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NEWS BULLETIN ON PAST EVENTS IN THE COUNTER-NARCOTICS SPHERE (based on mass media reports)

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POLICE STRENGTHEN PREVENTION OF DRUG ADDICTION IN NORTHERN KAZAKHSTAN

In the North Kazakhstan region, police devised an interagency program on prevention of drug abuse and presented it to younger generation. Law enforcers decided to involve schoolchildren and students as interesting as possible and distract from dangerous hobbies such as synthetic drugs.

<https://24.kz/ru/news/social/item/292328-v-sko-politsejskie-usilivayut-profilaktiku-narkomanii>



REFERENCE FROM NARCO- AND PSYCHO-FACILITIES WILL BE ISSUED BY TELEGRAM-BOT IN KAZAKHSTAN

Certificates from drug treatment, psycho-neurological and tuberculosis dispensaries can be obtained through Telegram-bot not having to leave home. This service was launched at the National Information Technologies JSC for the Ministry of Health. In order to find a bot that issues certificates, one need to enter @EgovKzBot in the search bar.

The service has developed certain commands that allow to send necessary information or documents via email after confirming through SMS. Currently, the Telegram-bot @EgovKzBot provides 20 services.

<https://tengrinews.kz/gadgets/spravki-narko--psihodispenserov-poluchit-Telegram-361964/>

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION



DEPUTIES SUPPORTED THE LAW ON COMBATING PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES ADVERTISING

At a plenary meeting the State Duma adopted amendments to the Laws "On Mass Media" and "On Advertising" in terms of prohibiting dissemination of information on potentially dangerous psychoactive substances in the first reading.

The draft law was submitted by a group of deputies led by Vasily Piskarev, Chairman of the Committee on Security and Anti-Corruption.

The draft law proposes to prohibit dissemination in mass media as well as in information and telecommunication networks of information on ways, methods of development, production and use, places of acquisition of new potentially dangerous psychoactive substances as well as methods and places for cultivation of narcotic plants.

According to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation, over the past year police officers considered over 47 thousand electronic inquiries from Roskomnadzor, and made more than 20.5 thousand decisions to limit access to Internet resources that

disseminate illegal information on drugs.

According to Vasily Piskarev, anti-drug legislation needs constant modernization due to emergence of new potentially dangerous psychoactive substances. He recalled that in 2015 the law introduced the concept of “new potentially hazardous substances” and created a register of such substances. Administrative responsibility for their consumption and criminal liability for illegal trafficking of new potentially dangerous substances were also established. However, the corresponding norms were not introduced in legislation on advertising and on mass media.

The adopted law will allow law enforcement agencies to quickly stop activities of those who, by manipulating public consciousness, create a positive image of a drug addict. At the same time, drug dealers will not be able to call on their clients to buy drugs and potentially dangerous psychoactive substances via the Internet.

<http://duma.gov.ru/news/29551/>

OTHER COUNTRIES

THE UNITED KINGDOM

ВЗГЛЯД THAMES EEL ADDICTED TO COCAINE

Eel activity in the Thames has increased due to increased concentrations of cocaine and its metabolites in the water. Water experts from King's College London took water samples not far from sewer exit to the Thames. Also checked water that entered the treatment plant. They revealed a sharp increase in the level of cocaine, caffeine and benzoylekgonin (synthesized by liver as a result of cocaine metabolism, is excreted with urine). Experts report that the British capital is one of the leaders in consumption of “expensive Class A drugs” in the country. The inhabitants of London use so much drugs that the remnants that fall through the sewers into the waterway of the British capital have a noticeable effect on the fauna. As a result, fish in the Thames are addicted to cocaine and its metabolites.

<https://vz.ru/news/2019/1/22/960414.html>

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