

CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

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CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

04.05.2019 8,22 kg of opium, 130 g of hashish and 230.55 g of methamphetamine were found and seized by the Bilasuvar police department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Azerbaijan from a resident of Masalli region. Officers of the Sumgayit Police Department discovered **450 g of marijuana** in personal belongings of a local resident. In addition, police officers in the city of Sheki (Sheki district) seized **306.7 g of marijuana** during a visit to a local resident's home. Detained persons and physical evidence were transferred to investigating authorities.

<https://www.trend.az/azerbaijan/society/3057223.html>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

02.05.2019 During an inspection with service dog of the passenger train No. 648 going "Beineu-Nukus", **100 g of marijuana** were found in a bag of guides from one of the cars by a border guard at the OTRK "Beineu Railway". Suspects - two citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan, conductors of this car, were detained and transferred to the LOP of the Beineu district for further investigation. <https://yunews.kz/ru/4194-Za-proshedshie-sutki-pogranichniki-zaderzhali-desjatki-narushitelej,-izjali-narkotiki,-patrony,-zoloto>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

25.04.2019 Bodies of the State Committee for National Security of the Kyrgyz Republic in the course of operational search activities aimed at identifying and preventing cases of smuggling of precursors in the Osh region detained a car Daewoo Nexia under the control of a resident of Osh region born in 1994, in which a foreign citizen of a neighboring country born in 1983 was traveling. During inspection of the car in the trunk, 8 plastic canisters with a capacity of 10-13 liters each with a content of **101 liters of acetic anhydride** were found and seized. The precursor used in production of heroin was smuggled into one of the neighboring countries. Materials on this case investigated by investigating authorities of the State Committee for National Security of the Kyrgyz Republic are registered in the AIS ERPP, and pre-trial proceedings have begun. The detainees were taken to detention facility of the State Committee for National Security of the Kyrgyz Republic. <https://gknb.gov.kg/press/post/437>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

03.05.2019 Officers of GUNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia together with colleagues from the Republic of Mari El dismantled a clandestine laboratory producing synthetic drugs. Police officers at the village of Pomary, Volzhsky district, stopped a car. The driver explained that he was going to the Republic of Tatarstan together with a man, whom he had found using the Internet service for searching for travel companions. During a

personal search, **900 g of mephedrone were found** in personal belongings of the passenger. A criminal case was initiated against the detainee by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Republic of Mari El. The court chose a preventive measure in the form of detention against him. During a search in a garage rented by a suspect in Yoshkar-Ola, a shop used for production of mephedrone was found. Special equipment and liquid canisters used in manufacture of narcotic drugs were seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16778911>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BELARUS

02.05.2019 Officers of the GPK of Belarus at the Kotlovka checkpoint located in the Grodno region on the border with Lithuania prevented an attempt to smuggle a large consignment of hashish. When a Citroen car registered in Russia entered Belarus from Lithuania, during an in-depth search together with customs officers and using a service dog, border guard found a specially equipped cache in the minibus floor. **Hashish briquettes** with a total weight of **311,120 kg** were hidden in the cache. Body of inquiry of the Smorgon border group opened a criminal case on this fact. The driver, a 46-year-old Russian citizen, was detained and placed in temporary detention facility of the Smorgon border guards for further investigation.

<https://gpk.gov.by/news/gpk/54714/>

BOLIVIA

30.04.2019 Special forces to combat drug trafficking (Felcn) in Bolivia seized **540 kg of cocaine-based pasta** from a truck and a minibus that arrived in transit to Cochabamba for a further trip to Brazil. The truck was detained after escorting it from the Peru border on arrival at El Morro, on the banks of the Huaykuli River, Kiakollo municipality. Drug packs were hidden under a load of bricks. Five Bolivians were arrested. Subsequently, a minibus under the control of a 29-year-old driver was detained during an operation in Chinata, Sakaba municipality. The cargo of drugs was in a compartment under the floor of the car platform, under the seats and carpets. Driver was arrested.

<https://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=rn&id=41466&SEO=bolivia-seizes-540-kilograms-of-cocaine-during-two-operations>

GERMANY

03.05.2019 German investigators shut down the second largest illegal marketplace on Darknet selling illegal goods, including drugs, weapons and malicious software, called Wall Street Market. The platform and illegal content is banned by the Federal Criminal Affairs Office. Organizers of the website stored data of more than 1 million user accounts. There were almost 5.5 thousand persons listed on the platform as sellers, while over 63,000 items of illegal goods were directly in the "sale". At the end of April, three platform administrators were detained, their age - 22, 29 and 31 years. They all live in federal states in the western Germany. During searches, they were found to have more than 550 thousand euros in cash, six-digit amounts in cryptocurrency as well as expensive vehicles.

<https://www.dw.com/ru/%D0%BE%D1%80%D1%83%D0%B6%D0%B8%D0%B5-%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%80%D0%BA%D0%BE%D1%82%D0%B8%D0%BA%D0%B8->



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ISRAEL

01.05.2019 Police in Bnei Brak building on intelligence prevented activities of a drug lab equipped in a private apartment in the town of Chareidi, where **108 cannabis plants** were found and seized. 30-year-old suspect illegally cultivated cannabis at home. **24 kg of marijuana** were seized in total. Other confiscated items include commercial grade equipment used to grow and weigh drugs. <https://www.theyeshivaworld.com/news/israel-news/1721599/drug-bust-53-pounds-of-marijuana-found-growing-inside-bnei-brak-apartment.html>

INDIA

30.04.2019 As a result of a traffic accident with an overturned truck transporting bags of cement, police seized **14 kg of opium**. The incident occurred near the intersection Bhatevar. Packs of opium were hidden between bags of cement. Policemen from the Herodinsky police station arrived on the scene and confiscated the truck. The driver managed to escape. <https://udaipurtimes.com/police-gets-lucky-14-kg-opium-recovered-as-truck-carrying-cement-overturns/>

IRAN

04.05.2019 Border services of the provinces of Sistan and Baluchistan, as a result of a joint operation with the police, detained members of a drug group that was trying to smuggle a large shipment of drugs into the country across the borders with Mirjaveh. During the operation, about **988 kg of opium, 375 kg of hashish, 20 kg of morphine** and two pickups were seized. <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/144835/1-3-tons-of-illicit-drugs-seized-in-SE-Iran>

MALDIVES

30.04.2019 100 kg of heroin and 49 kg of cannabis were found on an uninhabited island in the atoll of Gaaf Daal, Hulhuvaarudhu, located near the island of Gaaf Daal Maavarulu, where the airport is currently being built, during a 72-hour operation carried out by the Upper South Division and Drug Enforcement Department with police intelligence and Police Commissariat. Drugs were smuggled by sea. <https://avas.mv/en/63621>

PAKISTAN

30.04.2019 Customs officers at Jinna International Airport in Karachi stopped an attempt to smuggle **1.2 kg of heroin**. The drug was carried by a passenger-resident of Charssade in his baggage, who intended to fly to Qatar. During inspection at the customs post, heroin was removed by dismantling a plastic case. Drug trafficker was taken into custody. Further investigations are aimed at identifying offenders involved in this crime. <https://www.brecorder.com/2019/04/30/493655/customs-foil-smuggling-of-1-2kgs-heroin-at-karachi-airport/>

03.05.2019 Pakistan's Anti-Narcotic Forces (ANF) seized **92.2 kg of hashish, 4.5 kg of heroin, 1.84 kg of opium and 2.95 kg of amphetamine (ice)** during 15 anti-drug operations, arrested 19 suspected smugglers, including 3 women. 5 vehicles were confiscated. <https://nation.com.pk/03-May-2019/anf-seizes-101kg-narcotics-arrests-19-smugglers-across-country>

SENEGAL

01.05.2019 Senegal police officers seized **72 kg of cocaine** as a result of international cooperation with Guinea-Bissau's police forces. Police at the customs station Genoto in the Tambakunda region located 450 km from Dakar detained a citizen of Mali carrying cocaine. On March 9, four people were arrested in Bissau and **789 kg of pure cocaine** were seized. Police is checking a version the both consignments belong to the same drug cartel. <https://www.journalducameroun.com/en/senegalese-police-seize-72-kg-of-cocaine/>

SINGAPORE

30.04.2019 Officers of the Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) seized **1.99 kg of heroin, 424 g of crystalline methamphetamine (ice), 15 Ecstasy tablets, 15 "Erimin-5" tablets** and a small amount of cannabis during a raid. Various colored substances, weighing more than 7.6 kg, allegedly being "ice" or ketamine, were also seized. Arrested were four persons, among them - two citizens of Singapore 48 and 35 years old, 33-year-old foreign woman and a 26-year-old citizen of Malaysia. \$13,800 in cash was confiscated from Malaysian national. <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/courts-crime/2kg-of-heroin-among-183000-worth-of-drugs-seized-in-cnb-raid>

USA

26.04.2019 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers jointly with the Field Operations Office in Nogales, Tucson, Arizona at the intersection of Mariposa discovered several packages containing more than **19.05 kg of fentanyl** worth 573 thousand dollars; **37.65 kg of heroin** valued at \$ 2.2 million; and **1.81 kg of methamphetamine** worth 11 thousand US dollars. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-38m-worth-hard-drugs>

30.04.2019 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers, together with the Field Operations Office in Tucson, Arizona, detained a woman from Phoenix in an attempt to ship almost **28.12 kg of methamphetamine** through the port of San Luis. As a result of inspections in the car "KIA" officers found hidden 50 packs of methamphetamine. Street value of the consignment is estimated at 186 thousand US dollars. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-nab-meth-smuggler-port-san-luis>

30.04.2019 US Border Patrol and law enforcement agencies of Mobil county on the interstate Highway of Mobile, Alabama, seized **2.27 kg of heroin** during a vehicle search. Six packages hidden in a cache near the front of the car were found in total. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/mobile-usbp-local-law-enforcement-nab-narcotics-human-smuggler>

01.05.2019 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers together with the Field Operations Office in Nogales, Tucson, Arizona at the Dennis DeConconi junction detained a

31-year-old woman while trying to smuggle **35.38 kg of methamphetamine** worth 233 thousand dollars into Mexico in a Dodge car; more than **8.16 kg of heroin** worth more than 489 thousand dollars and more than **1.81 kg of fentanyl** worth 56 thousand US dollars. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-38m-worth-hard-drugs>

01.05.2019 As part of an investigation by the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), a search warrant was issued at a used car dealership in Addison, Illinois, resulting in about **1 kg of heroin** seized. Two men aged 23 and 24 were arrested on charges of illegal possession of heroin.

<https://patch.com/illinois/elmhurst/kilo-heroin-found-car-dealership-2-men-charged-prosecutor>

02.05.2019 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Office of Field Operations officers in Nogales, Tucson, Arizona at the Dennis DeConconi junction detained a 26-year-old Mexican citizen trying to transport about **152 kg methamphetamine** worth 102 thousand dollars as well as **2.72 kg of fentanyl** worth 79 thousand US dollars into Mexico on an "Infinity" sedan. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-38m-worth-hard-drugs>

02.05.2019 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers on Paso del Norte, Texas International Bridge, while inspecting a Chevrolet Silverado truck, discovered and seized **105.23 kg of marijuana**. The driver - a 24-year-old US citizen from Santa Fe, New Mexico was arrested. He was transferred to the El Paso County Sheriff's office to be charged with drug smuggling. <https://www.elpasotimes.com/story/news/crime/2019/05/04/cbp-officers-seize-232-pounds-marijuana-el-paso-border-bridge/1103972001/>

03.05.2019 Border patrol officers at a checkpoint in Campo, California, as a result of a search of a Ford Ranger truck, found 88 packages containing **40.3 kg of methamphetamine** and **3.15 kg of heroin** in a specially equipped caches in the floor. The driver, a 31-year-old Mexican citizen, was arrested. Drugs were transferred to the Drug Enforcement Administration. Vehicle was confiscated. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/agents-find-heroin-and-meth-concealed-truck-bed>

THAILAND

30.04.2019 Police on the Lat Phrao Expressway in Bangkok at a checkpoint located on Praditmanutam Road during a stop and inspection of a Honda Jazz car run by a 27-year-old resident of Uttaradit Province discovered and seized 400 thousand methamphetamine tablets and 5 kg of crystal meth. As a result of investigation of this case and further activities in the Mitsubishi Triton car parked in Phra Nakhonsai Ayutthaya district, another 6 million similar tablets and 444 kg of crystalline methamphetamine were found and seized. The total amount of drugs seized amounted to **6,353,200 tablets of methamphetamine and 449 kg of crystalline methamphetamine**. Investigation also aims to seize assets of persons involved in drug smuggling. According to investigation, there are two major drug trafficking networks that produce synthetic drugs. Tablets produced by Wa Nua (North Wa) contain the "Y1" logo imprinted on the tablets, while tablets produced by Wa Tai (South Wa) usually bear the sign "999". Based on this, it was established that the seized methamphetamine belonged to the drug group Wa Tai.

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/news/general/1669760/routine-breathalyser-stop-leads-to-huge-methamphetamine-bust>

30.04.2019 On the basis of information received, servicemen of the Army drug suppression center in That Phanom conducted a special operation in Ban Kham-Fak-Prau in Tambon-Nam-Kama, which resulted in seizure of **480 kg of marijuana** through the Mekong River from Laos. The consignment was transported on a boat by a group of 12 smugglers. Suspects managed to escape leaving the cargo on the shore.

<http://www.nationmultimedia.com/detail/breakingnews/30368667>

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

30.04.2019 Officers of the Criminal Investigation Department of Sipariya and Santa Flora as a result of stopping and inspecting a Kia Sportage car under the control of a 29-year-old driver found five bags in the backseat cabin filled with 150 packs of **marijuana with a total weight of 85.5 kg**. Police imprisoned suspected driver.

<http://www.guardian.co.tt/news/marabella-man-held-with-850000-in-marijuana-6.2.835419.4e2bd2ecef>

TURKEY

01.05.2019 Customs service of the Ministry of Trade during an operation carried out at the customs gate of Ipsala, as a result of vehicle inspection activities using X-ray scanning and further examination of the vehicle, 320 packages containing **163.637 kg of cannabis** were seized in 5 different sections. Car driver was detained.

<http://www.yenihaberden.com/edirnedede-4-milyon-tllik-uyusturucu-operasyonu-968248h.htm>

PHILIPPINES

01.05.2019 On the shores of Barangay in Linguiga, Surigao del Sur, a local fisherman discovered 16 packs of **cocaine weighing 20 kg** and voluntarily handed them to the Philippine National Police (PNP).

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1112346/surigao-fisherman-finds-16-bricks-of-suspected-cocaine>

