

**CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(based on mass media reports)

**17-23.06.2019****№ 25****CARICC MEMBER STATES****REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**

**18.06.2019** State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan prevented an attempt of illegal transit of a large amount of heroin through the country. At the Bilasuvar customs checkpoint was detained a Turkish citizen Mr. Karataş İmdat, trying to smuggle **128,689 kg of heroin** in driver's cab of an Iveco truck. Detained citizen intended to transport heroin from Iran to Europe. <https://haqqin.az/news/152429>

**22.06.2019** Main operative and investigative department of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan thwarted an attempt to sell a large consignment of narcotic drugs imported to Azerbaijan from Iran. On this fact was detained a citizen of Azerbaijan Mr. Parviz Najafarov, who intended to sell **4 kg 188 g of opium**. Also, customs officers found that the detainee purchased drugs from an Iranian citizen Mr. Kamran Masrouf, who in turn was detained trying to leave Azerbaijan through a customs checkpoint in Astara. <https://haqqin.az/news/152696>

**REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN**

**20.06.2019** Officers of Department on Combating Drug Trafficking of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan detained a 51-year-old resident of Taraz city for involvement in drug trafficking in the Karasai district near the village of Almalıbak. During a search of the suspect, police found and seized almost **56 kg of marijuana** packaged in three large travel bags. <https://ru.sputniknews.kz/regions/20190620/10622628/narkotiki-izyatie-almatinskaya-oblast.html>

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**17.06.2019** Officers of Department for Drug Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the city of Petrozavodsk, in cooperation with UNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Republic of Karelia suppressed activities of an organized community in the course of operative and search activities. 13 community members were identified. Some of them received consignments of drugs weighing from two to six kilograms for storage, and after being tasked by an operator packed up "goods". Drivers and couriers moved drugs into caches for small wholesale and retail sellers. During detention of community members, about **2 kg of synthetic drugs** were seized. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/17275873/>

**21.06.2019** Officers of Drug Control Office of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Kaluga region detained two residents of Kaluga in an attempt to sell a large consignment of narcotic drugs. Conducting searches at place of residence of the suspects and during inspection of vehicles and personal search, officers found and seized bags and

convolutions with narcotic substances. In addition, in the forest located on the Tarutinsky street in Kaluga they found 35 caches. According to the conclusion of examination, the seized narcotic substances were **amphetamine weighing 740 g and mephedrone weighing 650 g**. According to the police, drugs were manufactured by suspects with intent to sale. <https://regnum.ru/news/accidents/2652126.html>

**21.06.2019** Officers of Drug Control Office of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Kolomna town detained a 26-year-old local resident suspected of selling narcotic drugs as a result of operative and search activities. During personal search and examination of the suspect's place of residence they found and seized **hashish, amphetamine and a-PVP (salt)**, with total weight of **300 g**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/17326965/>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### GERMANY

**19.06.2019** German customs officers detained the largest consignment of hard drugs so far on the border with Poland. **670 kg of heroin** were discovered during a search of a truck with Georgian license plates traveling from Kyrgyzstan to Belgium. In the documents the cargo was declared as "Turkish honey". Truck driver, a citizen of Turkey, was detained. Police and customs officers were waiting for this truck as they had previously been informed that they would be transporting a particularly large amount of heroin. The source of this information was a person who had previously been arrested in the Netherlands in another criminal case. <https://regnum.ru/news/accidents/2651556.html>

### INDIA

**20.06.2019** A policeman detained a citizen and found and seized 100 kg of cannabis in a car in Telangana. According to Assistant Commissioner of Police of Miyapuri Department, the accused intended to transport drugs from Tuni Andhra Pradesh to Hyderabad. <https://www.siasat.com/news/telangana-one-arrested-100-kg-cannabis-2-1519666/>

### IRAN

**22.06.2019** General Ali Asgari, chief of Alborz Provincial Police, said that police had detained two smugglers during search operations, from whom **100 kg of opium** had been seized. Detainees intended to smuggle opium from Gulistan province to Alborz province. <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/146733/Police-seize-100kg-of-drugs-in-Golestan-province>

### POLAND

**18.06.2019** Border Guard of Poland found more than **50 kg of hashish** worth more than 2 million zlotys, which is about 500 thousand euros in a passenger car a citizen of Russia. The collected drugs were packaged and hidden in specially equipped compartment. The agency added that the Russian detainee is a drug courier and is associated with an international criminal group smuggling drugs from Western Europe into Russia. <https://www.ridus.ru/news/301292>



## USA

**20.06.2019** Law enforcement officers in Massachusetts conducted a large-scale operation to dismantle a drug ring. During the operation, 12 persons were detained, residents of Laurens and Methuen. In addition, **heroin, fentanyl and cocaine with a total weight of 24 kg** as well as four firearms and \$100,000 in cash were confiscated.

<https://www.masslive.com/news/2019/06/hundreds-of-thousands-of-potentially-lethal-doses-police-seize-24-kilos-of-heroin-cocaine-fentanyl-in-lawrence-methuen-raids.html>