

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

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In the period from March 06 to March 26, 2023, based on information of media in the space of the CARICC member states and other world countries, 17 events in the anti-drug sphere were covered (*Kazakhstan - 3, Kyrgyzstan - 2, Russia - 2, Tajikistan - 7, Turkmenistan - 1, Uzbekistan - 1. For other countries: Afghanistan - 1*).

The published articles contain information about the mandatory testing for drug addiction among students, about ways to block sites selling drugs, putting tramadol on the list of narcotic drugs (*RK*), meetings held, meetings, actions and preventive measures in the anti-drug sphere (*KR, RF, RT, Turkmenistan, RU*), as well as on the decree of the Supreme Leader of Afghanistan regarding the burning of drugs and equipment for their production (*Afghanistan*).

**ON CARICC MEMBER-STATES**

**REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN**



**MANDATORY CHECK OF KAZAKHSTANI FOR DRUG ADDICTION IS SUPPORTED BY THE HEAD OF MIA**



The Minister of Internal Affairs announced the need to introduce screening of Kazakhstanis to identify drug addicts, Tengrinews.kz correspondent reports.

"Unfortunately, facts of drug use among students are being revealed today. Therefore, it is planned to introduce a screening system in the future," said the head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

According to the minister, the screening will make it possible to objectively assess the situation and make it possible to identify drug addicts at an early stage, especially among adolescents.

"Biomaterials are examined when applying for a job, in the civil service, when obtaining a driver's license. In the case of drug use (screening can show this - approx.).

You understand, you all have children. Today, synthetic drugs are common and readily available. One dose costs 10 thousand tenge. They can send you over the Internet, pawnbrokers. Scientific expertise shows that if consumption is detected at an early stage, 95 percent can be returned to normal. At the third stage, only 15 percent can return to normal life," Akhmetzhanov said.

The head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs announced an increase in the number of types of drugs distributed in schools.

"We do not hide this. Today there is no reliable record. I propose to screen biomaterials during a professional examination. This is a proposal of the Ministry of Health, but we support it. When entering educational institutions, for work, civil service, military service," Marat Akhmetzhanov said.

He stressed that there will be no criminal and administrative liability in the detection of drugs in biomaterials. All information will be sent to the parents of the children.

"Today we must choose: what is more important to us, the safety of our children and society, or are we worried that this will become a property that everyone will know?" concluded the Minister of the Interior. [https://tengrinews.kz/kazakhstan\\_news/obyazatelnyu-proverku-kazahstantsev-narkozavisimost-493578/](https://tengrinews.kz/kazakhstan_news/obyazatelnyu-proverku-kazahstantsev-narkozavisimost-493578/)



## HOW ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WILL HELP BLOCK DRUG SALES SITES, MIA MINISTER TOLD



Interior Minister Marat Akhmetzhanov spoke about the universal accessibility of the online drug trade market, Tengrinews.kz reports.

The head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs announced at a government meeting a comprehensive plan to combat drug addiction and drug trafficking for three years.

"It should be openly said that before that, effective drug prevention had weakened. The Ministry of Internal Affairs was engaged only in criminal prosecution, the main goal was exposure," Minister Akhmetzhanov admitted.

According to him, the drug situation is influenced by three main factors:

- Trafficking of Afghan heroin along the "Northern Route" through the countries of Central Asia, Kazakhstan, Russia and further to Europe;
- raw material base of cannabis in the southern regions (Shuskaya valley and Kyzylorda region);
- and the most dangerous factor is the spread of synthetic drugs.

"Now is the era of high-tech development. The drug business has also moved into cyberspace. The sale of drugs through Telegram bots and other Internet resources is widespread. For example, every seventh drug crime registered this year is related to the sale of drugs via the Internet. Of course, we block such Internet stores," the head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs said.

According to official figures, 604 drug sites have been identified this year.

"However, this measure will not solve the problem fundamentally. New sites appear quickly. And their identification is a long process. Establishing the organizers is even more difficult. Because they are located abroad," Akhmetzhanov explained.

The comprehensive plan provides for the provision of specialists with Argus, Iris, and Triton hardware and software equipment. According to the minister, this will automate the detection of facts of drug distribution through social networks and websites. Also, the system "Cybernadzor" will block sites online.

"That is, artificial intelligence itself detects and immediately blocks. At the same time, it helps to identify users and organizers of such sites," Akhmetzhanov concluded.

[https://tengrinews.kz/kazakhstan\\_news/iskusstvennyiy-intellekt-pomojet-blokirovat-sayty-prodaji-493551/](https://tengrinews.kz/kazakhstan_news/iskusstvennyiy-intellekt-pomojet-blokirovat-sayty-prodaji-493551/)

## **zakon.kz TRAMADOL IS INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF NARCOTIC SUBSTANCES IN KAZAKHSTAN**



The Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan amended Decree No. 470 "On Approval of the List of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Precursors Subject to Control in the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Summary Table on Classifying Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances, Their Analogues and Precursors Found in Illicit Traffic as Small, large and extra large sizes, the List of substituents of hydrogen atoms,

halogens and (or) hydroxyl groups in the structural formulas of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances.

The changes affected the drug tramadol. Now only pharmacies with special permission can sell it.

The fact that the country wants to expand the list of narcotic drugs became known in December last year.

Then it was reported that the list of narcotic drugs would include 14 more drugs and 13 names of precursors - substances used for their manufacture.

In order to combat the so-called "pharmacy" drug addiction, it was decided to supplement the list of psychotropic substances with tramadol. <https://www.zakon.kz/6388136-tramadol-vnesli-v-spisok-narkoticheskikh-veshchestv-v-kazakhstane.html>

## **REPUBLIC OF KYRGYZSTAN**



### **THE DELEGATION OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC HELD A NUMBER OF BILATERAL MEETINGS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE 66th CNC SESSION IN VIENNA**



On March 13-16, 2023 in Vienna, as part of participation in the 66th session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND), the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic held bilateral meetings with the delegations of the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Spain, the USA, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia , Finland, Turkey, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, CADCA, European Union and UNODC.

During the meetings, topical problems of drug trafficking were discussed, including drug production in Afghanistan, the increase in synthetic drugs, new psychoactive substances, and their distribution using information and communication technologies, laundering of drug proceeds, drug examinations and research, etc.

As a result, agreements were reached to intensify interaction, exchange of information and experience both bilaterally and in the format of cooperation within the framework of UNODC. <https://mvd.gov.kg/news/1793>



## THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC HELD A SPECIAL EVENT ON THE SIDELINES OF THE 66th CNC SESSION IN VIENNA



On the sidelines of the 66th session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) on March 15, 2023 in the city of Vienna, the Kyrgyz Republic, together with UNODC and the European Union Program "CADAP-7", held a side event (side event) on the topic: "Innovative approaches in the field of combating drug trafficking and preventing drug addiction in the Kyrgyz Republic".

The event was attended by more than 80 representatives of the member states of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime and a number of international organizations. The head of the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic, Adylbek Biybosunov, and the head of the UNODC Coordination Unit in Vienna, Tofik Murshudlu, delivered a welcoming speech.

In his speech, A. Biybosunov spoke about the experience of the Kyrgyz Republic in the use of unmanned aerial systems in the fight against drug crime, emphasizing that "in today's rapidly changing world, much attention should be paid to developing new technologies. In countering drug trafficking in Kyrgyzstan, unmanned aerial vehicles are used, which allow a person to solve complex tasks facing law enforcement agencies without an immediate threat."

Further, presentations were made by the Head of the Anti-Drug Trafficking Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic Ulanbek Sultanov, Professor of the National University of Singapore and the Lebedev Institute of Physics Dmitry Mikhailov and Head of the UNODC Program Office in the Kyrgyz Republic Andrey Seleznev, who informed about the experience of using UAVs by the Counter-Trafficking Service with drugs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic within the framework of the UNODC project on combating drug trafficking.

In turn, the head of the European Union CADAP-7 Program, Ernesto Robello, also made a presentation on the implementation of the CADAP-7 Program, which also provides for the introduction of new methods of drug prevention, especially among the younger generation. As a result, a constructive exchange of views and proposals took place between the participants of the event to further improve anti-drug activities. <https://mvd.gov.kg/news/1791>

## RUSSIAN FEDERATION



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## "TELL WHERE DEATH IS TRADED." PREVENTIVE ACTION AGAINST DRUGS IS HELD IN JAR

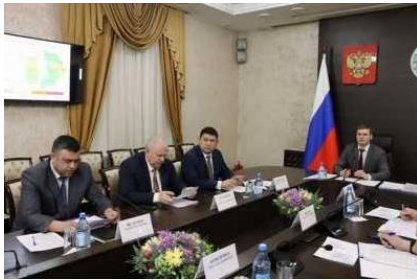


The Jewish Autonomous Region has once again joined the All-Russian campaign "Tell me where they sell death." A preventive event is taking place from March 13 to 23. During this time, law enforcement officers are actively working with citizens, explaining to them about the harm and responsibility for the use and distribution of drugs. Volunteers took to the streets of Birobidzhan to help the

policemen, distributing information leaflets to passers-by in the Arbat area and explaining where to go to tell about the facts of drug use and distribution. <https://riabir.ru/376525/>



**THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE AUTHORITIES OF KHAKASSIA CAN IMPROVE THE DRUG SITUATION IN THE REGION**



The government of Khakassia held a meeting of the anti-drug commission chaired by the head of the republic, Valentin Konovalov, reports the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Khakassia. The meeting was attended by the Minister for Justice and Regional Security of the Republic Sergey Romashov, representatives of law enforcement agencies, republican ministries and departments, heads of cities and regions of Khakassia. During the meeting, the results of

monitoring the drug situation in the republic were discussed and a report on the situation in Khakassia for 2022 was approved.

In accordance with the methodology and procedure for monitoring, the drug situation in the republic is “tense”.

Despite the serious work done in the republic by law enforcement agencies, ministries and departments, local governments, drugs in the territory of the republic continue to be easily accessible.

The Commission has developed a set of organizational and directly practical measures, the implementation of which this year will improve the drug situation in the region.

The report on the drug situation in Khakassia for 2022 has been approved and will be sent to the State Anti-Drug Committee by April 1. <https://gazeta19.ru/index.php/v-khakasii/item/85752-prinyatye-vlastyami-khakasii-mery-sposobny-uluchshit-narkosituatsiyu-v-regione>

**REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN**



**PRESENTATION OF THE JOURNAL "REVIEW OF THE DRUG SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN FOR 2022"**



At the initiative of the delegation of the Republic of Tajikistan, within the framework of the 66th Session of the UN Commission on Drugs, a side event was held with the participation of heads and members of the delegations of the states that are members of the UN, authoritative international organizations, representatives of civil society and other participants of the 66th Session of the UN Commission on Drugs. The side event was co-chaired by the

Regional Representative of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, Ms. Ashita Mittal.

Director of the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Major General of Justice Khabibullo Vohidzoda presented to those present the journal “Overview of the drug situation in the Republic of Tajikistan for 2022”, which is prepared and published annually.

The attention of the participants of this meeting was mainly drawn to the measures taken by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan in the field of drug control, the main trends in the drug situation in the country and the region, as well as to the activities of the relevant ministries and departments of the republic in the field of combating drug trafficking, combating drug smuggling and organized criminal groups, controlling drug trafficking and preventing drug addiction, strengthening control at the State Border, conducting joint anti-

drug measures with law enforcement agencies of other states, implementing programs and anti-drug projects, implementing international cooperation.

This magazine, acting as information and analytical materials, provides practical assistance in presenting the anti-drug policy of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the results of the implementation of state programs, strategies and international projects on the international arena.

The presentation of the journal within the framework of the Session will assist in drawing the attention of the developed countries of the world to solving the drug problem in Tajikistan.

The event was attended by the Director of the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Center for Combating Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Their Precursors and the President of CADCA, who discussed issues of combating illicit drug trafficking and expressed readiness to develop mutually beneficial cooperation.

<https://akn.tj/ru/2023/03/15/presentation-of-the-magazine-overview-of-the-state-of-drug-control-in-the-republic-of-tajikistan-in-2022/>



## MEETING OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UN OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME



Director of the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Major General of Justice Khabibullo Vohidzoda, on the sidelines of the 66th Session of the UN Commission on Drugs in Vienna, met with the UN Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, Mrs. Goda Fathi Wali.

During the meeting, the Director of the Agency provided Mrs. Goda Vali with information on the anti-drug policy of the Republic of Tajikistan, on the achievements of the country and the work carried out by the authorized bodies of the republic in combating drug trafficking and preventing drug addiction, and taking into account the threats and dangers emanating from Afghanistan, including including the daily growth of drug smuggling and other transnational crimes, called on the UN Office on Drugs and Crime to take action to strengthen the border of Tajikistan with Afghanistan by providing material and technical assistance and launching new projects of cooperation with the authorized bodies of the republic.

Also during the meeting, the parties exchanged views on a number of topical issues, including the further strengthening of cooperation between the Agency and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime. Mrs. Goda Wali stated that the issues of cooperation with the Agency and its full support are always in the center of her attention. <https://akn.tj/ru/2023/03/16/meeting-of-the-director-of-the-agency-with-the-executive-director-of-the-un-office-on-drugs-and-crime/>



## MEETINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY IN THE CITY OF VIENNA



As part of a working visit to the city of Vienna, the Director of the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Major General of Justice Habibullo Vohidzoda met with the head of the Drug Control Department of the State of Qatar, General Ahmad Al-Kuwari.

At the meeting, the Director of the Agency presented information about the drug situation in the Republic of Tajikistan, the measures taken by the country's law enforcement agencies in this area, and the problems of drug smuggling from Afghanistan.

During the meeting, in order to strengthen the fight against drug trafficking and strengthen mutually beneficial bilateral cooperation, the parties considered it appropriate to sign a new draft agreement on bilateral cooperation.

On the same day, the Director of the Agency met with the head of the Department for Combating Drugs and Organized Crime of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Korea, Ms. Kim Bosen. The Attorney General's Office of Korea is the coordinating authority for drug control in the Republic of Korea.



The parties, assessing the situation with drug trafficking in the region and the world as alarming, expressed their desire to develop mutual cooperation. In his speech, the Korean side noted that in order to expand cooperation in the field of countering drug trafficking, combating drug smuggling, drug control and drug addiction prevention, conducting joint anti-drug operations with law enforcement agencies, especially with the Agency, the necessary measures will be considered in the future. The sectoral programs being developed will provide for the implementation of specific activities with the Agency.

We remind you that these meetings took place on the sidelines of the 66th Session of the UN Commission on Drugs in Vienna. <https://akn.tj/ru/2023/03/15/meetings-of-the-director-of-the-agency-in-vienna/>



## MEETING OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY WITH THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION



On the sidelines of the 66th session of the UN Commission on Drugs in Vienna, 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 Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation, Police Colonel General A.I. Khrapov.

At this meeting, the parties discussed important issues of bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the fight against drug trafficking, the exchange of information on the detention of citizens of states for involvement in drug trafficking, the situation with drug smuggling on the border of Tajikistan and Afghanistan, as well as measures to strengthen border control.

At the same time, at this meeting, the parties discussed the preparations for the signing of the Agreement between the Drug Control Agency 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, which is being considered by the Russian side, and expressed their readiness to sign it as soon as possible. <https://akn.tj/ru/2023/03/14/meeting-of-the-director-of-the-agency-with-the-deputy-minister-of-internal-affairs-of-the-russian-federation/>





## MEETING OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY WITH THE HEAD OF THE SAUDI ARABIA DELEGATION



In continuation of the events within the framework of the 66th Session of the UN Commission on Narcotics, the Director of the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Major General of Justice Khabibullo Vohidzoda, held a working meeting with the head of the delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, General Muhammad Alkarni.

During the meeting, the parties discussed issues of strengthening cooperation in the field of combating illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and chemical precursors, controlling their legal circulation, as well as preventing drug addiction.

The parties raised the issue of developing the legal framework for cooperation and expressed their readiness to sign an Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on cooperation in the fight against smuggling and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and chemical precursors. <https://akn.tj/ru/2023/03/14/holding-a-meeting-of-the-director-of-the-agency-with-the-head-delegation-of-saudi-arabia/>



## PARTICIPATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY IN THE PARALLEL EVENT OF CARICC



Director of the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Major General of Justice Khabibullo Vokhidzoda continued the events within the framework of the 66th session of the UN Commission on Drugs in Vienna on March 14 this year. took part in a side event of the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Center for Combating Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Their Precursors (CARICC/Center).

This side event was held on the theme "Initiatives, achievements and plans of CARICC", the Regional Representative of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, Ms. Ashita Mittal, heads and representatives of the authorized bodies and ministries of foreign affairs of the participating States, took part in its work and spoke, observer states, delegations of international organizations, etc.

Director of CARICC Yazlyev A.O., opening this event with an introductory speech, in particular noted that the Center fulfills the tasks assigned to it in the field of countering transnational criminal groups. A video about the activities of CARICC was also shown, and a presentation was made on the topic of initiatives, achievements and plans of CARICC.

The Director of the Agency in his speech emphasized that Tajikistan pays special attention to cooperation with the Center, since mutually beneficial cooperation with the authorized bodies of the states of the region and international organizations has a positive impact on drug control and the implementation of national anti-drug programs and strategies.

<https://akn.tj/ru/2023/03/14/participation-of-the-director-of-the-agency-in-the-fringe-event-of-the-mmhiom/>





## **PARTICIPATION OF THE DELEGATION OF TAJIKISTAN IN PARALLEL MEETINGS OF OTHER STATES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

The delegation of Tajikistan, led by the Director of the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Major General of Justice Khabibullo Vohidzoda, in continuation of the 66th Session of the UN Commission on Drugs in Vienna, took an active part in the side events of the Republics of Uzbekistan and Belarus.

The Director of the Agency, having informed the participants of the events about the drug situation in the republic and the region, achievements and problems in the field of combating drug trafficking and preventing drug addiction, made specific proposals to strengthen mutually beneficial international cooperation with the authorized bodies of interested states.

The delegation of Tajikistan also took part in the meeting organized by the CADAP Program with the delegations of the countries of Central Asia. In his speech, the Director of the Agency made proposals on the effectiveness of the implementation of this Program.

A working meeting of the Director of the Agency with the head of the border department of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime also took place.

We remind you that the delegation of Tajikistan, headed by the Director of the Agency, Major General of Justice Khabibullo Vohidzoda, is in Vienna to participate in the 66th Session of the UN Commission on Narcotics. Sessions are held annually at the International Center of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, ministers and heads of drug control authorities of the UN member states and influential international organizations participate in their work.

<https://akn.tj/ru/2023/03/17/participation-of-the-tajik-delegation-in-other-side-meetings-of-states-and-organizations/>

## **TURKMENISTAN**



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### **TURKMENISTAN ACTIVATED "ACTIVE DIALOGUE IN THE PREVENTION OF ILLICIT DRUG USE" IN VIENNA**



The Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan, together with the UNODC Regional Office for Central Asia and CARICC, acted as the organizer of the meeting on "Active Dialogue in the Prevention of Illicit Drug Use". This event was held in Vienna within the framework of the 66th session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs. This is reported by the official website of the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan.

The participants of the event expressed their views on the topic of the dialogue, spoke about the positive experience in solving urgent problems related to the prevention of illegal drug use.

During the meeting, the important role of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs in uniting countries against the identified problem and strengthening the constructive partnership of states in the framework of solving the problems of combating drug use was especially emphasized. <https://arzuw.news/turkmenistan-aktiviziroval-aktivnyj-dialog-v-predotvrashhenii-nezakonnogo-upotreblenija-narkotikov-v-vene>

**REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN**



**ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN IN THE EVENTS 66TH SESSION OF THE UN COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS**



The delegation of the Republic of Uzbekistan composed of representatives of the National Information and Analytical Center for Drug Control (NCDC) took part in the 66th session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND), which was held from March 13 to 17, 2023 in Vienna, Austria.

Within the framework of the 66th session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs in accordance with the approved program of the CND session, at the initiative of the Government of Uzbekistan on March 16, 2023 a side event on "Uzbekistan's Efforts to Strengthen a Drug-Free World. Prospects for Strengthening Regional Cooperation in the Anti-Drug Sphere".

The event was attended by heads and employees of diplomatic corps, located in Vienna, anti-drug agencies, as well as UNODC, SCO, CARICC and other international organizations (over 120 people), where representatives of partner countries and international organizations delivered speeches.

<https://ncdc.uz/news/uzbekiston-respublikasi-delegatsiyasining-birlashgan-millatlar-tashkilotining-giyohvandlik-vositlari-boyicha-komissiyasining-66-sessiyasi-tadbirlarida-ishtiroki-togrisida>

**OTHER COUNTRIES**

**AFGHANISTAN**



**AFGHANISTAN SUPREME LEADER: BURN ALL DRUGS AND DRUG EQUIPMENT**



The supreme leader of the "Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan" (IEA, the self-name of the country among the Taliban \*) Haibatullah Akhundzada ordered to burn all drugs and paraphernalia for their manufacture. This is stated in the decree published by the Administrative Department, Ariana News reports.

According to the document, drug dealers and producers will be punished upon detention, and tools and equipment used in the production of drugs will be destroyed.

The Joint Board of the Ministries of Interior and Health and the General Intelligence Directorate is tasked with burning drugs and equipment used for drug production in public places in the presence of the Sharia court. <https://eadaily.com/ru/news/2023/03/20/verhovnyy-lider-afganistana-szhech-vse-narkotiki-i-oborudovanie-dlya-ih-proizvodstva>

