

CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

(based on mass media reports)

03-09.06.2019**№ 23****CARICC MEMBER STATES****REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**

03.06.2019 Police officers as a result of an operation in Absheron district detained members of a criminal network involved in sale and purchase of narcotic drugs. A total of **207.164 grams of heroin and 52.454 grams of methamphetamine**, a sports pistol, brass knuckles and a bludgeon were found and seized from detainees.

https://azertag.az/ru/xeber/V_Absheronskom_raione_zaderzhany_narkotorgovcy-1290860

03.06.2019 Officers of the 14th police station of the Sabunchu RUP detained a resident of the village of Mashtag suspected of cultivating drug-containing plants. During inspection of two greenhouses with a total area of 880 square meters in the yard of his country house, they found and seized **4,021 cannabis bushes weighing 921 kg**.

<https://www.trend.az/azerbaijan/incident/3071792.html>

06.06.2019 Officers of the Saatly ROP of the Shirvan regional group of the Ministry of Internal Affairs detained a resident of Mollavaizli of the Saatly District, and were found and seized on the land plot **278 cannabis bushes**.

<https://news.day.az/society/1126554.html>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

10.06.2019 During a simulated purchase police officers apprehended a 35-year-old perpetrator who sold narcotic drugs in the region. In a garage the suspect was found to have **marijuana** in plastic bags weighing more than **9 kg**.

<https://ust-kamenogorsk.city/novosti-ust-kamenogorska/7879/>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

07.06.2019 Officers of the Southern Operational Customs and the Sochi Customs detained a resident of the city of Sochi in the moment of receiving an international parcel from Belgium. When the parcel was inspected, a large amount of the drug, buprenorphine was found. Operatives conducted searches at residential address of the citizen, during which they found and seized narcotic drugs - marijuana, LSD, hallucinogenic mushrooms, potent substances - anabolic steroids, and bank cards with computer equipment.

<https://eadaily.com/ru/news/2019/06/07/yuzhnaya-tamozhnya-perekryla-kanal-kontrabandy-narkotikov-iz-belgii>

OTHER COUNTRIES**AUSTRALIA**

05.06.2019 Detectives discovered a large secret drug lab and seized drugs worth \$ 9 million during a search of a remote home in New South Wales. Four men, including a

Spanish citizen, were charged production and supply of illicit drugs. Investigators found **30 kg of cocaine**, chemicals used in manufacture of drugs, Australian and European currency, and mobile phones. <https://www.9news.com.au/national/news-nsw-yass-drugs-large-scale-lab-uncovered-remote-home/9aa098e6-f119-43e7-8693-2e17e0451c0e>

07.06.2019 Australian authorities confiscated the country's largest land consignment of methylamphetamine (ice) after officers of the Australian Border Forces (ABF) in Melbourne found nearly 1.6 tons of illegal drugs in a cargo coming from Bangkok and Thailand. X-rays revealed anomalies inside speakers, and sealed bags of drugs were discovered after they were disassembled. A total of **1.596 tons of methylamphetamine and 37 kg of heroin** were found with an estimated street value of \$ 1.197 billion and \$ 18.5 million, respectively. <https://newsroom.abf.gov.au/releases/authorities-make-largest-ever-onshore-ice-seizure>

CANADA

03.06.2019 Canadian Border Guard officers using canine dogs and X-ray found **58.15 kg of cocaine** inside a 29-year-old man's car from Brantford, who was stopped for inspection at the Blue Water Bridge. <https://kitchener.ctvnews.ca/58-kilos-of-suspected-cocaine-seized-at-border-brantford-man-charged-1.4449437>

GERMANY

07.06.2019 A Mercedes with diplomatic number plates was stopped at the Bad-Gottleuba junction. The police asked to open the trunk for inspection, but two representatives of Mongolian embassy refused to do so, citing diplomatic immunity. The car was escorted to the Foreign Ministry of Poland, where it became clear that diplomatic status is valid only for Turkey. Police found two suitcases in the trunk, stuffed with **70 kg of heroin** neatly packed in 140 packets, 500 grams each. <https://kursiv.kz/news/obschestvo/2019-06/mongolskikh-diplomatov-zaderzhali-s-70-kg-geroina>

INDIA

27.05.2019 The Narcotics Control Bureau arrested a 24-year-old Brazilian at Mumbai International Airport. According to the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), a citizen of Brazil, Jonathan Parreira, swallowed about **910 grams** of cocaine in 75 capsules before taking a flight to Mumbai from Brazil. Acting on intelligence, NCB intercepted Parreira at Mumbai Airport.

<https://www.mid-day.com/articles/24-year-old-brazilian-smuggling-1-kg-of-cocaine-in-stomach-arrested-at-mumbai-airport/21086176>

03.06.2019 The Hyderabad Task Force police on Monday arrested two people and seized **200 kg of marijuana** in Chatrinak, Hyderabad, India. Acting on a tip, the Special Task Force, the Eastern Zone team, detained two people and seized **200 kg of marijuana**.

https://www.google.com/search?q=mumbai&rlz=1C1GCEV_en&oq=mumbai&aqs=chrome..69i57.3295j0j1&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8

IRAN

03.06.2019 On Monday, the police chief of the province of Sistan and Baluchistan in Iran, the Brigadier General Mohammad Ghanbari stated that 1.5 tons of illegal drugs were seized during an operation in Iranshahr and Hashe. Three smugglers were arrested during the

operation, **1,543 kg of opium**, one AK-47 and some ammunition were confiscated. <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/146036/Police-seize-1-5-tons-of-illicit-drugs-in-SE-Iran>

08.06.2019 Qom police chief, General Abdolreza Aghakhani, stated that 55 kg of illegal drugs had been seized during an operation in Qom. He added that during the operation, two smugglers were arrested and **55 kg of opium** were seized. <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/146179/Police-seize-55kg-of-opium-in-Qom>

MEXICO

02.06.2019 99.8 kg of methamphetamine and 11.8 kg of heroin were seized as a result of a raid by the Federal Police in Tijuana. Investigators responded to an anonymous tip about drugs hidden in a tractor with a trailer in the immediate vicinity of the Garita de Otai's border crossing point near Otai Mesa, California. <https://www.breitbart.com/border/2019/06/03/mexican-feds-seize-250-pounds-of-meth-heroin-bound-for-u-s/>

06.06.2019 Three big drug laboratories were discovered in the Mexican state of Sinaloa, capable of producing up to **17 tons of methamphetamine**. During a special operation, narcotic substance and equipment for its production were seized. It was not possible to detain laboratory workers, they had disappeared before police arrived. <https://24.kz/ru/news/in-the-world/item/319723-tri-laboratorii-po-proizvodstvu-narkotikov-obnaruzhili-v-meksike>

07.06.2019 Mexican naval officers seized **490 kg of cocaine** after pursuing and interdicting a small aircraft in the southeastern state of Chiapas in Mexico. The operation was carried out on Thursday in the coastal municipality of Mapastepec after a suspicious voyage was discovered, according to a statement from the Ministry of the Navy of Mexico. The aircraft transported cocaine in 18 orange packs. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-06/08/c_138126837.htm

PHILIPPINES

03.06.2019 The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) seized **1 kg of methamphetamine** (shabu) and arrested four suspects at the Malate Hotel, Manila. Another suspect fled. <https://coconuts.co/manila/news/four-arrested-4-8-million-worth-of-meth-seized-in-manila-hotel-bust/>

SPAIN

03.06.2019 Spanish Civil Guard in Marbella made twelve arrests and seized more than **3,000 kg of marijuana**. Drugs were transported in two vans. The Civil Guard made its move when vans left the port of Bahadilla, heading for the A7. Police reportedly fired shots when smugglers fled from vehicles on foot, but no one was injured. <https://global.fm/news/huge-marbella-marijuana-seizure/>

THAILAND

08.06.2019 Combined Thai government forces in Chiang Rai arrested two men with **962,000 methamphetamine tablets**. It is assumed that the seized substances are bound for Laos. <https://www.bangkokpost.com/news/crime/1692144/>

USA

03.06.2019 Mojave County sheriff officials in Arizona reported detaining a Mexican citizen. In the suspect's car were found **4.5 kg of cocaine, 1.13 kg of heroin and 0.56 kg of packed oxycodone tablets**, probably containing fentanyl.

<https://kdmminer.com/news/2019/jun/03/mexican-national-arrested-after-nearly-500k-drugs/>

03.06.2019 Customs and Border Protection officers in the port of Naco prevented a 36-year-old man from smuggling marijuana into Tucson, detaining the Mexican citizen. In the detainee's car, officers found several large packages of **marijuana** weighing more than **32.7 kg** hidden in the backseat. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-arrest-marijuana-smuggler-port-naco>

05.06.2019 The Bronx District Attorney's Office reported that 22 people were accused of being involved in drug sales after completing a major operation from Mexico's borders to the northeast. **22.7 kg of fentanyl** were found and seized in a parcel delivered to the Bronx. <https://newyork.cbslocal.com/2019/06/05/bronx-drug-bust-fentanyl-mexico/>

07.06.2019 Official representatives of the Chenango County Sheriff in a car of two detained citizens found more than **220 packs of heroin** between seats and more than \$ 1,900 as possible proceeds from the sale of drugs.

<https://wnbf.com/hundreds-of-packets-of-heroin-found-in-pulled-over-pickup-in-norwich/>