

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

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In the period from January 23 to February 05, 2023, based on information from the media in the space of the CARICC member states and other countries of the world, 10 events in the anti-drug sphere were covered (*Azerbaijan - 1, Kazakhstan - 2, Kyrgyzstan - 1, Russia - 2, Tajikistan - 1, Uzbekistan - 2. For other countries: Iran - 1*).

The published articles reflect information on the results of official activities in 2022 (*AR, RF, RT*), on meetings, meetings, actions and preventive measures in the anti-drug sphere (*RK, KR, RF, RU*), as well as the annual expenditure of financial resources, aimed at combating drug trafficking (*Iran*).

ON CARICC MEMBER-STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

REPORT **VILAYAT EYVAZOV: 3 TONS 418 KG OF DRUGS WERE WITHDRAWN FROM TRAFFIC LAST YEAR**
ИНФОРМАЦИОННОЕ АГЕНТСТВО



In 2022, 3 tons 418 kg of drugs were withdrawn from circulation, which is 373 kg more than a year earlier. Report informs, Minister of Internal Affairs Colonel-General Vilayat Eyvazov said this at a meeting of the board. According to the minister, more than 172 tons of drug-containing plants were discovered and destroyed last year. V. Eyvazov positively assessed the work done in the relevant area in recent years.

<https://report.az/ru/proisshestviya/vilayat-ejvazov-v-proshlom-godu-iz-oborota-izyato-3-tonny-418-kg-narkotikov/>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

POLISIA.KZ **ACTION AGAINST DRUGS HELD IN ASTANA**
ИНФОРМАЦИОННЫЙ МЕДИЯ-ПОРТАЛ



In pursuance of the Comprehensive Plan “Astana – a City Without Drugs”, the police department for combating drug crime of the DP and the department of the local police service of the UE “Saryarka” district, together with the volunteers of the “Astana zhastary” KSU of the city akimat and representatives of the “SotskZ” public fund, conduct raids to prevent the facts of distribution advertisements for internet drug sites.

Painting over the walls containing information about the sale of drugs during the anti-drug action was carried out in the area of Republic Avenue, including in places of mass gatherings of urban youth.

Work in this direction will continue.

The Astana Police Department warns that, in accordance with Article 299 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan "Propaganda or illegal advertising of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or their analogues, precursors using the mass media or electronic information resources", criminal punishment is provided in the form of imprisonment for up to 3 years.

In order to promptly respond and take legal measures, if you become aware of the facts of storage, sale, advertising of narcotic and psychoactive substances, as well as persons involved in them, please immediately inform the police 71-65-00, 71-63-93 (during the daytime) or through the mobile application "102".

Anonymity and confidentiality are guaranteed. <https://polisia.kz/ru/aktsiya-protiv-narkotikov-proshla-v-astane/>



ANTI-DRUG EVENT HELD WITH SCHOOLCHILDREN POLICE OFFICERS OF TURKESTAN



Employees of the drug-crime counteraction department of the Turkestan region, together with the juvenile police of the UP of Turkestan and narcologists, held seminars on the topic "No to drugs!", With the participation of teachers and students of gymnasium schools No. 28 and No. 18 named after. Zh. Edilbaeva.

During the seminar, law enforcement officers showed anti-drug videos to schoolchildren and spoke about the dangers of drugs, as well as psychotropic substances.

In conclusion, the police called on young people to lead a healthy lifestyle and obey the law. Law enforcement officers handed out leaflets to the children, and together with the schoolchildren posted leaflets called "Say no to drugs!". <https://polisia.kz/ru/antinarkoticheskoe-meropriyatie-proveli-so-shkol-nikami-politsejskie-turkestana/>

REPUBLIC OF KYRGYZSTAN



FROM FEBRUARY 2023, THE AUTOMATED DRUG TRACEABILITY SYSTEM WILL WORK



Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Edil Baisalov held a meeting on the prevention of child and adolescent drug addiction. This was reported by the information policy service of the presidential administration.

As noted, in recent years, due to the spread of new social networks and increased access to pharmaceuticals, there has been an increase in adolescent drug addiction. Along with its traditional types, the problem of over-the-counter dispensing of potent drugs, the so-called pharmacy drug addiction among children and adolescents, has become widespread. Edil Baisalov emphasized the need to develop a set of urgent measures to prevent child drug addiction.

- Protection of childhood and the interests of children is the main priority of state policy. By decision of the head of the Kyrgyz Republic, the still limited resources of the state will be directed primarily to solving children's issues, their health care and education. In matters of combating child drug addiction, coordinated and integrated work of state bodies is required. This includes improving the conditions for diagnosing and treating in specialized institutions, mobilizing the attention of teachers and parents, appropriate information campaigns, and developing medical rehabilitation assistance. The list of potent drugs should be urgently

expanded in the coming days. Over-the-counter giving to teenagers is strictly prohibited under penalty of criminal liability, he said.

Representatives of the Ministry of Health noted that an automated drug traceability system will be launched in February this year. Drugs, including potent psychotropic drugs, will be labeled, thereby ensuring traceability and control over their use.

<https://vesti.kg/politika/item/108902-s-fevralya-2023-goda-zarabotaet-avtomatizirovannaya-sistema-proslezhivaemosti-lekarstv.html>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION



DRUG CONTROL TOLD WHAT DRUGS ARE COMING TO THE TVER REGION



Last year, several drug laboratories in different municipalities were shut down in the Tver region, and more than 750 kilograms of drugs were seized. Mikhail Lebedev, head of the UNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Tver region, spoke about the statistics of distribution and combating the drug business.

"Since the Tver region is located between two megacities - Moscow and St. Petersburg, this leaves an imprint on the drug business, expanding its logistical capabilities for organizing channels of entry. For example, over the past year, five drug laboratories were "covered" in the region, which were located in the Kalininsky, Kalyazinsky, Kuvshinovskiy, Likhoslavl and Bologovskiy districts," Mikhail Vladislavovich reports.

Also, drug control officers blocked several channels for the supply of drugs in the Upper Volga region, which were organized by members of ethnic organized crime groups.

In total, last year law enforcement officers of the region seized 784 kilograms of illicit substances: synthetic drugs - 339 kilograms, cannabis group drugs - 38 kilograms, 261 kilograms of precursors, etc.

"Despite the fact that "synthetics" prevail, and ethnically organized groups are switching to selling it, natural drugs, for example, heroin, are also present. We are actively fighting this," says Mikhail Lebedev. "Yesterday we detained in one of the cities Tver region, a local resident who distributed heroin with the help of "bookmarks".

Both synthetic and natural drugs irreversibly affect human health, but are very different in composition.

"In the synthesis of both natural and synthetic drugs, synthetic raw materials are used," Mikhail Vladislavovich explains. "The difference is that in "synthetics" there is only water from natural ones. ", and secondly, all precursors exude a strong chemical smell. It's just unpleasant to be around them, and how people can take them inside is generally a big mystery." <https://tvernews.ru/news/295339/>



"LET'S CLEAN OUR STREETS"



On January 26, neklinovites became participants in the annual action to destroy advertising of narcotic substances "Let's Clean Our Streets!", which is carried out by the Rostov Regional Public Organization "Rostov Without Drugs" with the support of the Committee on Youth Policy of the Rostov Region.

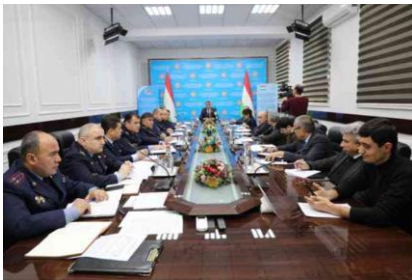
The purpose of the Action is to improve the drug situation in the Rostov region, reduce drug users and demand for narcotic substances. Its participants destroy outdoor advertising of narcotic and psychotropic substances on the facades of buildings, fences, bulletin boards and other places. The participation of young neklinovites in it was organized by the sector for culture and youth policy of the department of culture of the Administration of the Neklinovsky district.

This time, during the action, 11 inscriptions on advertising drugs were found and destroyed, - said Uliana Kovaleva, head of the sector for culture and youth policy of the Neklinovsky district administration department. <https://priazovstep.ru/ochistim-nashi-ulicy/>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN



PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE RESULTS OF THE AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES IN 2022



On February 3, 2023, a press conference was held at the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Director of the Agency, Major General of Justice Khabibullo Vohidzoda, opening a press conference, presented information on ensuring the timely implementation of the instructions and instructions of the Founder of Peace and National Unity - the Leader of the Nation, the President of the

Republic of Tajikistan, respected Emomali Rahmon and the implementation of state policy in the field of drug control and drug addiction prevention, on the activities of the Agency in 2022.

In his speech, the Director of the Agency noted that in 2022 the Agency seized 520 kg 530 g of drugs from illegal circulation (2021-357 kg 638 g), the volume of seized drugs is more than in 2021 by 162 kg 892 g or 45.5%. Also during this period, 5 kg 303 g of psychotropic substances were seized.

In addition, the Agency identified and detained 37 (2021-47) criminal groups consisting of 89 (2021-107) people and 3 organized criminal groups consisting of 6 people.

This year, the Agency conducted two joint operations with the competent authorities of Russia, as a result of which more than 3 kg of drugs were seized from illicit trafficking.

During this period, the Agency sent to the courts 99 (2021-134) criminal cases against 147 (2021-198) people, the property of criminals was seized in the amount of 1 million 881 thousand 330 somoni (2021 - 344 thousand 200 somoni), which is 1 million 537 thousand 130 somoni more than in 2021. In this regard, according to the verdict of the courts, 99 thousand 900 somoni were confiscated from criminals in favor of the state, 9 expensive cars

in the amount of 1 million 137 thousand 170 somoni, mobile phones in the amount of 4 thousand somoni and tobacco products (cigarettes) in the amount of 640 thousand 260 somoni.

Also, 276 (2021-289) facts of administrative offenses were revealed, and in this regard, 301 people were brought to administrative responsibility, as a result of which fines in the amount of 265 thousand 948 somoni were collected from them in the state budget.

The analysis shows that in 2022, 4 t 169 g of drugs were seized from illicit trafficking in the republic, which is 83 kg 105 g or 2 percent less than in 2021 (4 t 83 kg 274 g). Including seized: by the Ministry of Internal Affairs - 1 t 412 kg 456 g (2021 - 2 t 29 kg 774 g), the State Committee for National Security - 2 t 8 kg 481 g (2021 - 1 t 663 kg 659 g), the Agency for State Financial Control and the Fight against Corruption - 34 kg 861 g (2021 - 30 kg 727 g) and the Customs Service - 23 kg 841 g (2021 - 1 kg 121 g).

According to statistics, in 2022, law enforcement agencies and law enforcement agencies of the country registered a total of 22481 (2021-24118) crimes. Of this number, 688 (2021-707) crimes are drug-related, which is 19 crimes or 2.7 percent less than in 2021.

Thus, 3.1 percent of the total number of crimes registered in the country are drug-related crimes.

In order to fulfill the requirements of the National Drug Control Strategy in the Republic of Tajikistan for 2021-2030 and the Action Plan for its implementation, the Agency, as a coordinating body, together with the competent ministries and departments, annually organizes and conducts the Republican operation "Poppy" in the country.

So, from June 1 to November 30, 2022, the next republican operation "Poppy-2022" was carried out, as a result of the implementation of the planned activities by law enforcement agencies and law enforcement agencies of the republic, 1 t 739 kg 953 g of drugs, 22 kg 318 g of psychotropic substances and 23,396 synthetic narcotic tablets.

In order to fulfill the requirements of this Strategy, at the initiative of the Agency, on October 17, 2022, a regular meeting of the Coordinating Council for the Prevention of Drug Abuse was held at the National Library under the chairmanship of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan. Members of the Council and other invited persons took part in the meeting and spoke, reports of a number of heads of cities and regions of the republic on the implementation of the Action Plan for the implementation of the Strategy were heard and appropriate decisions were made.

In order to ensure compliance with the rules for the legal circulation of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors, Agency employees conducted 49 (2021-78) inspections in pharmacies and medical institutions and took measures to eliminate the identified shortcomings.

Also, during this period, the Agency organized and held 243 meetings, 28 training seminars, 33 round tables, 48 social and cultural events and sports competitions.

165 speeches were made in the country's mass media, including 128 speeches on TV channels, 14 speeches on the radio, 23 articles and notes were published in the periodical press, 140 messages were posted on the Agency's website.

According to official statistics, 4,381 drug addicts are officially registered in the republic in 2022, which is 368 people or 7.7 percent less compared to 2021 (4,749 people).

In the total number of drug addicts, the number of women was 101 (2021-107), this number decreased by 6 people compared to 2021.

Today in Tajikistan there are 43.8 drug addicts per 100 thousand people.

<https://akn.tj/ru/2023/02/03/press-conference-on-the-results-of-the-agencys-activities-in-2022/>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN



ON THE MEETING WITH THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE EMBASSY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN



On January 27, 2023, a meeting was held at the National Information-Analytical Centre on Drug Control with Y. Boychenko, the First Secretary of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Uzbekistan.

During the meeting, the current state and promising areas of bilateral cooperation with the Russian Federation and also the implementation of the initiative of the Uzbek side to adopt the UN

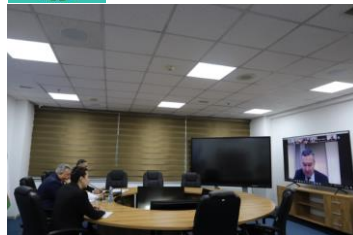
General Assembly resolution "Drug-free Central Asia" were discussed.

Following the meeting, specific measures of joint cooperation and practical mechanisms for solving tasks were chosen.

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ON PARTICIPATION AT THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF NATIONAL COORDINATORS OF THE CARICC PARTICIPANT STATES



On January 31, 2023, in the format of videoconferencing was held a meeting of the Council of National Coordinators of the Member States of the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre for Combating Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Their Precursors (CARICC).

On behalf of the Republic of Uzbekistan the event was attended online by the Director of the National Center on Drug Control O.Narzullaev.

During his speech, O. Narzullaev informed the participants about the activities carried out by Uzbekistan in the anti-drug sphere.

During the meeting, the parties discussed topical issues regarding the activities of CARICC, as well as the state of the drug situation in the region.

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OTHER COUNTRIES

IRAN



IRAN SPENDS UP TO \$1 BILLION PER YEAR TO COMBAT DRUG TRAFFICKING



The Islamic Republic of Iran spends between \$700 million and \$1 billion a year to combat drug trafficking. "Armenpress" reports this with reference to the IRNA agency.

Eskandar Momeni, Secretary General of Iran's Anti-Drug Trafficking Headquarters, stressed the importance of international assistance in the fight against drug trafficking. He



told IRNA that, according to reports from international bodies, about 92% of drug trafficking detections occur in the Islamic Republic, and the country is completely alone in this matter. The significant costs of drug law enforcement include closing borders, combating smuggling, detecting and monitoring drug transit, reducing demand, providing treatment, and more. The official added that Iran does not receive any assistance from international organizations. According to Eskandar Momeni, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime opened an office in Tehran in 1999, and since then Iran has established good cooperation with the UN in the field of drug control. However, despite the approval of Iran's actions, the UN is financially dependent on donor countries, which are mainly Western and European countries. Eskandar Momeni highlighted the fact that Iran's most important problem in the fight against drug trafficking is that the country borders on Afghanistan, which is the largest producer of narcotic drugs and has recently become a major producer of methamphetamine. <https://armenpress.am/rus/news/1102525.html>

