According to Laurent Laniel, an analyst at the European Monitoring Center for Drugs and Addictions, the fact that the police are increasingly detecting and seizing drugs

indicates that there are more illegal substances in circulation.

“When you see how many volumes are seized, then in the depths of your soul you think:” How many of them are there in total? “If so many are confiscated, then even more are coming. What damage does this do to the health of people who use cocaine, what damage to society in terms of violence, in terms of corruption?” - says the expert.

According to Laniel, drug trafficking in Europe not only fuels crime, it creates long-term health problems for drug addicts and, as a result, affects the health sector in general. And it's not just cocaine.

“There is heroin, there is MDMA, which is now also sold in tablets with much higher concentrations, which is even more dangerous. If we talk about the consequences, then, most likely, the harm to the health of those who use drugs will be even more serious,” warns Laniel. <https://esp.md/ru/sobytiya/2023/01/11/evropa-stanovitsya-centrom-proizvodstva-kokaina>

