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## CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

(based on mass media reports)

**24-30.06.2019**

**№ 26**

### CARICC MEMBER STATES

#### REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

**24.06.2019** At the customs post “Zhibek Zholy” of the Kazakh-Uzbek border, officers of the State Revenue Department in the Turkestan region together with the PS KNB RK as a result of a search using inspection complex on a Chevrolet Captiva driven by a citizen of Uzbekistan born in 1983, in right upper part of a wing of the car detected a cache with **3,522 kg of hashish**.

<http://kgd.gov.kz/ru/news/7-paketov-s-narkotikami-pytalsya-vyvezti-iz-kazahstana-grazhdanin-uzbekistana-1-46189>

**27.06.2019** Police in Nur-Sultan detained a resident of Almaty suspected of trafficking in synthetic drugs in the capital. A 31-year-old man was found carrying **38 MDMA pills and marijuana** as well as a fake ID in his name. The suspect gave out locations of eight “caches” with drugs. During further events in Almaty, at the place of residence of the detainee, more than **300 g of “synthetics”** intended for further sale were seized. In the course of further activities, an accomplice, a 29-year-old resident of Shymkent, was identified in cooperation with officers of the Department of Emergency Situations of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the DPS of the city of Shymkent, from whom **1600 MDMA tablets and marijuana** were found and seized at the place of residence. The total weight of seized drugs was more than 500 g.

<https://www.inalmaty.kz/news/2436156/narkotorgovca-almatinca-i-ego-podelnicu-iz-symkenta-zaderzali-policejskie-nur-sultana>

**29.06.2019** Officers of customs post and a border guard with a service dog at the customs post Atameken of the State Revenue Department in the Turkestan region while inspecting a NEXIA car under the control of a citizen of the Republic of Tajikistan, born in 1967, found **1,929.09 g of heroin** inside the fuel tank. Materials on this fact were transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs of the Maktaral District Department of Internal Affairs for further investigation.

<http://kgd.gov.kz/ru/news/pochti-2-kg-geroina-pytalsya-vvezti-v-kazahstan-grazhdanin-tadzhikistana-1-46302>

#### RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**26.06.2019** Officers of UNK GU of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Novosibirsk region stopped activity of a group that organized production and sale of narcotic drugs in the territory of Novosibirsk in contactless way. The group consisted of four residents of Novosibirsk aged from 27 to 49 years. During inspection of two garages used by detainees for the storage and manufacture of narcotic drugs, police officers discovered and seized **22.6 kg of a-PVP** prepared for marketing, chemical canisters, laboratory equipment, as well as ingredients and precursors for drugs of synthetic origin. The main investigative

department of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Novosibirsk region is conducting investigation.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17374130>

**26.06.2019** Employees of the ONK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia “Belovsky” of the Kemerovo region detained a 44-year-old man from whom about **55 kg of wild-growing cannabis** prepared for marketing were seized at place of residence.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17379709>

**27.06.2019** Officers of the UNK MVD in the Republic of Dagestan in cooperation with the regional UFSB of Russia curbed activities of 5 members of a criminal group engaged in illicit sale and smuggling of narcotic drugs on a large scale. In Derbent, a truck was stopped and **1 kg of opium** was found under the cabin casing. The driver smuggled in drugs across the state border of Russia for subsequent sale. In the course of further activities, four more local residents were detained. In total, **1.7 kg of opium** as well as various ammunition were confiscated. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17389371>

**27.06.2019** Officers of GU of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Krasnodar region together with police officers of the ONK MVD in the city of Sochi detained two residents of the Rostov region suspected of selling drugs through caches. During a personal search, 18 convolutions with methadone were found in a backpack of one of the suspects. Also, when surveying place of temporary residence of detainees, **900 g of methadone** were found and seized. The detainees purchased 1 kg of methadone via the Internet for subsequent sale, 100 g of which they managed to sell on the territory of Sochi. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17381107>

**28.06.2019** Officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Tomsk region curbed criminal activities of a 31-year-old native of the Kemerovo region, who illegally kept at the place of his residence at least **860 g of synthetic drugs**, which he intended to sell in the Tomsk region. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17402061>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### BELGIUM

**27.06.2019** Port workers in the port of Vaasland in Antwerp detained two suspicious men who were busy loading sports bags from one container to another. The dockers closed doors of the container with the suspects and called internal security service and federal police. **882 kg of cocaine** were found inside bags, worth about 44 million euros. Detained on suspicion of belonging to a criminal organization were citizens of Belgium at the age of 33 and 35, who were subsequently arrested.

<https://www.hln.be/in-de-buurt/antwerpen/havenarbeiders-sluiten-drugsmokkelaars-op-in-container-en-bellen-politie~a4024321/>

### BRAZIL

**21.06.2019** Agents of the Federal Revenue Administration in the port of Suape, in the municipality of Cabo de Santo Agostinho, in the metropolitan region of Recife, found and seized **808.2 kg of cocaine**. The drug was in three containers with a load of bananas bound for shipment to Belgium. Cocaine plastic bags were treated with coffee powder. The

federal police was informed of the seizure of a large amount of cocaine and will continue to investigate. <https://cgn.inf.br/noticia/26930/receita-faz-apreensao-recorde-de-cocaina-em-carga-de-banana-no-pernambuco>

**26.06.2019** Officers of the Federal Revenue Administration in the port of Paranagua on the coast of Paraná discovered and seized **562 kg of cocaine**. The cocaine shipment was in suitcases inside a container destined for the port of Rotterdam in the Netherlands. The drug was discovered using scanners during a routine check on container port terminal. <http://www.segurancaportuariaemfoco.com.br/2019/06/receita-apreende-mais-de-meia-tonelada.html>

## GUATEMALA

**26.06.2019** Anti-Drug Information Control Agency (SGAIA) agents in the port of Puerto Santo Tomas de Castilla discovered the largest consignment of **cocaine weighing 6 tons**. <http://mingob.gob.gt/5-8-toneladas-de-cocaina-fueron-incautadas-por-la-sgaia-pnc-este-dia-en-puerto-santo-tomas/>

## GEORGIA

**25.06.2019** Georgian Interior Ministry officers detained a 42-year-old Armenian citizen on suspicion of illegal drug trafficking on the territory adjacent to the Kazbegi checkpoint located on the Georgian-Russian border. At the Darial checkpoint, customs officers stopped a bus heading from Russia to Armenia. As a result of inspection, **500 g of cocaine** were found inside a hoverboard. On this fact, a criminal case was initiated under the article “illegal import into Georgia, export from Georgia or international transit of narcotic drugs, their analogues or precursors”. <https://sputnik-georgia.ru/incidents/20190625/245724256/Ekhavshiy-iz-Rossii-grazhdanin-Armenii-pytalsya-vvezti-v-Gruziyu-polkilogramma-kokaina.html>

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

**26.06.2019** Authorities in the Dominican Republic in a private plane from Venezuela found 1 million 378 thousand 178 US dollars in cash. Investigation verifies the version of connection of the confiscated money with international drug trafficking and a big drug sale deal. <https://en.mercopress.com/2019/06/26/us-1.3-million-found-in-a-venezuelan-airplane-in-the-dominican-republic>

## SPAIN

**23.06.2019** Agents of the National Police in Madrid, Barcelona and Malaga, in a joint operation with the police and judicial authorities of the USA, Colombia and Great Britain, dismantled two criminal organizations, one of which is of Colombian origin and the other of Britain, which united to exchange logistics and drug trafficking internationally. In Madrid, Barcelona, Malaga and the United Kingdom, 16 people were detained, **1,044 tons of cocaine** seized in Spain and the UK. Members of the criminal group used vehicles to transport cocaine shipments, in which a mechanical system was installed in the double bottom of the trunk and the lower part of the car, which was activated by special magnets driving a hydraulic system to lift the base of the trunk to conceal drugs. [https://www.policia.es/videos/wmv/20190623\\_1.mp4](https://www.policia.es/videos/wmv/20190623_1.mp4)  
<http://prensa.policia.es/caletas.rar>

**24.06.2019** National police agents seized **540 kg of hashish** in an industrial building in Colmenar (Malaga) and arrested five members of a criminal drug group - four Spanish citizens and one United Kingdom citizen between 29 and 64 years old. During the arrest drug dealers were engaged in equipment of caches to conceal a consignment of hashish in wooden structures. Hashish was to be sold in Europe. During investigation, agents became aware of existence of a criminal drug group that used a warehouse in an industrial area in the city of Colmenar in Malaga to store, prepare and conceal narcotic substances, in particular hashish.

[https://www.policia.es/prensa/20190624\\_2.html](https://www.policia.es/prensa/20190624_2.html)

<https://twitter.com/policia/status/1143146002372677632>

Video: [https://www.policia.es/videos/wmv/20190624\\_2.mp4](https://www.policia.es/videos/wmv/20190624_2.mp4)

**25.06.2019** Agents of the National Police, during Operation "Coffee" aimed against a large-scale drug trafficking arrested a 50-year-old man and a citizen of the Netherlands on charges of illegal transportation of a large consignment of hashish and marijuana. This seizure was the result of an investigation into activities of a criminal organization based in Spain, branched out in several European Union countries specializing in large-scale international drug trafficking. Every two months, a truck of a Dutch international freight company went to the Bajo Guadalhorce district, where a group of Moroccans, who export hashish and marijuana to Europe, mainly to the Netherlands settled. During inspection of the truck, **1000 kg of hashish and 225 marijuana** were found hidden inside extruded polystyrene hollow pallets. Also, agents confiscated a truck with a trailer, tractor and 2,700 euros in cash.

<https://www.transport-online.nl/site/104714/nederlandse-vrachtwagenchauffeur-met-1000-kilo-hasj-in-vrachtwagen-vast-in-malaga-video/>

Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=15&v=BA1f17ujuk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=15&v=BA1f17ujuk)

**26.06.2019** A crew member of the President's plane was detained in Seville with **39 kg of cocaine**. The Spanish Civil Guard arrested a 38-year-old man - a member of the military crew of an aircraft used by the Brazilian Air Force for international flights of Brazilian leader Zhair Bolsonaro. The arrest was made when the plane on which the suspect flew made a stop at the Seville airport before flying to Tokyo, where it was to be used as a backup plane to accompany participation of the Brazilian leader in the G-20 meeting in Osaka (Japan). Drugs were found in hand luggage of a man when he and another 20 crew members and their luggage passed customs control upon arrival at Seville airport.

[https://elpais.com/elpais/2019/06/26/inenglish/1561557312\\_000835.html#?ref=rss&format=simple](https://elpais.com/elpais/2019/06/26/inenglish/1561557312_000835.html#?ref=rss&format=simple)

## COLOMBIA

**23.06.2019** Colombian Navy in the city of Santa Marta Magdalena managed to seize **100 kg of cocaine hydrochloride** transported on board the merchant ship "Golden Calvus" under the flag of the Marshall Islands. Cocaine consignment was discovered during underwater inspection work by highly skilled divers from the Santa Marta Coast Guard station.

<https://www.armada.mil.co/es/content/armada-colombia-incauta-clorhidrato-cocaina-en-buque-contaminado-en-santa-marta>

**30.06.2019** During observation and control operation, Colombian Navy units aboard the Arctic Gulf tanker in Cartagena, Bolivar, found and seized **65 kg of cocaine hydrochloride**. Consignment of cocaine was discovered during underwater inspection work

by highly skilled divers from the Maritime Institute. <https://www.cgfm.mil.co/es/blog/la-armada-de-colombia-incauta-clorhidrato-de-cocaina-bordo-de-buque-tanquero-en-cartagena>

## LITHUANIA

**28.06.2019** The Kaunas District Court indicted 45-year-old Robertas Shpokauskas and sentenced him to 12 years in prison for smuggling **79 kg of hashish** from Spain to Lithuania in January 2018 hidden inside metal agricultural plows. Drug was detected during inspection at the border checkpoint "Kalvaria-Budzisko".

<https://kauno.diena.lt/naujienos/kaunas/nusikalimai-ir-nelaimes/80-kg-hasiso-pluguose-gabenes-vyras-ilgiems-metams-siunciamas-uz-grotu-919948>

## THE NETHERLANDS

**26.06.2019** Rotterdam police officers seized the largest consignment of synthetic drugs in Europe - **2500 kg of crystalline methamphetamine**, worth several hundred million euros. During investigation, the police inspected an office building located in Rotterdam. Officers noticed that inside dimensions of the upper floor were smaller than the outside dimensions. Upon closer inspection, it turned out that an external wall was built across the entire width of the building, behind which there were hidden spaces. Inside caches, a large number of bags of crystalline methamphetamine were discovered. Drugs were seized and destroyed. Later, during a search at a warehouse in Utrecht, the police discovered **17,500 liters of chemicals** used to produce cocaine and synthetic drugs as well as hollow stones inside, which were used as caches for smuggling drugs.

<https://nltimes.nl/2019/06/26/europes-largest-crystal-meth-bust-rotterdam-find-nets-2500-kilos>

<https://www.politie.nl/nieuws/2019/juni/25/11-2500-kg-methamfetamine-gevonden.html>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DCzxcUy2Cz4>

## SENEGAL

**26.06.2019** Customs authorities off the coast of West Africa seized **238 kg of cocaine** concealed in four new cars that being transported by a ship from Brazil to Angola, and anchored in the port of Dakar. Drug cartels use West Africa as a staging post to ship cocaine on their way from South America to Europe.

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001331546/senegal-seizes-238-kg-of-cocaine-hidden-inside-four-cars-on-ship>

<https://senegalactu.com/port-de-dakar-les-images-des-238-kg-de-cocaine-saisis/>

## MAURITIUS

**27.06.2019** During joint operation of the Metropolitan Anti-Smuggling Unit (ADSU), the National Coast Guard and the Drug Enforcement Division of the Mauritius Revenue Authority found **1.55 kg of heroin** on the cargo ship MSC Agata under the flag of Liberia, which was anchored two nautical miles from the Port-Lui.

<https://www.lexpress.mu/article/355573/saisie-dheroine-resultats-adn-lequipage-msc-agata-attendus>

## USA

**25.06.2019** US Customs and Border Protection agents, together with the Homeland Security Investigation (HSI) staff involved in the Border Enforcement Security Task Force



(BEST) in Baltimore, Maryland, inspected a container with sun loungers that arrived from China through Panama and found **151 kg of cocaine**. The worth of the consignment is estimated at \$ 10 million. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/federal-authorities-local-partners-seize-333-pounds-cocaine-shipping>

## TUNISIA

**25.06.2019** Customs agents monitoring passengers and vehicles in the port of La Gulet discovered and seized **4 kg of cocaine and 25,478 Ecstasy tablets**. The drugs were hidden inside housing of household appliances, which were transported from the port of Genoa in their car to a couple of spouses - citizens of Tunisia. Suspects were transferred to customs investigation department. <https://www.douane.gov.tn/news/port-de-la-goulette-saisie-de-4-kg-de-cocaine-et-25478-comprimes-decstasy-en-possession-dun-voyageur/>