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REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

26.07.2019 Officers of the State Border Guard Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan stopped an attempt to smuggle drugs from Iran to Azerbaijan at the frontier post in Fizuli district. The intruders, hiding from the border guard, threw a package in which **heroin, opium and marijuana** were later found, weighing **13 kg 670 g** as well as **45 tablets of psychotropic drug**. In addition, the GPS detected movement of two unidentified individuals along the coastline. On seeing the border guards, perpetrators attempted to escape, but were detained. They were found carrying a bag of **heroin and opium weighing a total of 5.2 kg**. Residents of Lankaran region born in 1965 and 1973 were detained. Both instances are still under investigation.

<http://vzglyad.az/news/141914/%D0%93%D0%BE%D1%81%D0%BF%D0%BE%D0%B3%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BD%D1%81%D0%BB%D1%83%D0%B6%D0%B1%D0%B0-%D0%90%D0%B7%D0%B5%D1%80%D0%B1%D0%B0%D0%B9%D0%B4%D0%B6%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B0-%D0%B8%D0%B7%D1%8A%D1%8F%D0%BB%D0%B0-%D1%81%D0%B2%D1%8B%D1%88%D0%B5-18,5-%D0%BA%D0%B3-%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%80%D0%BA%D0%BE%D1%82%D0%B8%D0%BA%D0%BE%D0%B2.html>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

23.07.2019 UNK officers in Krasnoyarsk detained a 55-year-old local resident suspected of illegal drug trafficking, from whom **300 grams of heroin** was found and seized during a personal search in his leather bag. A criminal case has been initiated by Krasnoyarsk Krai GSU GU of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17660015>

24.07.2019 Police officers stopped a car within the "Mak" preventive action in the Mukhorshibirsky district of the Republic of Buryatia on the highway two kilometers from the Zandin ulus, and found three bags of **marijuana weighing about 15 kg** in the trunk of a car. The drug belonged to a passenger - a 38-year-old resident of the Transbaikal region, who came to Buryatia to collect, process and export the drug. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17672887>

25.07.2019 Officers of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs UNK detained a 30-year-old citizen of Tajikistan, who illegally kept **443 grams of heroin** with him and at his place of residence intended for sale in the Bryansk region. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17692303>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

23.07.2019 A large consignment of drugs was discovered as a result of a traffic accident involving a police car. A van carrying **273 kg of crystalline methamphetamine (ice)** drove into a police vehicle parked in a Sydney suburb of Eastwood at high speed. The van was driven by a 28-year-old driver who was arrested after searching the vehicle and detecting drugs.

<https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=ru&sl=en&u=https://www.bbc.com/news/world-australia-49079926&prev=search>

23.07.2019 Australian Border Force (ABF) officers discovered **7.5 litres of liquid methamphetamine** in souvenirs, 15 snow globes arriving in Sydney from Canada in international parcels. Decorative objects were X-rayed and the fluid contained in them indicated positive for methamphetamine. <https://www.9news.com.au/national/snow-globe-liquid-meth-abf-seize-1-million-drugs-sydney-nsw-news/1c0e290d-5842-4fd3-8507-7c5fc2d6f71e?ocid=Social-9NewsP>

26.07.2019 The Australian Federal Police (AFP) and the Australian Border Force (ABF) at the Sydney Container Examination Facility inspected a container carrying a 2,300 kg plasma cutting machine from India and found a large quantity of drugs. The dismantling of industrial equipment resulted in the discovery of a closed metal cavity in which **55 kg of cocaine** were concealed. Further investigation in Arkadiya and Toongabbi in north-western Sydney included seizure of several encrypted devices, criminal items, ammunition, power tools (used to access cargo) and a radio frequency tracer. Three members of a criminal drug gang from Sydney were arrested.

<https://newsroom.abf.gov.au/releases/three-men-charged-and-55kg-of-cocaine-hidden-inside-industrial-machinery-seized-3>

Video: <https://newsroom.abf.gov.au/releases/three-men-charged-and-55kg-of-cocaine-hidden-inside-industrial-machinery-seized-3/videos>

BELGIUM

25.07.2019 In the port of Vaasland, two dockers working in the port drew attention to several suspicious people working on the 1333 quay at the Antwerp company Euroterminal in Callo (Kildrecht) and reported it to the police. Upon arrival, police found a cargo van carrying **1.5 tons of cocaine**. The drugs were confiscated and investigation was launched into this case.

<https://www.hln.be/in-de-buurt/beveren/anderhalve-ton-cocaine-onderschept-in-waaslandhaven~ab31b9bd/>

BRAZIL

24.07.2019 At the port of Salvador, four bags containing **116 kg of cocaine** were found in a container of wood destined for the port of Sinus, Portugal. The vessel carrying the drug was passing through the ports of Paranagua and Santos before El Salvador. Criminals used the method of transporting a consignment of cocaine when illicit consignment was introduced into normal cargo without the knowledge of the owner. The drugs seized were



sent to the Federal Police that will continue to investigate the case.
<http://varelanoticias.com.br/maletas-com-116-quilos-de-cocaina-sao-apreendidas-no-porto-de-salvador/>
<https://g1.globo.com/ba/bahia/noticia/2019/07/24/quatro-bolsas-com-116-kg-de-cocaina-sao-apreendidas-escondidas-em-carga-de-madeira-no-porto-de-salvador.ghtml>

UNITED KINGDOM

23.07.2019 In a joint operation involving Virgin Islands Police Force and British Virgin Islands Customs, **44.20 kg of cocaine** were found and seized on the KRAUTSAND ship at the port of Purcell. The vessel is a general cargo ship, the home port of which is Georgetown, Guyana. Investigation into the case is ongoing.

<http://www.virginislandsnews.com/en/news/44kg-cocaine-discovered-in-vessel-port-purcell>

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

25.07.2019 Officials of the National Drug Control Directorate (DNCD) in Puerto de Haina Oriental, Municipality of Santo Domingo Oeste, inspected a container aboard a ship from Barranquilla, Colombia, and found 99 concealed packages with **101.31 kg of cocaine** in a shipment of steel pipes. <http://www.dncd.gob.do/index.php/noticias/item/decomisan-101-kilos-de-cocaina-en-puerto-de-haina-oriental>

INDIA

23.07.2019 A special Delhi police unit searched a warehouse in Sonapat, Haryana, and seized **50 kg of heroin**. The consignment entered India across the Waga-Attari border in Punjab State, together with 102 boxes of raisins in 204 plastic bags hidden between layers of cardboard. Two Afghan citizens, one from Kandahar and one from Helmand, have been arrested. <http://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2019/jul/23/50-kg-heroin-worth-rs-200-crore-seized-in-haryana-2008132.html>

KENYA

26.07.2019 Detectives from anti-narcotics police unit in Mombasa arrested two suspected drug traffickers in Bamburi, Kisauni. A search of residence of a 34-year-old suspect resulted in discovery and seizure of about **2 kg of heroin**, as well as 1 million shillings obtained from illicit businesses. A second 24-year-old drug dealer was present in the house and was also arrested. <https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2019/07/2-suspects-nabbed-as-police-in-mombasa-intercept-heroin-weighing-2kg/>

COLOMBIA

24.07.2019 Members of Santa Marta Port Coast Guard intercepted a boat that had been used to transport a large consignment of cocaine to Europe. Information provided by the SIU Caribe Investigation Unit, in coordination with the regional drug agency DEA Cartagena, resulted in seizure of **239 kg of cocaine hydrochloride**.

<https://www.elheraldo.co/judicial/guardacostas- incauto-239-kilos-de-cocaina-en-santa-marta-652470>

MEXICO

20.07.2019 Mexican Navy Coast Guard, in coordination with Manzanillo Customs and the Attorney General's Office, inspected one of containers being transported across the San Francisco Bridge from the port of Callao, Peru, to Qingdao, China, and found 55 packages with **64.8 kg of cocaine**.

<https://www.jornada.com.mx/ultimas/politica/2019/07/20/aseguran-65-kg-de-cocaina-en-buque-con-tumbo-a-china-9893.html>

PAKISTAN

24.07.2019 Malir district police arrested two drug traffickers in two separate raids on the Saasi toll road and in the Gadap area. **20 kg of heroin** were found and seized. An investigation is under way into the facts. <https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/20-kg-heroin-powder-seized-two-held-in-karac-677030.html>

USA

24.07.2019 Officers of the Ohio National Guard Drug Task Force seized **8 kg of cocaine, 1 kg of heroin and 10 g of fentanyl** during an operation in Cleveland. <https://www.cleveland19.com/2019/07/24/million-worth-cocaine-heroin-fentanyl-seized-during-cleveland-drug-bust/>

25.07.2019 Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Office of Field Operations (OFO) on the International Bridge of Hidalgo, Texas, stopped an attempt to smuggle **6.56 kilograms of methamphetamine** concealed in a Ford Fiesta driven by a 58-year-old Mexican citizen. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-field-operations-seizes-nearly-300k-methamphetamine-hidalgo>

26.07.2019 More than **13 tons of cocaine** were seized in international waters in the eastern Pacific from late June to mid-July and landed by the San Diego Coast Guard. Drugs worth approximately \$350 million were seized from six suspected smugglers in two floating bales found off the coast of Mexico, Central America and South America. <https://www.kpbs.org/news/2019/jul/26/us-coast-guard-offloads-13-tons-cocaine-seized-eas/>

26.07.2019 Officers at the Mariposa, Tucson, Arizona arrested a 19-year-old U.S. citizen in an attempt to smuggle nearly **48.53kg of methamphetamine**. The drugs were discovered as a result of the search of a Jeep driven by a young man. The driver's personal search also revealed a small bag of cocaine hidden in his shoes.

In the second case, Morley's pedestrian staff detained two women from the United States of America aged 60 and 40 who had tried to enter the United States from Mexico. More than **1.81 kg of fentanyl, 910 g of methamphetamine and a small amount of heroin** were found and seized during body searches. The drugs were concealed by drug couriers at the top of the body underneath clothes.

In the third case, officers at the Mariposa crossroad detained a 31-year-old Mexican woman who had been trying to smuggle more than **4.99 kg of heroin and a small amount of fentanyl** into the United States inside a Toyota fuel tank.

In addition, officers on the Mariposa Pass detained a 56-year-old Mexican woman who smuggled into the U.S. in caches equipped in vehicle almost **54.88 kg of heroin, 29.48 kg of methamphetamine and 2.27 kg of fentanyl**.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/nogales-cbp-officers-seize-42m-worth-hard-drugs>

26.07.2019 A 22-year-old male driver was detained by a Colorado State Patrol who hid **4.186 kilograms of heroin and more than 225 grams of fentanyl** in the trunk of a Jeep Liberty car in caches equipped with audio speakers.

<https://www.postindependent.com/news/crime-briefs-screwdriver-stabbing-loudspeaker-with-4000-plus-grams-of-heroin-fentanyl/>

THAILAND

23.07.2019 A group of police officers seized **800,000 methane tablets, 100 kg of marijuana, 86 kg of ketamine and 14 kg of crystalline methamphetamine (ice)** during a special operation to apprehend smugglers on the banks of the Mekong River in Ban Phalouka village, Tambon Chanode, Van Yai district. The drugs were smuggled in sacks by boat across the Mekong River in Mukdakhon, on the border with Laos, by a group of about 10 smugglers. <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30373469>

24.07.2019 A group of police officers from Mae-Fah-Luang police station and rangers from the 31st Ranger Task Force patrol on the Mu-6 road to Tambon-Mae-Salong Nok in Mae-Fah-Luang County found a pickup truck carrying large quantities of smuggled methamphetamine from Myanmar to Chiang Rai. As a result of seizure and search of the vehicle, 30 bags of approximately **5 million methamphetamine tablets** were found in the rear of the vehicle. Drug couriers fled to the nearest forest.

<https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30373545>

TURKEY

22.07.2019 Anti-drug police have carried out an operation against financial support of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, an operation against illegal terrorist organization in Turkey, detained a suspect in the south-eastern province of Batman and confiscated about **1 ton of marijuana**. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/turkey-police-seize-1-ton-of-marijuana/1537934>

24.07.2019 Two suspects were apprehended by the Istanbul police during special operations to disrupt actions of members of a criminal drug gang that had organized supply of drugs from western provinces of Turkey to Istanbul and their storage in the Buiükçekmece area for distribution. In the Istanbul area of Beylikdüzü, **92 kg of heroin** were found and confiscated during a search of a truck used in drugs transportation.

<https://www.yenisafak.com/en/news/istanbul-police-seize-over-90-kg-of-heroin-3496264>

25.07.2019 Anti-drug police in the Ipekyolu district of eastern province of Van seized 300 packages of **heroin, totalling 152 kg**. The drugs were being transported in a car. The driver was arrested on suspicion of smuggling drugs. <https://www.yenisafak.com/en/news/over-150-kg-of-heroin-seized-in-eastern-turkey-3496346>

CROATIA

25.07.2019 Operation Familia, coordinated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Europol, resulted in 16 arrests: 11 in Europe and 5 in Asia, as well as seizures of more than **1 ton of cocaine** and 2 million euros in cash. Law enforcement agencies from around the world have teamed up against a criminal network in the Balkans suspected of

trafficking cocaine on a large scale from South America to Europe by private aircraft. The investigation was initiated and conducted by the Croatian police (Policijski nacionalni ured za suzbijanje korupcije i organiziranog kriminala) and the Croatian Special Prosecutor's Office for Combating Corruption and Organized Crime in early 2018. Law enforcement agencies from the Czech Republic, Serbia and Slovenia also participated. The operation was conducted simultaneously by agencies from three different continents: Asia, Europe and South America. <https://youtu.be/DtJeij0REOO>
<https://www.europol.europa.eu/newsroom/news/balkan-cartel-trafficking-cocaine-around-globe-in-private-planes-busted>

UKRAINE

27.07.2019 National Police of Ukraine for the Odessa region discovered on the outskirts of the village in Izmail district illegal cannabis plantations, which were disguised by criminals as greenhouses. As a result of searches, **4.2 tons of cannabis** were seized, including bags of dried marijuana. Seedlings of plants were also found, stored in special pallets for planting in the soil when collecting already grown batches of narcotic potion. Eight people were detained for engagement in cultivation of drug-containing plants.
https://ru.sputnik.md/world_incidents/20190727/27028673/dazhe-politseyskie-udivilis-odesskaya-oblasti-4-tonny-konopli-video.html