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RUSSIAN FEDERATION

06.05.2019 Officers of GUNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia together with colleagues from the Main Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Moscow detained a 29-year-old man and a 30-year-old woman suspected of attempting to sell narcotic drugs. Police officers stopped a "Kia" car. During a personal search, over 300 g of mephedrone were found and seized from the driver of the car. A passenger was also detained - a 30-year-old resident of the Moscow region, during a personal search of whom officers found and seized about 20 g of methylephedron. In the course of further work, a cache with 380 g of methylephedron was found. During a search at the place of residence of the detainees, **2.5 kg of drugs of synthetic origin** were discovered. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16774847>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

08.05.2019 SGB officers detained a 41-year-old resident of the village of Zafarobod in the Bakhmal area of Jizzakh region, who transported **15.42 kilograms of opium** from the Pyanjikent district, Tajikistan to Uzbekistan by crossing the state border. Then, together with his partner, he intended to deliver it to the Samarkand region. As a result, 13.28 kg of opium were delivered to a resident of the village of Chap in the Urgut district of the Samarkand region, who was also detained while transporting drugs in his car to Samarkand. During a search at the place of residence of one of the suspects, 2.14 kg of opium were additionally found and seized. Criminal proceedings were instituted against these persons. <https://uznews.uz/ru/article/15037>

10.05.2019 Officers of the Department for Combating Smuggling and Customs Offenses of the UGTK in the Andijan region together with representatives of other law enforcement agencies, found **1 cannabis bush, 7 opium poppy bushes (kuknar), and 587 g of poppy straw** during inspection of a dacha plot owned by a local. <http://www.customs.uz/ru/news/view/1786>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

10.05.2019 Australian Border Forces at the Brisbane International Airport prevented an attempt to smuggle **14 kg of heroin and 3 kg of methamphetamine**. A 35-year-old drug trafficker from Melbourne arrived in Australia on a flight from Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), hiding drugs in his baggage. <https://www.sierraleonetimes.com/news/260971272/australian-customs-intecept-14-kilos-of-heroin-3-kilos-of-meth>

BELARUS

11.05.2019 Officers of the Belarusian State Border Committee at the Domachevo checkpoint located in the Brest region on the border with Poland detained a Russian citizen who tried to transport more than **100 kg of ecstasy** in a car as well as three briquettes with hashish. 38-year-old woman crossed the state border in a «Chrysler» car. When inspecting the vehicle in the cabin and the trunk they found caches with prohibited substances. Caches were equipped with an electromagnetic lock. A criminal case has been filed against woman, she faces up to 10 years in prison.

https://life.ru/t/%D0%BD%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%BE%D1%81%D1%82%D0%B8/1214886/na_ghranitsie_bi_lorussii_zadierzhal_rossiianku_so_100_kgh_ekstazi

BRAZIL

07.05.2019 Agents of the Federal Revenue Department of the Federal Revenue Service discovered and seized **554 kg of cocaine** in a container loaded with paper babin (coils) in the port of Paranagua on the coast of Paraná. The drug was detected using scanners during a routine inspection at the port container terminal. The cargo was bound for the port of Belgium.

<https://g1.globo.com/pr/parana/noticia/2019/05/07/receita-federal-apreende-554-kg-de-cocaina-em-carga-de-bobinas-de-papel-no-porto-de-paranagua.ghtml>

UNITED KINGDOM

09.05.2019 Border Force in Grimsby stopped a truck under the control of a 40-year-old citizen of the Netherlands when he arrived at the Humberside maritime terminal from Holland. A search of the truck revealed **35 kg of cocaine** concealed in the rear doors. Driver was arrested by investigators from the National Crime Agency.

<https://nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/dutch-national-charged-after-35kgs-of-cocaine-found-hidden-in-lorry>

CANADA

09.05.2019 In the course of an investigation dubbed “Project Dos” Toronto police officers executed 29 drug search warrants in four Ontario cities - Toronto, Vogan, Kitchener and Stoney Creek. A total of **29 kg of cocaine, 4000 marijuana plants, 700 kg of ephedrine (a precursor for the production of crystalline methamphetamine), 20 kg of phenacetin (a substance used as an agent in powdered cocaine), and ketamine and crystalline methamphetamine** in smaller quantities were seized. Market value of seized drugs is estimated at \$ 17 million. Toronto police during searches also seized 26 firearms, a crossbow, 450 rounds of ammunition, 60 thousand dollars in cash. Eight members of a criminal group aged 19 to 38 years were arrested.

<https://dailyhive.com/toronto/police-bust-project-dos-17-million-drugs-may-2019>

COLOMBIA

08.09.2019 Reconnaissance operation to the security and defense of the military infantry battalion No. 27 "Magdalena", the 9th brigade of the National Army at a checkpoint located on the route from El Sedro to Pitalito, seized **133 kg of coca paste**. Drugs were

transported on a cargo vehicle. Two suspects in the crime were arrested. Drugs and detainees were transferred to the Prosecutor's Office of the municipality of Pitalito.
<https://lavozdelaregion.co/mas-de-130-kilogramos-de-pasta-base-de-cocaina-incauto-el-ejercito-en-pitalito/>

MALAYSIA

12.05.2019 National Narcotics Agency (BNN) officers discovered **200 kg of crystalline methamphetamine, 25,000 ecstasy tablets and 4,000 tablets of synthetic drugs** in a special operation in two warehouses located in Tambun, Bekasi district and in Kranji, Bekasi municipality, West Java. Two suspects, a courier and distributor, were detained. Suspects at the time of detention were guarding warehouses. Police is investigating the case. <https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2019/05/12/bnn-seizes-200-kg-of-meth-from-two-raids-in-bekasi.html>

MYANMAR

12.05.2019 Myanmar Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC) in the northeastern Shan state searched Ma Payne village in a bamboo forest, and as a result seized **17.06 kg of heroin and 234,000 stimulant tablets** as well as 20,3 million kyat (13,533 US dollars) in cash. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-05/13/c_138055034.htm

THE NETHERLANDS

11.05.2019 As a result of a police investigation, a large drug lab used to produce crystal methamphetamine was found on a sunken cargo ship. During the survey of premises, there was a sudden release of water and the flooding of holds, which contained drug waste and chemicals used to produce drugs. Servicemen urgently evacuated, and an emergency specialized company involved in the operation pumped several tons of water from the hold into tankers. More than **300 liters of methamphetamine oil** were seized. Outside the laboratory premises, police also detected a large-scale shipment of waste and a 40-foot container, which was completely filled with about 10,000 liters of drug waste and chemicals used to make methamphetamine. Street value of 1 kg of methamphetamine is about 15 thousand euros. <https://www.politie.nl/nieuws/2019/mei/11/08-drugsschip-moerdijk.html>
 Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pW1gOsNXPdI>

PAKISTAN

11.05.2019 Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) at New Islamabad International Airport prevented a smuggling of **3.16 kg of heroin**. Two people were arrested. As a result of a routine baggage check, the detected heroin was hidden in a wedding dress box, booked by freight agents. The box was addressed to Manchester (UK). Officers of ANF arrested two people on suspicion of organizing the smuggling of heroin - a manager of the logistics company "Perfect Traders" and a clearing agent in the federal cargo. <https://nation.com.pk/12-May-2019/heroin-smuggling-bid-foiled-at-islamabad-airport>

USA

03.05.2019 US Customs and Border Protection officers, the Office of Field Operations and employees of the Port of San Luis in Tucson, Arizona, detained two US citizens and a

Mexican citizen for separate attempts to smuggle large quantities of methamphetamine, fentanyl, heroin and cocaine. In the first case, officers detained a 23-year-old resident of Yuma for trying to smuggle 80 packs of **methamphetamine weighing more than 39,260 kg** into the United States from Mexico hiding them under the skin of the doors and in side panels of the Honda. Market value of the consignment is estimated at 259 thousand US dollars.

In the second case, a 20-year-old woman was detained in an attempt to smuggle 70 packages containing **910 g of fentanyl and 10.43 kg of methamphetamine**, hiding them in the trunk and inside panels of a Honda car.

In the third case, a 30-year-old Mexican citizen was detained when she tried to smuggle 60 packages in a Honda wagon, containing **24.95 kg of methamphetamine, 11.79 kg of cocaine and more than 1.13 kg of heroin**.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-12m-drugs-port-san-luis>

07.05.2019 Border patrol agents at I-35 checkpoint in Laredo, Texas found 5 packs of **cocaine weighing more than 6.35 kilograms** as a result of inspections in a truck cabin. Smuggling case was transferred to DEA.

<https://www.kgns.tv/content/news/Border-Patrol-agents-seize--509822391.html>

07.05.2019 Agents of the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the Office of Field Operations and the Port of Nogales, Tucson, Arizona, in six separate cases, arrested four US citizens and two Mexicans. In the first case, officers at the Dennis DeConcini junction detained a 20-year-old man from Tucson who attempted to smuggle into the US from Mexico 90 packages containing **450 g of fentanyl, 39.01 kg of methamphetamine, 13.15 kg of heroin and more than 7.71 kg of cocaine** hidden in the doors and panels of "Infinity".

In the second case, officers at the DeConcini crossroad detained a 66-year-old resident of Tucson who tried to smuggle **8.62 kg of fentanyl, 30.84 kg of methamphetamine, 4.08 kg of heroin** from Mexico to the United States from Mexico on a Ford truck. The drugs were inside 70 packages and were hidden in the back wall of the cabin and inside the spare wheel.

CBP officers detained a 15-year-old girl from Tucson when entering the USA from Mexico, hiding **450 g of fentanyl tablets** in underwear.

Later that day, officers at the checkpoint of Mariposa detained a 33-year-old Mexican citizen who hid 30 packages of **methamphetamine weighing 25.4 kg** in a car's fuel tank.

A few hours later, at a pedestrian checkpoint Morley they detained a 39-year-old woman from Rio Rico who was trying to move **450 g of fentanyl tablets** in intracavitarily.

In addition, officers at the DeConcini crossroad detained a 44-year-old Mexican citizen who was driving a Pontiac car. As a result of inspection activities, **6.8 kg of methamphetamine** were found hidden in the rear tires of the car. Drugs and vehicles were confiscated. Drug traffickers were arrested and transferred to the US Homeland Security Investigations.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/nogales-cbp-officers-seize-hard-drugs-4>

09.05.2019 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Field Office (OFO) at Hidalgo Bridge, Texas, discovered and seized **41.96 kg of methamphetamine** in a vehicle arriving from Mexico. Officers detained a 20-year-old Mexican citizen in an attempt to smuggle **41.96 kg**

of methamphetamine into the US in a Nissan Juke car at the Hidalgo-Reynosa International Bridge. Drugs were detected following inspections.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-field-operations-seizes-methamphetamine-worth-nearly-2-million>

09.05.2019 Border patrol agents in Campo, California, at a checkpoint on the western Interstate 8, stopped a Nissan Altima car run by a 47-year-old US citizen. As a result of a search of the vehicle, 53 packages of **methamphetamine with a total weight of 26.58 kg** were concealed in the gas tank. Drug's market value is estimated at 134 thousand US dollars. The driver was arrested. Drugs and vehicle were confiscated and transferred to the Drug Enforcement Agency. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/agents-discover-meth-hidden-gas-tank>

10.05.2019 The Webb Sheriff's Office in Laredo, Texas, arrested a 44-year-old man and confiscated **925.78 kg of marijuana**. Street value of the consignment of drugs amounted to 1.6 million US dollar. <https://www.kgns.tv/content/news/Webb-County-Sheriffs-Office-seizes-millions-in-marijuana-509689051.html>

10.05.2019 Police officers on the western side of Cincinnati, Ohio, confiscated almost **3.63 kg of heroin** and \$ 75,000 from sale of drugs as a result of an operation against an armed gang of drug traffickers. One member of the drug group was arrested. In addition, a 9mm Glock pistol was collected. <https://www.wlwt.com/article/price-hill-bust-nets-8-pounds-of-heroin-dollar75000-cash/27437555>

11.05.2019 Officers of the Potter County, Texas Sheriff's Office, Department of Special Operations on Interstate 40, near Bushland, stopped a vehicle, in which two El Monte residents from California were traveling as passengers. During a search of the vehicle, a small amount of marijuana and **1.81 kg of heroin** were found hidden in children's toys. Market value of heroin is estimated at 200 thousand US dollars. Drugs were transported from California to Oklahoma City. Both suspects were arrested and taken into custody at the Randall County Detention Center on federal charges. <https://abc7amarillo.com/news/local/potter-county-deputies-find-4-pounds-of-heroin-after-smelling-marijuana-during-stop>

TURKEY

08.05.2019 The Turkish Gendarmerie and the Coast Guard discovered **1 ton 126 kg of marijuana** in vacuum packages floating in the Aegean Sea after a small boat sank off the Turkish resort town of Ayvalik in the northwestern province of Balıkesir. Packets of marijuana drifted to the shores of the other northwestern province of Canakkale. Confiscated drugs have a market value of about 66.3 million Turkish liras (10.7 million US dollars). Vacuum bags hit the sea when a boat sank near the island of Ellice in the Ayvalik area. One of the packages was washed ashore on the island of Maden, which a local resident discovered on May 6 and reported to authorities. Five people were arrested in connection with this incident. <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/a-ton-of-marijuana-found-afloat-off-ayvalik-coast-143248>

08.05.2019 Police during the anti-smuggling operation in the eastern part of Van Province, on a highway in the Tushba district, stopped a light truck that was carrying 152 packages containing **155.8 kg of heroin**. In connection with the incident 7 suspects were detained in

different parts of the country. <https://www.dailysabah.com/investigations/2019/05/08/police-seize-1558-kilograms-of-heroin-in-van-detain-6-suspected-smugglers-across-turkey>

UKRAINE

07.05.2019 Officers of the Department for Combating Illicit Trafficking of Drugs and Weapons as well as for international cooperation of the Odessa Customs DFS and UAS in the Odessa region revealed a unique way to transport a large amount of cocaine. As a cargo of cover for a consignment of cocaine, which arrived in a seaport from Colombia, there was a consignment of construction paints. Visually, with the help of rapid analyzers and dogs, it is impossible to determine drugs in the cargo, since cocaine was mixed with building materials. Specialists from the Odessa Division of Examination and Research of the Tax and Customs Examination Department of the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine detected cocaine in the samples taken. In particular, some 30-kilogram buckets contain up to 3 kg of cocaine. This gives grounds to predict that the detected consignment may become one of the record consignments of cocaine. The commercial weight of the delayed cargo is 19.5 tons. The total amount of pure drug will be determined after examination. On this fact, the Odessa customs officers sent to the law enforcement agencies a notice of a criminal offense under Art. 305 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine. <http://sfs.gov.ua/media-tsentr/mitni-novini/377382.html>
 Video: <http://sfs.gov.ua/media-tsentr/videogalereya/borotba/5313.html>

07.05.2019 National Police in the Kiev region stopped activities of a criminal group engaged in supply and distribution of drugs. The criminal group consisted of six people who had established a channel illegally supplying psychotropic substance methadone to Kiev. A 25-year-old female local resident controlled the supply and sale of drugs. During searches, **500 g of methadone**, 400 tablets of Dimedrol, 140 tablets of a potent drug Sonat, a pistol, an RGO grenade, and also 22,000 hryvnias obtained from the sale of drugs were seized. <https://sud.ua/ru/news/ukraine/141259-postavlyali-narkotiki-iz-donetska-v-stolitsu-kopy-nakryli-narkokanal-s-tovarov-na-million>

11.05.2019 Officers of the Security Service of Ukraine together with the National Police in Chernigov dismantled a drug lab used for production of especially dangerous narcotic and psychotropic substances. Two residents of Chernigov organized a drug lab in a private garage. Every month, drug traffickers manufactured more than 2 kg of psychotropic substances, income from the sale of which was about 300 thousand hryvnia. Drugs were sold through an extensive network of dealers using a web resource on the Internet. Two organizers of the drug business were detained during preparation for distribution of a batch of psychotropic substances. Trying to destroy evidence of their illegal activities, the perpetrators set the premises, where the manufacture of drugs took place, in fire. During searches, almost **1 kg of amphetamine** was seized as well as chemical compounds and equipment for its manufacture. <https://ssu.gov.ua/ua/news/1/category/21/view/6030#.D5DNhycK.dpbs>

12.05.2019 Drugs were massively sold through a network of pharmacies in Pokrovsk, Donetsk region. Police officers seized more than 4 thousand blisters or nearly 60 thousand doses of codeine-containing drugs worth 350 thousand hryvnia. Drugs containing codeine and pseudoephedrine precursor were sold without doctor's prescription. <https://www.unian.net/society/10546101-v-seti-aptek-na-donetchine-massovo-prodavali-narkotiki-foto.html>

FRANCE

10.05.2019 Members of the Regional Judicial Police Service in the port of Le Havre arrested five members of a criminal drug group accused of smuggling **160 kg of cocaine** with intention to sell. Drugs were delivered in a container by sea aboard a ship. All five were placed in custody in Le Havre, after which they will be sent to specialized Prosecutor's Office in Lille. Street value of the consignment is estimated at 6.5 million euros.

<https://www.francebleu.fr/infos/faits-divers-justice/160-kilos-de-cocaine-saisis-et-cinq-hommes-interpelles-dans-le-port-du-havre-1557500921>