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REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

02.08.2019 Nur-Sultan police officers detained a 43-year-old resident of the Karaganda region, who had more than **200 grams of heroin** during a personal search as part of the "Prvoporiadok" (from rus. – "Law and Order") prevention measure. Another drug supply channel was dismantled at the "Rubezh" checkpoint, in the direction of Karaganda-Nur-Sultan. A 37-year-old resident of Zhambyl region, who tried to smuggle about **13 kg of hashish** for sale in Nur-Sultan, was detained. Pre-trial investigations are being conducted into these facts. <https://24.kz/ru/news/incidents/item/332109-osobo-kрупnuyu-partiyu-geroina-iz-yali-zhitelya-karagandinskoy-oblasti>

02.08.2019 In the North Kazakhstan region, police officers arrested a 46-year-old man suspected of selling drugs. Four bags of **marijuana weighing 80.285 kg** and **hashish weighing 88.09 g** were found and seized in the suspect's car. This fact is under investigation. https://total.kz/ru/news/proisshestiya/80_kilogramm_narkotikov_izyali_politseiskie_v_sko_dne_2019_08_02_16_09_30

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

29.07.2019 More than **1 kg of synthetic drugs** was found in an international postal consignment from China to Yekaterinburg by officers of the Koltsovo Airport customs post (postal). Together with the Transport Department of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Ural Federal District, the customs officers carried out a search operation in the course of which the drug recipient was detained. A criminal case has been initiated in connection with the drugs smuggling. <http://customs.ru/press/federal/document/195574>

29.07.2019 A car driven by a 22-year-old native of a nearby republic was stopped in the Serpukhovskiy district on Borisovskoye shosse by officers of the Russian MVD GUNK for the Moscow region. He was accompanied by a 28-year-old Moscow resident as a passenger. In the course of a personal search, two bundles with **200 grams heroin** were found and confiscated from the men. A criminal case has been initiated against the suspects. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17734187>

31.07.2019 Officers of the Russian MVD UNK for the Omsk region detained a resident of Novosibirsk suspected of distributing synthetic drugs in Omsk. In the course of a personal search, **1,133.66 g** of derivatives of mephedrone or its analogues - **MDPV (methyldioxypyrovalerone)**, packaging material and electronic scales - were seized from the suspect. The defendant stored drugs for subsequent distribution to drug users via the Internet. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17763746>

01.08.2019 A local resident suspected of illicit drug production was detained by officers of the Russian MVD GUNK together with colleagues from Rostov region. The man built and equipped a room in the town of Shakhty, Rostov region, for the manufacture of synthetic drugs for sale. In a garage, he set up a special warehouse for storing illegal substances ready for sale. A criminal case has been initiated on this fact. In the course of searches, precursors, chemical reagents, laboratory equipment, as well as more than **3 kg of N-methylephedrone** were seized. Two packages containing **1 kg of N-methylephedrone** were found in the man's car. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17776069>

02.08.2019 Criminal actions of a organized group, whose members were engaged in illegal sale of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances through an Internet shop in one of messengers, were stopped by the officers of the regional UNK MVD of the Pskov region together with their colleagues from Velikie Luki. The group consisted of 6 members aged 19 to 35 years. Local wholesale drug dealers were detained, as well as the chief administrator of the online drug store. It was a 31-year-old resident of Tver. In the course of searches, more than **450 grams of drugs of synthetic origin** packaged and prepared for further placement in stashes in the territory of Pskov and Velikiye Luki were seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17792092>

02.08.2019 Officers of the Russian OMVD in Solnechnogorsk district of Moscow region detained a 35-year-old native a neighboring country suspected of selling a psychotropic substance. A personal search in the suspect's sports bag revealed **about 700 grams of amphetamine**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17790693>

02.08.2019 Officers of GUNK of the MVD of the Russian Federation and the Saratov region UNK of the GU MVD of the Russian Federation stopped criminal actions of an interregional organized group engaged in supplying heroin on a particularly large scale to the territory of the Saratov region with a view to its subsequent sale. Police officers in suburbs of Saratov stopped a car driven by an Uzbek citizen carrying about **1.7 kg of heroin**. The perpetrator served as a courier to transport large consignments of drugs from the Moscow region to the Saratov region. A day later, a second member of the ethnic group, a citizen of Tajikistan, was detained in the Moscow region. He was searched in his car and found to carry **1 kg of heroin**. In the course of further operational and investigative measures, a place of storage, packing and sale of narcotic substances, as well as a drug dealer, were identified. A national of the Republic of Tajikistan turned out to be the seller of wholesale packages of heroin intended for further distribution in smaller batches in Saratov province. More than **3 kg of drugs** were seized during a search in his residence in Moscow. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17798967>

05.08.2019 Officers of the St. Petersburg Line Directorate of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs detained a local resident in Schlisselburg, Leningrad region, suspected of illegal distribution of drugs, who had more than **5 kg of hashish** in his bag during personal inspection. A search of the suspect's residence resulted in the seizure of about **3.5 kg of amphetamine, 1.5 kg of marijuana, 64 g of cocaine and about 100 g of methadone**, which were intended to be sold through caches near railway stations in the Leningrad region. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/17818816>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AFGHANISTAN

01.08.2019 Security forces at Hamid Karzai International Airport arrested a smuggler who was attempting to smuggle **2 kg of heroin** from Kabul to Delhi, India's capital, in his luggage. <https://www.khaama.com/bid-to-smuggle-2kgs-of-heroin-from-kabul-to-delhi-foiled-smuggler-arrested-03519/>

GEORGIA

04.08.2019 Georgian Interior Ministry officers in Rustavi (Kvemo-Kartli region) seized a variety of drugs on a particularly large scale. A 28-year-old Azerbaijani citizen was detained for illegal acquisition, storage and transportation of a new psychoactive substance (NPS). The drug courier transported **709 MDMA tablets, 86 Suboxin tablets, 93 Subutex tablets, three B8 tablets, 1,239 kg of synthetic cannabinoid "Bio", packaged in 119 packages, and more than 28.8 g of NPS** in his car and illegally stored at his place of residence. <https://www.1news.az/news/krupnyu-partiyu-narkotikov-iz-yali-v-rustavi-u-grazhdanina-azerbaydzhana>

GERMANY

30.07.2019 On 12 July 2019, customs officials discovered **15 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of a Colombian postal parcel at Leipzig's Galle airport. The parcel contained 6 plastic canisters and a black garbage bag containing black powder. Examinations have shown that the powder was a mixture of cocaine and printer toner. The amount of pure cocaine is about 2 kg. https://www.zoll.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/Rauschgift/2019/z05_schwarzer_schnee_dd.html

02.08.2019 Customs in Hamburg examined a suspicious soybean container from Montevideo, Uruguay, destined for Antwerp, Belgium, as a result of import risk analysis. The container was inspected and 211 black sports bags containing more than 4,200 packages of compressed cocaine were found. The total weight of **cocaine was 4.5 tons**. The investigation is being conducted by the Hamburg Customs Service on behalf of the Hamburg Prosecutor's Office. The seized consignment of cocaine was destroyed in conditions of strict secrecy and extensive security measures. https://www.zoll.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/Rauschgift/2019/z01_kokain_containerschiff.html

GREECE

03.08.2019 Officials of the Narcotics Control Division of the Port of Thessalonica Administration found 47 packages containing **52 kg of cocaine** during an X-ray inspection of a container carrying bananas from Latin America in refrigeration system. An investigation is under way to determine the origin of cocaine, as well as its destination. <http://www.ekathimerini.com/243269/article/ekathimerini/news/drug-squad-seizes-cocaine-at-thessaloniki-port>
Video: www.hcg.gr.

INDIA

31.07.2019 A Mozambican national was detained at Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi while attempting to smuggle **10.69 kg of heroin** on a flight from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. During a search of her luggage, two plastic rolls were found with heroin concealed inside. The female drug courier was arrested. <https://www.ndtv.com/delhi-news/mozambican-woman-arrested-at-delhi-airport-allegedly-with-10-kg-heroin-2078392>

01.08.2019 During an anti-drug operation, the Kapurthala police seized **5 kg of heroin** hidden in 10 boxes of a popular soap brand. A man from New Delhi has been arrested. <http://www.5dariyanews.com/news/270089-Kapurthala-Police-Seize-5-Kg-Heroin-Worth-Rs-25-Cr-From-Delhi-Based-Supplier>

05.08.2019 Special Police Task Force of Calcutta arrested two men, 34 and 46 years old, who were transporting in a vehicle about **3,208 kg of heroin** concealed inside the vehicle's door. <http://www.millenniumpost.in/kolkata/two-arrested-with-32-kg-heroin-367287>

IRAN

02.08.2019 The Iranian Coast Guard Border Police Force of Khuzestan province discovered and seized **1,588 kg of opium** in two boats during an operation off the coast of the south-western port city of Bandar Mahshahr. <https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/438836/Big-haul-of-opium-seized-near-Bandar-Mahshahr>

CABO-VERDE

05.08.2019 In a special operation carried out by the Central Narcotics Trafficking Division (SCITE) in cooperation with the Coast Guard of Cape Verde, **2,256.27 kg of cocaine** were found and seized on board the Eternal Help Abaete II and five Brazilian nationals were arrested. The operation was carried out following an exchange of intelligence with MAOC-N. The Lisbon Maritime Analysis and Exploitation Centre, as part of the fight against transnational drug trafficking by sea, with the participation of the Brazilian Federal Police. <https://www.macaubusiness.com/five-brazilians-arrested-and-2-2-tons-of-cocaine-seized-by-cape-verdean-pj/>

COLOMBIA

01.08.2019 National Police, through the Drug Enforcement Administration, in coordination with the National Navy, seized **300 kg of cocaine** concealed in a container on board a vessel en route to the seaport of Barcelona, Spain, in the Nueva Colonia area of Antioquia. <https://www.policia.gov.co/noticia/incautamos-mas-300-kilogramos-cocaina-corregimiento-nueva-colonia-antioquia>

MEXICO

29.07.2019 Mexican federal police and Navy agents on Puerto Morelos beach found a large rectangular package containing **25.7 kg of cocaine**. The drugs found were handed over to the Attorney General's Office of Cancún. <https://www.riviera-maya-news.com/25-kilos-of-cocaine-found-on-puerto-morelos-beach/2019.html>

MYANMAR

30.07.2019 Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC) Anti-Drug Task Force seized **2.42 kg of heroin and 165,750 tablets of stimulants** in the Sagain region and Rakhine State. Two detainees have been charged under the country's legislation on narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. <https://en.brinkwire.com/news/heroin-stimulant-tablets-seized-in-myanmar/>

THE NETHERLANDS

31.07.2019 Customs found **96 kg of cocaine** in the cooling engine of a refrigerated container carrying an avocado from Peru during an inspection at the port of Rotterdam. The fruit was destined for a fruit company in Barenrecht. The shipment of cocaine was destroyed. The HARC team is conducting a joint investigation by Customs, FIOD, the seaport police and the Public Prosecutor's Office in Rotterdam. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuwsberichten/@106414/douane-onderschept-0/>

PAKISTAN

02.08.2019 Anti-Narcotic Force of Pakistan (ANF) seized 2.14 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances as a result of 32 anti-drug operations, including **1975.7 kg of hashish, 62.175 kg of heroin, 104.45 kg of opium, 4.338 kg of methamphetamine (ice), 3700 xanax tablets and 50 ecstasy tablets**. Forty people were arrested, including four women, and nine vehicles were confiscated. <https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/anf-seizes-214-tons-drugs-in-32-operations-682993.html>

USA

30.07.2019 Drug Task Force of Franklin County, Virginia, discovered and confiscated **2,775 kg of heroin** during execution of a house search warrant. Two Columbus residents aged 27 and 59 were arrested at the scene. <https://www.nbc4i.com/news/local-news/county-police-seize-more-than-6-pounds-of-heroin/>

01.08.2019 U.S. Border Patrol (CBP) agents arrested six drug smugglers, including Guatemalan, Ecuadorian and Mexican nationals, during a special operation in Tucson, Arizona, and seized **11.34 kilograms of methamphetamine** about 30 miles east of Lukeville. Detained persons and seized drugs were transferred to the ICE Homeland Security Investigations for further processing and investigation. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/agents-seize-meth-arrest-6-remote-area-east-lukeville>

01.08.2019 U.S. Border Patrol (CBP) officials at Interstate Checkpoint 8 in Campo, California, discovered 114 plastic bags hidden in the doors and back of a vehicle, containing **53.98 kg of methamphetamine**, as a result of Mazda-3's security checks. Value of the consignment is estimated at 237 thousand U.S. dollars. The driver is a 33-year-old U.S. citizen arrested. Drugs have been transferred to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). The vehicle was confiscated by the U.S. border patrol. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/agents-find-more-270k-meth>

THAILAND

01.08.2019 National police in Bangkok seized **2.158 million methamphetamine tablets, 83 kg of crystalline methamphetamine (ice) and 25 kg of ketamine.**
<https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30374045>

URUGUAY

03.08.2019 In the city of Park del Plata, on the Gold Coast of Rio de la Plata, 50 km from Montevideo and about 80 km from the seaside resort of Punta, police seized **854 kg of cocaine**, the day after detecting 4.5 tons of cocaine in a container originating in Uruguay in Germany. During the operation, three people were arrested, one of whom was charged with drug trafficking. A 50-year-old detainee was in charge of drug control. The other two were drivers of Mercedes Benz and Volkswagen Amarok vans used to transport drugs.
<http://www.maritimeherald.com/2019/more-cocaine-in-uruguay-854-kilos-of-that-substance-worth-1-1-billion-was-seized-in-a-new-operation/>

ECUADOR

28.07.2019 Police found a stash in a private residence in Balsar, located in the southwestern coastal province of Guayas, where **1.5 tons of cocaine** were found and seized. The shipment of cocaine was to be transported to the United States and Europe. Three suspects were arrested, including foreigners, members of an international drug trafficking organization that uses maritime routes to smuggle cocaine and other illicit drugs. A total of 1,498 packages of cocaine hidden in 266 wooden boards for export from the port of Guayaquil in Guayas have been found.
http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-07/30/c_138268192.htm
<https://www.fiscalia.gob.ec/balzar-5-procesados-por-el-trafico-de-149-toneladas-de-cocaina/>

JAMIACA

31.07.2019 Police in St. Thomas seized about **1,200 kg of cocaine.** A police investigation is under way in connection with this case.
<http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20190731/major-drug-seizure15-billion-worth-cocaine-recovered-st-thomas>