

*Unofficial translation***CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(based on mass media reports)

20-26.05.2019**№ 21****CARICC MEMBER STATES****REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**

22.05.2019 Law enforcement bodies of the Lerik region, Azerbaijan Republic, found the body of a missing resident of Baku in the village of Mistan, Lerik region. Next to the corpse in a bag, police found more than **9 kg of opium and heroin as well as a thousand methadone tablets**.

<https://media.az/society/1067734813/propavshiy-bez-vesti-bakinec-nayden-mertvym-s-kilogrammami-narkotikov/>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

26.05.2019 Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of the Police Department of the Mangystau region in an apartment in the city of Aktau found **94 kg of marijuana** during a search. At the time of the appearance of the police, there were three residents of the Mangystau region in the apartment suspected of organizing a drug supply channel from the southern regions of the country for further sale in the Mangystau region. This case was registered in the Unified Register of Pre-Trial Investigations of the Aktau Police Department.

<https://yunews.kz/ru/4996-Narkodilerov-s-krupnoj-partiej-narkotikov-zaderzhali-v-Aktau>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

24.05.2019 Officers of UNK GU of the Moscow region in cooperation with colleagues from Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Leninsky district detained a 41-year-old native of a Central Asian state in the village of Razvilka on suspicion of drug trafficking. **More than 1.7 kg of heroin** were found and seized during a body search as well as an inspection of residence of the detainee. Criminal case was initiated against the suspect. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17005220>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

25.05.2019 Officers and border troops of the State Security Service detained citizens of Afghanistan - born 1984 and 1997, who illegally crossed the state border in the Surkhandarya region across the Amu Darya river. During inspection, **44.417 kg of narcotic drugs** were found and seized, including **35.345 kg of opium, 5.021 kg of hashish and 4.051 kg of heroin**. In addition, a 45-year-old resident of Kokand was detained at the moment of purchase of **2.162 kg of opium** from a 46-year-old resident of Namangan by officers of the State Security Service Department for the Fergana region. The latter imported smuggled drugs into the territory of the republic with the help of his acquaintance in the Kyrgyz Republic. Criminal proceedings on to the fact.



<https://uz.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20190525/11601297/V-Uzbekistane-zaderzhali-bolshuyu-partiyu-narkotikov-iz-Afganistana.html>

22.05.2019 Officers of the State Security Service of Uzbekistan suppressed an attempt to illegally import a consignment of psychoactive substances on a large scale from the Kyrgyz Republic. In the course of operative activities carried out by the State Security Service officers at the Namangan post, a Chevrolet Cobalt was stopped that was driven by a resident of the Namangan region of Uzbekistan. **16,814 pieces of psychoactive drugs “regapen” and “lyrics”** were found and seized in the luggage compartment of the vehicle. The tablets were imported from the Kyrgyz Republic and were to be sold in Tashkent. <https://tj.sputniknews.ru/asia/20190522/1028967962/uzbekistan-predotvratili-kontrabandu-psihoaktivnyh-veshchestv-kyrgyzstan.html>

OTHER STATES

AFGHANISTAN

24.05.2019 The Interior Ministry officers together with the Border Police Forces arrested three smugglers at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, who tried to transport more than **3 kg of heroin** intracavitarily to New Delhi (India). Smugglers put heroin in 338 capsules and swallowed them for transportation to New Delhi. www.khaama.com/bid-to-smuggle-more-than-3-kgs-of-heroin-to-india-foiled-3-smug

VIETNAM

22.05.2019 Police officers from Hai Duong province detained a 51-year-old woman from the northern city of Hai Phong for smuggling **10.5 kg of heroin**. The suspect transported drugs for transfer to an unknown person from the northern province of Tai Binh in exchange for 20 million Vietnamese dong (almost \$ 870). <https://menafn.com/1098554300/Vietnam-arrests-woman-over-trafficking-30-heroin-cakes>

23.05.2019 In the northern province of Hanam local authorities arrested a 34-year-old man for illegally transporting ten packs of heroin. A suspect from the village of Bac Tuong, Quang Tien commune, Sots Son district, Hanoi, was detained in Fu Li, Hanam province, while transporting large amounts of heroin from Son La northern mountain province to Ho Chi Minh City. Packs of heroin were on the seat in the cabin of his car. For the transportation of heroin he intended to receive 50 million dong (2580 US dollars) from accomplices. Ha Nam police is investigating this case. <https://vietnamnet.vn/en/society/ha-nam-man-arrested-for-illegal-transportation-of-10-heroin-bricks-534697.html>

SPAIN

21.05.2019 Agents of National Police in a joint operation with the British NKA, the Customs of France, the Portuguese Judicial Police and the Brazilian Federal Police intercepted a ship loaded with **1,500 kg of cocaine**. The fishing vessel with no flag went from Brazil to Spain, having on board a consignment of cocaine on a large scale, bound for the European market. On the high seas near the Canary Islands, the fishing vessel was blocked by National Police agents in cooperation with the Spanish Navy and Air Force. Agents had information about the existence of the South American drug cartel based in Spain, which organized the

delivery of this consignment. In the course of investigation and as a result of international cooperation with main anti-drug agencies, coincidences were found among intelligence from several countries. During inspection of the vessel, 50 bags of 30 kg each were found distributed in five pallets with an approximate weight of 1.5 tons. The ship is towed to the port of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. Seven crew members - foreign nationals aboard - were arrested for drug trafficking. <https://www.maritimeherald.com/2019/fishing-vessel-towed-and-seven-crew-members-taken-to-prison-for-trafficking-1500-kilos-of-cocaine-near-the-canary-islands-headed-to-galicia21512/>

23.05.2019 Civil guard in operation "Rabbit" that is devised in cooperation with the French Customs and the Estonian Police through FRONTEX (European Border and Coast Guard Agency) and is supported by aircraft at sea off the coast of Malaga, intercepted a sailboat from South America with a load of **600 kg of cocaine**. The drug was hidden in a specially equipped cache in the stern of the boat. Two crew members were arrested - a citizen of Lithuania and a Spanish national living in Ibiza. The operation was carried out by the Civil Guard Marine Service aboard the ocean-going vessel Rio Segura. The operation was deployed from the Maritime Supervision Coordination Center (CECORVIGMAR) of the Civil Guard in Madrid. This operation is part of a permanent plan to combat illicit trafficking in the Mediterranean. <http://www.guardiacivil.es/es/prensa/noticias/6996.html>

Video: https://videos-cdn.diariodemallorca.es/multimedia/videos/2019/05/23/175440/detenidos-velero-propiedad-mallorquin-kilos-cocaina-1_m.mp4

23.05.2019 Officers of the Drug and Organized Crime Unit (UDYCO) of Seville and Malaga seized **1000 kg of cocaine** in Seville, found in banana boxes in a truck used to smuggle drugs. Three people were arrested. Agents coordinated their actions with the Campo de Gibraltar Prosecutor's Office. <https://www.theolivepress.es/spain-news/2019/05/23/largest-ever-cocaine-haul-made-in-spains-sevilla-as-1000-kilos-of-the-drug-smuggled-in-banana-truck/>

INDIA

22.05.2019 Officers of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) in the port of Gujarat Jakhau, New Delhi, arrested six Pakistani citizens for smuggling a large amount of heroin. The boat "Al Madina", registered in Pakistan, was seized by DRI on suspicion of transporting a large consignment of narcotic drugs intended for further distribution in India. This information has been provided to the Indian Coast Guard. During inspection of the boat 100 kg of heroin were found on its board. It was established that the total weight of consignment of narcotic drugs imported into the territorial waters of India was about 330 kg. Drug bags were in 11 big bags. During the pursuit, smugglers threw part of the cargo overboard in the open sea, partially removed from the water. A total of 194 packages of **heroin** with a total weight of about **218 kg** were found and seized. The vessel is towed to the harbor of Jahau. An Indian fishing vessel was located close to the scene of the incident, which allegedly should have been received the smuggled consignment. All 13 crew members on board were arrested. The case is transferred to the DRI for further investigation. In the past few months, the sea route in the Indian Ocean has been used by international organized drug trafficking groups to smuggle drugs. Another sensitive route is the India-Pakistan border at Jammu and Kashmir. Interdepartmental coordination is a DRI priority, and it was strengthened after the creation of the S-CORD (National Anti-smuggling Coordination Center) under DRI. <https://www.theweek.in/wire-updates/national/2019/05/25/del29-dri-pak-smuggling.html>



www.thestatesman.com/india/indian-coast-guard-seizes-pakistani-fishing-boat-al-madina-100-kg-heroin-1502757546.html

ITALY

24.05.2019 As part of efforts to combat international drug trafficking, officers of the Provincial Command of Reggio Calabria, Guardia di Finanza, together with officials of the Customs Agency - the Anti-Fraud Office in Gioia Tauro, coordinated by the Prosecutor's Office discovered and seized **53 kg of high purity cocaine** in the port of Calabria. Thanks to a complex investigation based on risk analysis and data on more than 1,200 containers arriving from South America, 45 packs of cocaine with a total weight of 53 kg were found in a refrigerator container with exotic fruits. Market value of the consignment is estimated at 9 million euros. <https://www.approdonews.it/giornale/gioia-tauro-sequestrati-53-kg-di-cocaina/>

MEXICO

22.05.2019 Officers of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic (FGR) found and seized **200.78 kg methamphetamine and 27,992 kg of heroin** in Baja California as a result of a search warrant issued by a district judge specializing in the accusatory criminal justice system of the Federal Criminal Justice Center, in a warehouse located in the colony of Cerro Colorado. <http://www.unimexicali.com/noticias/policiaca/566111/catean-bodega-en-cerro-colorado-aseguran-drogas-y-6-vehiculos.html>

THE NETHERLANDS

23.05.2019 Customs agents in the port of Rotterdam found and seized a consignment of several hundred kilograms of cocaine (the exact weight is not provided). The cocaine shipment was hidden in a container inside shipping crates of equipment from Brazil. Drug was seized and destroyed and investigation into smuggling has begun. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuwsberichten/@105941/douane-onderschept/>

PAKISTAN

23.05.2019 Anti-Narcotic Force of Pakistan in the course of 21 anti-drug operations seized 503 kg of narcotic drugs worth 1.01 billion rupees on international market. Drugs seized included **102.31 kg of hashish, 376.6 kg of opium, 13.934 kg of heroin, 4.625 kg of crystalline methamphetamine and 5.184 kg of crystalline amphetamine**. 23 criminals were arrested and 8 vehicles confiscated. <https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/anf-seizes-503-kg-drugs-in-21-operations-628522.html>

25.05.2019 Police during a raid at the interchange of Swabi detained a car arriving from Peshawar. Following inspection of the vehicle, **27 kg of heroin and 8 kg** of hashish were found and seized. Suspect was carrying drugs from Peshawar to Islamabad. <https://www.samaa.tv/news/local/2019/05/27kg-of-heroin-8kg-of-hashish-seized/>

PERU

26.05.2019 During a special operation, several PNP units and prosecutors seized a large consignments of **several hundred kilograms** (the exact weight is not given) of **cocaine hydrochloride** in the village of Cesar-Vallejo on the Sallana-Tambogrande highway in

Piura. In industrial premises (hangars) with trucks, including one with a container semi-trailer with a load of bananas, inside which 40 bags of black polyethylene were found. Similarly, another 16 black plastic bags were discovered in one of the rooms. Seven Peruvians were detained.

<https://diariocorreo.pe/edicion/piura/incautan-56-sacos-de-cocaina-ocultos-entre-cajas-de-banano-organico-video-889167/>

Video: https://d2yh8l41rvc5n9.cloudfront.net/wp-elcomercio/2019/05/26/5ceab99e52faff0009d0c296/t_0e7ed8fe93ac49f6a7e817f29572c73b_name_incautan_5_6_sacos_de_cocaina_ocultos_entre_cajas_889167_802406/file_640x360-600-v3.mp4?player=powa

USA

20.05.2019 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), assisted by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) at Cyril I. King International Airport located on St. Thomas (Virgin Islands, USA) arrested a 32-year-old St. Croix resident on a flight to Miami in an attempt to move **19 kg of cocaine** in luggage.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-tsa-arrest-man-attempting-smuggle-43-pounds-cocaine-miami>

20.05.2019 Burnet County, Texas stopped a car for exceeding permitted speed limit in the area of East Polk Street. As a result of search of a vehicle, about **2 kg of methamphetamine** worth \$ 250,000 were found. Along with drugs, 11 thousand US dollars in cash, a loaded pistol and electronic scales were discovered and seized. 35-year-old resident of Elgin and 27-year-old resident of Killeen were arrested.

<https://www.dailytrib.com/2019/05/21/new-k9-cop-helps-keep-250000-worth-of-drugs-off-streets/>

20.05.2019 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) seized **109.77 kg of cocaine** hidden among a shipment of bell pepper at the Eastern Port of Calexico, California. The consignment was transported by a truck that drove into a cargo company from Mexico with a load of green bell pepper. 45-year-old driver, a Mexican citizen, was taken into custody of the Homeland Security Investigations for further investigation. Drugs, truck and trailer were confiscated. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-find-more-2-million-worth-cocaine-hidden-shipment-bell>

21.05.2019 US Customs and Border Protection officers working in the ports of entry Imperial Valley, California, seized large amounts of methamphetamine hidden in two vehicles in two separate cases. The first incident occurred at the port of entry to the eastern part of Calexico. As a result of inspection of a Honda Civic run by a 36-year-old US citizen from Palmdale, 28 packages of **methamphetamine with a total weight of 29.03 kg** were found in rocker panels and firewall. The driver was arrested for drug smuggling, the vehicle was confiscated. The second incident occurred at the port of entry in Andrade. As a result of a Chevrolet Tracker inspection driven by a 26-year-old US citizen from San Luis, Arizona, 137 packages of **methamphetamine with a total weight of 65.32 kg** were inside all four doors and quarter panels. The driver was arrested for attempting to smuggle drugs. Drug and vehicle were seized. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-calexico-area-ports-seize-total-208-pounds-meth-two-days>

22.05.2019 Fort Bend County Drug Task Force officers in Richmond, Texas, after stopping a vehicle in Kendleton discovered and seized **29 kg of cocaine**. The driver, a 50-year-old resident of Rio Grande, Texas, was arrested and booked into in Fort Bend County Jail.

<https://www.woodlandsonline.com/npps/story.cfm?nppage=63176>

22.05.2019 Border patrol agents of the Yuma sector, Arizona sector at the Interstate Immigration Checkpoint 8 found and seized **40.82 kg of methamphetamine** hidden in a Chevrolet Blazer. Drugs are estimated at 256 thousand US dollars. Two US citizens were arrested on drug smuggling charges - a 26-year-old female driver from Yuma and a 24-year-old passenger from Idaho. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/yuma-sector-border-patrol-seizes-more-250k-meth>

23.05.2019 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the port of entry in Laredo, Texas, found and seized **11.34 kg of crystalline methamphetamine** hidden in a Kenworth cargo semi-trailer transporting a cargo of fiberglass. The estimated worth of drugs is more than 504 thousand US dollars. Drugs were seized, case was transferred to special agents US Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations (ICE-HSI) for further investigation. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/laredo-port-entry-cbp-officers-intercept-methamphetamine-worth-over>

24.05.2019 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents at Nogales Station, Tucson, Arizona captured a modified ultralight aircraft used to smuggle drugs. Agents of Air and Marine Operations discovered an unknown plane that illegally violated the US border with Mexico, making an emergency landing in the southeastern desert of Tucson. The plane was found abandoned along a rural dirt road, with two large plastic storage containers attached to the fuselage. During examination of containers inside, packages containing more than **64.86 kg of methamphetamine and 200 g of fentanyl** were found. Drugs and aircraft were seized and taken to Nogales Border Patrol Station. Crew of the patrol helicopter and border patrol agents conducted a thorough search of the area, but presumed pilot was not found. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/us-border-patrol-seizes-ultralight-aircraft-loaded-methfentanyl>

SINGAPORE

22.05.2019 About **2.8 kg of heroin and 519 g of crystalline methamphetamine** as well as about 247 thousand US dollars obtained from the sale of drugs were seized by officers of the Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) in the Chai Road area. Eight suspects were arrested in connection with drug crimes. <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/drug-bust-cnb-operation-heroin-seized-8-arrested-115584002>

TURKEY

22.05.2019 Officers of the anti-drug police unit in Seyhan district, Adana province, stopped a truck transporting more than **250 kg of marijuana**. 36-year-old truck driver is alleged of committing drug trafficking. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/turkish-police-seize-more-than-250-kg-of-marijuana/1484068>

23.05.2019 During two separate operations in the eastern province of Van, police officers seized large quantities of heroin. The anti-drug police stopped a suspected minibus in the Edremit area, which carried **75.6 kg of heroin**. The driver was detained. In another operation, a gendarmerie in the Baskale region stopped a car that did not obey a stop



request. Subsequently, **51.5 kg of heroin** were found and seized by police in an abandoned car. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/over-125-kg-of-heroin-seized-in-eastern-turkey/1485254>

FRANCE

24.05.2019 Customs officers in Valenton (Val de Marne) detected a cargo of **cocaine weighing 276 kg** in a container with bottles of rum from Saint Lucia (an island nation in the eastern Caribbean) passed through the port of Le Havre. During investigation, two suspects were identified that attempted to enter the port area of Le Havre. Market value of the cocaine consignment is estimated at 17 million euros. Two suspects aged between 22 and 24 were detained. Investigation is being conducted by the Central Office for the Suppression of Illicit Traffic in Narcotics (OCRTIS) and the Judicial Police of Le Havre. <https://www.lci.fr/police/info-lci-val-de-marne-276kg-de-cocaine-saisis-dans-un-conteneur-de-rhum-en-provenance-des-caraibes-2122148.html>

SRI LANKA

22.05.2019 Officers of the Police Narcotics Bureau arrested a 27-year-old drug dealer and seized **1.3 kg of heroin** in Habarakada, Homagama. Suspect had used a deceased person's driver's license. <https://www.newsfirst.lk/2019/05/22/drug-dealer-arrested-with-1-3-kg-of-heroin-at-homagama/>