

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

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In the period from February 06 to February 26, 2023, based on information of media in the space of the CARICC member states and other world countries, 14 events in the anti-drug sphere were covered (*Azerbaijan - 2, Kazakhstan - 3, Kyrgyzstan - 2, Russia - 2, Uzbekistan - 3. For other countries: Belarus – 1, USA - 1*).

The published articles reflect information on the approval of the procedure for the transfer of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical use (*AR*), on the release of a video by the Counter Narcotics Service (CNS) under the Ministry of Interior reflecting significant achievements for 2022 (*KR*), meetings held, meetings, actions and preventive measures in the anti-drug field (*AR, RK, RF, RU*), as well as the rates of psychoactive substance poisoning and the level of drug threat (*RB*) and the allowance of cannabis advertising on Twitter (*USA*).

**ON CARICC MEMBER-STATES**

**REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**



**PROCEDURE FOR TRANSFER OF NARCOTIC AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES FOR MEDICAL USE APPROVED IN AZERBAIJAN**



The procedure for the destruction or transfer of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, their precursors and potent substances seized as material evidence by withdrawing them from illicit circulation during pre-trial criminal prosecution for their use for medical purposes has been approved.

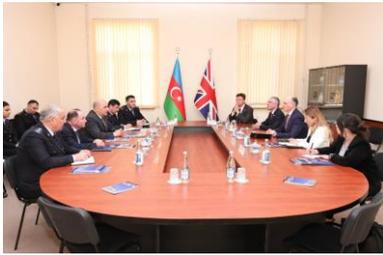
As Trend was told in the Cabinet of Ministers on Tuesday, Prime Minister Ali Asadov signed a relevant resolution.

In accordance with the procedure, within 10 days from the date of entry into force of the court decision on the transfer of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, their precursors and potent substances for medical use until the end of the criminal prosecution, these substances, together with a copy of the relevant court decision and expert opinions on the possibility of using these substances for medical purposes are subject to seizure by the body conducting a preliminary investigation and transfer to the Ministry of Health of Azerbaijan.

When narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, their precursors and potent substances are transferred to the Ministry of Health of Azerbaijan for medical use, a protocol is drawn up and a video recording is made. The protocol is attached to the materials related to the criminal prosecution, together with the appropriate storage medium, on which the video recording is reflected.

<https://www.trend.az/azerbaijan/society/3710084.html>

## AZERBAIJAN AND THE GREAT BRITAIN DISCUSS COOPERATION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFIC



Azerbaijan and Great Britain discussed cooperation in the field of combating drug trafficking.

Shahin Baghirov, chairman of the State Customs Committee of Azerbaijan, wrote about this on Twitter, Trend reports on Thursday.

Baghirov's publication says that during the visit of the British Minister of State for Europe and North America Leo Docherty to Baku, an exchange of views took place on the prospects for

joint cooperation in the fight against drug trafficking.

"The Minister of State got acquainted with the Canine Center of the State Customs Committee, we spoke about the relations between the customs authorities of our countries and the prospects for joint cooperation in the fight against drug trafficking," Bagirov wrote on his Twitter.

It should be noted that earlier, within the framework of Docherty's visit to Baku, an agreement on international road transport was signed between the government of Azerbaijan and the UK. <https://www.trend.az/business/3714306.html>

## REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

## SPARTAKIAD "SPORTS AGAINST DRUGS" HAVE ARRIVED ACTIVE YOUTH OF TARAZ



The sports contest "Sports Against Drugs" was held for two days at the Taraz Regional University named after M. Kh. Dulati, initiated and organized by the Anti-Drug Crime Department of the Zhambyl Region Police Department, Polisia.kz reports.

The Spartakiad was held in five sports - volleyball, asyk atu, arm wrestling, press exercise and sports relay race.

11 teams fought for the title of the most sporting.

Before the start of the competition, world karate champion Nurlan Dzhumamuratov wished the participants success and urged them to demonstrate good sports training, fair and uncompromising wrestling.

– Such competitions involve young people in systematic physical education and sports, teach them to a healthy lifestyle, help form anti-drug immunity in the young mind, - says Nurlan Dzhumamuratov.

According to the results of the Spartakiad, the first place in the team event went to the team "Oner and sport faculty", the silver of the tournament was won by the team "Mangilik el", the team "Kazakhstan Student Alliance" closed the top three winners. The Grand Prix was won by the team "Kazakhstan League of Volunteers". Winners and prize-winners were awarded cups, medals and certificates.

– Employees of the UPN regularly carry out activities aimed at the prevention of drug addiction. Last year, together with interested authorities, we held 780 different events among students, including lectures, seminars, round tables, sports events, competitions, promotions, - says Alim Bazhikbaev, head of the OPN DP of the region. <https://polisia.kz/ru/spartakiada-sport-protiv-narkotikov-sobrala-aktivnyuyu-molodezh-taraza/>



## ACTION TO DESTROY DRUG SCREEN ADVERTISING WAS HELD IN ALMATY



The initiators of the action were the students of the college "Ayazhan". The students were assisted by employees of the Almaty Police Department, juvenile police inspectors, the NarkoStop project team, representatives of the Turksib District Akimat.

In total, 50 students came out to fight against dangerous advertising. They divided into 15 groups.

Within a few hours, more than 400 stencil drawings

advertising drug distribution sites were found and painted over in different parts of the area. As a rule, such drawings were found on the walls of residential buildings, garages, office buildings.

– Participation in such events by first-year students has become traditional. This is important for us, teachers, because painting over these drawings brings up civic responsibility: the children express their readiness to continue to be involved in such work. But most importantly, they make an unambiguous conclusion for themselves that drugs are evil, - shared Aigerim Isabekova, Deputy Director for Educational Work of the Ayazhan College.

<https://vecher.kz/v-almati-proshla-aktsiya-po-unichtozheniyu-trafaretnoy-reklaminarkotikov>



## STUDENTS IN NIS WERE TOLD ABOUT THE IRREVERSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF DRUG USE



NIS students were told about the irreversible consequences of drug use in Almaty, Polisia.kz reports.

More than 50 lectures on the dangers of synthetic drugs have been given by Almaty police officers since the beginning of this year.

*Audience - high school students and college students.*

*In order to prevent and counteract drug offenses, preventive measures are taken on an ongoing basis, including in educational institutions. Lectures on relevant topics have been developed. Video clips were prepared, booklets and brochures were printed. Doctors and NGOs are involved in law-explanatory work on the dangers of drugs. Seminars, lectures, sports and preventive events were held in schools, colleges and universities. More than 2,000 people took part in them, - said Yerlan Almagambetov, Head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Almaty City Police Department.*

Another legal educational program took place on the basis of NIS. The operatives told the youth about the prevention, prevention, suppression, prevention of drug crimes, as well as criminal liability for illegal trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, precursors and their analogues.

At the same time, issues of drug addiction prevention and the impact of the negative consequences of the consumption of psychoactive substances on the human body, as well as the dangers of using electronic cigarettes and energy drinks were discussed.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/uchashhimsya-nish-rasskazali-o-neobratimyh-posledstviyah-upotrebleniya-narkotikov/>

## REPUBLIC OF KYRGYZSTAN



### THE COUNTER NARCOTICS SERVICE (CNS) UNDER THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC HAS PREPARED A VIDEO SHOWING SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS OF 2022



The Counter Narcotics Service (CNS) under the Ministry of Interior of the Kyrgyz Republic has prepared a video that reflects the main significant achievements of the Service in four areas for 12 months of 2022.

*For reference:* For 12 months, internal affairs bodies revealed 1248 drug crimes, 11 drug laboratories, 6 tons 852 kg 879 gr.

narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors, of which:

opium - 10 kg 194 gr., heroin - 76 kg 931 gr., hashish - 207 kg 067 gr., marijuana - 434 kg 136 gr., cannabis plant - 25 kg 649 gr., cannabis straw - 50 kg 653 gr., precursors - 5 tons 793 kg 581 gr. psychotropic substances - 231 kg 319 gr. other drugs - 23 kg 260 gr.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/news/1660>



### RCPN: THE NUMBER OF PSYCHOACTIVE DRUG USERS IN KYRGYZSTAN INCREASED



The Center for Psychiatry and Narcology advised relatives and friends to pay attention to the signs of consumption that appear in psychostimulant addicts.

The number of users of psychoactive substances in Kyrgyzstan has increased. This was reported in the Republican Center for Psychiatry and Narcology (RCPN).

“Instances of the use of psychostimulants, including by minors, have become common,” they said. – These substances are not drugs in their pure form, but can pose a health risk if used uncontrolled. This is not about drugs, but about substances such as legal drugs, bath salts, chemicals. Their use is often accompanied by health disorders and side effects: convulsions, seizures, anxiety, aggressiveness, acute psychosis. Potentially, such substances can be addictive and contribute to the development of addiction.”

The RCPN recommends paying attention to the following signs that appear after the use of psychoactive substances:

External:

- pale skin;
- dilated or constricted pupils;
- reddened or cloudy eyes;
- fast, emphatic or slow but incoherent slurred speech;
- poor motor coordination.

Behavioral:

- increasing indifference to what is happening nearby;
- leaving home and absenteeism at school, university;
- difficulty concentrating, memory impairment;
- inadequate response to criticism;
- frequent and unexpected mood swings;
- unusual requests for money;

- loss of valuables, clothes and other things from the house;
- the emergence of new suspicious friends;
- loss of appetite, weight loss, sometimes overeating;
- obvious deceit, resourcefulness, cynicism and anxiety;
- weakening ties with parents and other family members;
- unexplained late return home in an unusual state;
- insomnia and causeless excitement or lethargy and many hours of sleep;
- incomprehensible telephone conversations using jargon and snippets of phrases.

Doctors urge to report the distribution of drugs to the SBNON Ministry of Internal Affairs by number 0 (312) 660-616.

For help in treatment, you can contact the RCPN, phone 0 (312) 570-938.

<https://vesti.kg/obshchestvo/item/109700-rtspn-chislo-potrebitelej-psikhoaktivnykh-veshchestv-v-kyrgyzstane-vyroslo.html>

## RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**ХАКАСИЯ**  
РЕСПУБЛИКАНСКОЕ ИНТЕРНЕТ-ИЗДАНИЕ

### KHAKASSIA JOINS THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ADDICTION



The Presidium of the Supreme Council of Khakassia supported the amendments to the Code of Administrative Offenses of the Russian Federation (CAO RF). Amendments to the Code of Administrative Offenses of the Russian Federation were made by the senators of the Russian Federation Andrey Yatskin, Andrey Klishas, Irina Rukavishnikova, State Duma deputies Pavel Krasheninnikov and Dmitry Savelyev.

The draft federal law was developed as part of the implementation of the Strategy of the State Anti-Drug Policy of the Russian Federation until 2030. As noted in the document, over the past 10 years there has been an increase of more than 2.5 times in the number of people dependent on new potentially dangerous psychoactive substances.

A number of drugs that are not classified as poisonous or potent drugs and do not contain narcotic and psychotropic substances are in great demand among the so-called drug addicts. At the same time, their use in large doses and in combination with other substances or alcohol causes drug intoxication, as well as persistent dependence. As the legislators noted, "drug addiction" is especially widespread among young people due to the availability, ease of use and intensity of the impact of these drugs.

Often, mental and physical dependence on their use becomes the main prerequisite for the transition to more "hard" drugs and psychotropic substances.

*- The analysis revealed that a significant number of drugs were given without a prescription that seriously intoxicate people, they develop mental illness, - said Vladimir Shtygashev, Chairman of the Supreme Council of Khakassia.*

These drugs must be sold by prescription, but it is not uncommon for such drugs to be freely available.

Now, for the sale of medicines without a prescription, in accordance with Part 1 of Article 14.4.2 of the Code of Administrative Offenses of the Russian Federation, fines are provided: for citizens - from one and a half thousand to three thousand rubles, for officials - from five thousand to 10 thousand rubles, for legal entities - from 20 thousand to 30 thousand rubles.

Legislators propose to strengthen the responsibility for the sale of medicines without a prescription.

If the over-the-counter sale of drugs subject to registration does not contain signs of a criminally punishable act, the bill proposes to establish an increased amount of fines for officials from 10 to 20 thousand rubles, for individual entrepreneurs - from 50 to 100 thousand rubles, for legal entities - from 150 up to 200 thousand rubles.

The draft law also provides for the possibility of disqualifying pharmaceutical workers and officials for an identified offense. It is proposed to give Roszdravnadzor the authority to consider such cases, writes the press service of the Supreme Council.

<https://gazeta19.ru/index.php/obshchestvo/item/84637-khakasiya-primknula-k-borbe-s-lekarstvennoj-narkomaniej>



## POLICE OFFICERS AND STUDENTS DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ADDICTION IN SOCIETY IN SARANSK



As part of the operational and preventive measure "Police and Children", employees of the drug control department of the regional Ministry of Internal Affairs held a conversation with students of technical schools.

Law enforcement officers visited the Saransk College of Food and Processing Industry and the Saransk Polytechnic College.

Event organizers and more than 260 first-year students discussed the problem of drug addiction in modern society, the press service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Republic of Moldova reports.

In particular, they considered the social, medical and legal aspects of drug addiction, the features of the rehabilitation of drug addicts.

The police officers answered students' questions about the legislation of the Russian Federation in the field of drug trafficking, the consequences of drug use, measures to counter the drug threat on the Internet, as well as drug propaganda.

Also, the employees of the department, together with the inspectors of the temporary detention center for juvenile offenders of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, carried out a preventive anti-drug event with a juvenile offender.

<https://www.mordovmedia.ru/news/society/item/121103/>

## REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN



## ABOUT WORKING MEETING WITH SECRETARIES AND MEMBERS OF REGIONAL COMMISSIONS



On February 14, 2023, NIACDC held a working meeting in videoconferencing format with secretaries and members of the regional drug control commissions.

The meeting participants discussed the activities of regional commissions during 2022, as well as local preventive measures carried out in educational institutions and mahallas of the republic as part of the operational and preventive month to combat drug addiction "Fighting the spread of drugs among young

people".

During the meeting, based on the emerging drug situation in the regions, instructions were given to responsible persons on their recovery.

The meeting was attended by executive secretaries and members of the regional drug control commissions of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the city of Tashkent and regions, as well as representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs responsible for holding this month in the field. <https://ncdc.uz/news/mintaqaviy-komissiyalar-va-ularning-azolari-bilan-otkazilgan-ishchi-yigilish-togrisida>



### **ON THE MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES AND COMBAT DRUG CRIME IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SHANGHAI COOPERATION ORGANIZATION**



February 15, 2023 an online meeting of the Working Group of Experts on Law Enforcement and Combating Drug Crime of the Meeting of the Heads of the Competent Authorities of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Member States Empowered to Combat Drug Trafficking.

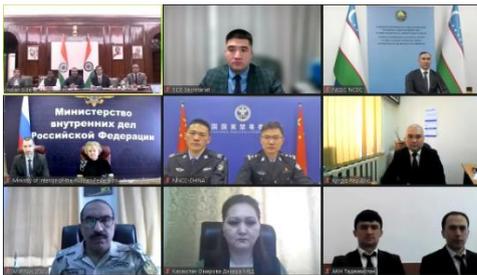
At this event, the drug situation in the SCO member states, prospects for the development of international cooperation in the field of combating drug trafficking and measures to strengthen practical cooperation between the anti-drug agencies of the SCO member states were discussed.

<https://ncdc.uz/news/shanxay-hamkorlik-tashkiloti-doirasida-huquqni-muhofaza-qiluvchi-va-giyohvandlik-jinoyatiga-qarshi-kurashish-boyicha-ekspertlar-ishchi-quruhining-yigilishi-togrisida>



### **ABOUT THE MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON IMPROVING THE CONTRACTUAL-LAW BASE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SHANGHAI COOPERATION ORGANIZATION**

On February 22, 2023, an online meeting of the Working Group of Experts on the improving the contractual-law base within the framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization was held.



In this event information about the legal framework and law enforcement practices in the field of control of drug trafficking in SCO member states, prospects for the development of international cooperation in the field of combating drug trafficking, and measures to energize the practical cooperation between against drug trafficking of SCO member states were exchanged.

<https://ncdc.uz/news/shanxay-hamkorlik-tashkiloti-doirasida-shartnomaviy-huquqiy-bazani-takomillashtirish-bo-yicha-ekspertlar-ishchi-quruhining-yig-ilishi-togrisida>

**OTHER COUNTRIES**

**REPUBLIC OF BELARUS**



**KAZAKEVICH: POISONING WITH PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES HAS BEEN REDUCED, BUT THE LEVEL OF DRUG THREAT REMAINS**



Poisoning by psychoactive substances has decreased, but the level of the drug threat remains, Gennady Kazakevich, Deputy Interior Minister and Head of the Criminal Police, told reporters on February 20, BelTA has learned.

"In our work, we are trying to get away from numbers, because any figure will not give an idea of the problem. We are guided, first of all, by the concept of a drug threat," said

Gennady Kazakevich. "4,000 drug crimes that we identified last year are a lot or little? How did they affect the drug situation in the Republic of Belarus in general? We are guided in our work, first of all, by the level of the drug threat. In other words: there are fewer poisonings with psychoactive substances, which means we work well.

Last year there were 600 of them - this is a significant decrease. There were fewer deaths from overdoses - just over 70 last year."

But the level of the drug threat is still preserved, the Deputy Minister stressed. "Because minors are involved in drug trafficking. A significant amount of drugs and psychotropics are seized. Last year there were more than 200 kg of them. All this is intended for our market," he added.

<https://www.belta.by/society/view/kazakevich-otrvanjenij-psihoaktivnymi-veschestvami-stalo-menshe-no-uroven-narkougrozy-sohranjaetsja-551273-2023/>

**USA**

**NURKZ CANNABIS IS ALLOWED ON TWITTER**



The Twitter social network was the first of the world's major social networks to allow advertising of cannabis (related to illegal drugs in Kazakhstan) on its platform for some US states. This was reported in the official blog of the company.

"To date, we have taken steps in several US states to ease our cannabis (cannabis - ed.) advertising policies to create more opportunities for responsible cannabis marketing - the biggest step forward for any social media platform." publications.

It is emphasized that advertisers must be licensed by the relevant authorities and pre-authorized on Twitter, and also target only those regions in which they have permission to promote these goods and services on the Internet.

In addition, this advertisement may not:

- be targeted at persons under 21 years of age;
- use characters, athletes, celebrities, or images/signs that are attractive to minors;
- claim efficacy or health benefits; show an image of the use of cannabis products;
- portray people who use or are under its influence;



encourage shipping this product across state lines.

"Advertisers are responsible for complying with all applicable advertising laws, rules, regulations and guidelines," Twitter said. According to Politico, Twitter is the first major social platform to allow ads for marijuana.

"For many cannabis advertisers, this is a groundbreaking opportunity to reach their markets and audiences without resorting to any workarounds," said Amy Deneson, co-founder of the cannabis education trade association, Cannabis Media Council.

The Twitter policy change is so new that it's unclear how long it will take for a cannabis brand to go through the review process.

In doing so, the company will have to invest resources in making sure the ads comply with their own rules. For example, with regard to what exactly makes advertising attractive to minors.

We add that in January 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) sent a number of recommendations regarding changes in control over the circulation of cannabis and substances related to it. This was reported on the official website of the UN.

Later, in December 2020, the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided to exclude cannabis and its derivatives from Schedule IV of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, which includes drugs subject to the strictest control.

Speaking of the US, it is important to note that some states allow the use of cannabis for medical purposes. However, according to RBC, at the federal level, its use and possession in the United States is prohibited.

<https://www.nur.kz/kaleidoscope/2009602-reklamu-kannabisa-razreshili-v-twitter/>

