

CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

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CARICC MEMBER STATES

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

30.09.2019 Officers of UNK GU MVD of Russia in the Moscow region in the city of Shchelkovo detained 33-year-old native of a neighboring country, suspected of distributing drugs, from which during personal inspection were seized more than **490 g of N-methylephedrone**. A criminal case has been initiated on this matter.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/18461729>

01.10.2019 Officers of UNK UMVD of Russia in the Kaluga region detained three citizens of a neighboring country born in 1998 and 2000, suspected of involvement in the sale of drugs in a contactless manner. In the course of personal searches of the suspects, as well as from the caches equipped by the perpetrators, **257 grams of heroin** were seized. The drug was intended for sale in Kaluga. A criminal case has been opened on this fact.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/18468135>

01.10.2019 Staff members of UNK, Voronezh Region, Russia's Interior Ministry, together with colleagues from the regional FSB dismantled an underground amphetamine laboratory in Voronezh. Two members of the criminal group suspected of manufacturing and selling a psychotropic substance - local residents aged 26 and 30 - were detained. The drug laboratory existed from November 2018 to February 2019. Amphetamine was synthesized in a garage box located in the city. Through the Internet, the offenders purchased special equipment and found instructions on how to manufacture amphetamine on the global network. During their activities, drug traffickers formed a circle of regular customers on an Internet trading platform. Seizures of **7742.777 g of amphetamine**, chemicals and equipment were made. The circumstances of this crime are investigated.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/18469140>

02.10.2019 Officers of the drug control unit of the Russian Interior Ministry in the Seryshevsky district of the Amur region near the village of Burma discovered and seized 16 bags of **marijuana, weighing more than 67 kg**. A 59-year-old local resident, who collected and prepared drug from wild cannabis, was detained. In the Bureoi district of Bezozeroe village, drug police found and seized 5 bags of **marijuana weighing more than 47 kg**. The drug belonged to a 35-year-old local resident.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/18477212>

04.10.2019 Officers of UNK GU MVD of Russia in the Moscow region in the urban district of Balashikha detained a 36-year-old native of a neighboring country, a suspected drug dealer, from whom more than **1 kg of methylephedrone** was seized during a personal search.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/18502420>



04.10.2019 The Perm Krai Investigation Department of the Main Administration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation has completed a criminal investigation into a case of seven dealers accused of selling drugs in the region. The criminal activity was organized by a couple from Zakamsk - a 43-year-old man and his civil wife born in 1970, who were distributing illegal substances through an online store called "Gena Crocodile". The daughter of the main defendant was also involved in criminal activities. The 29-year-old woman was an operator. The criminal group included drug couriers and so-called "warehouses". Drugs were distributed through caches. The online shop operated from 2016 to April 2018. The activity of the malefactors was stopped by UUR Main Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation in the Perm region. In the course of special operation, with participation of Rosgvardia, all drug dealers were detained. About **1 kg of drugs of synthetic origin** were seized. The location of about 80 drug caches for drug users was established. Organizers and five other members of the group were charged with drug trafficking and legalization (laundering) of criminal proceeds worth more than 16 million roubles (about 250,000 United States dollars). The criminal case has been referred to the court for consideration. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/18509478>

UZBEKISTAN

04.10.2019 A 30-year-old resident of Fergana region, who was trying to smuggle **6.318 kg of hashish** intended for sale in Uzbekistan, was detained in Altynkul district by officers of the State Security Service of the Kyrgyz Republic for Andijan province. A man in Osh oblast agreed with Kyrgyz citizens to purchase hashish for 13,200 US dollars. He was to hand over the drug after receiving the cargo in Andijan province. As a result of another operational activity carried out by SGB officers, three local residents aged 37 and 38 were detained in the Pakhtaabad district of Andijan province, from whom **616 grams of hashish** were seized. Criminal proceedings are currently under way in relation to these cases. <http://uza.uz/ru/society/sgb-izyala-zavezennye-iz-kyrgyzstana-narkotiki-04-10-2019>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AFGHANISTAN

03.10.2019 Counter-narcotics police in the Argo district of northern Badakhshan province arrested four smugglers and seized **30 kg of heroin**. The arrested traffickers attempted to smuggle heroin into a neighbouring country. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-10/03/c_138446305.htm

BRAZIL

02.10.2019 The Federal Highway Police (PRF) seized **465 kilograms of cocaine** on the BR-277 highway in Guarapuava, Paraná, after stopping and inspecting a truck carrying lumber. The 58-year-old truck driver was undocumented and behaved suspiciously. During a search of the vehicle, police drilled through wooden parts and found 427 packages of cocaine in nine wooden structures, weighing approximately 465 kg. The truck arrived from Paraguay and was heading to Curitiba. The driver was arrested and, together with the drugs, taken to the Guarapuava Federal Police station. <https://g1.globo.com/pr/campos-gerais-sul/noticia/2019/10/02/prf-apreende-mais-de-300-kg-de-cocaina-escondidos-em-pecas-de-madeira-em-guarapuava.ghtml>

04.10.2019 Police and port security officers confiscated a cargo of **392 kg of cocaine** at the Navigantes Port Complex, Santa Catarina. The suspects were seen near a container destined for the port of Valencia in Spain. One person involved in the smuggling was arrested, while others managed to escape. Police inspected the scene and found a container of broken seals containing 12 bags of 300 packs of cocaine. The seized cocaine was sent to the Federal Police station in Itazhai, which is responsible for investigating international drug trafficking. <https://g1.globo.com/sc/santa-catarina/noticia/2019/10/04/policia-apreende-carga-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-navegantes.ghtml>

VIETNAM

06.10.2019 Border guards in Ha Tinh Province in central Vietnam have arrested six Lao nationals belonging to a transnational criminal drug gang that acquires drugs in Laos and smuggles them into Vietnam through the border gate of Cau Tre in Huong Song County. Two vehicles carrying drugs were stopped on the 8A national highway near the border with Laos. Border guards and customs officials searched the vehicles and found **10 kg of heroin, 45 kg of methamphetamine, 6,000 amphetamine tablets**, two pistols and 50 bullets. <https://e.vnexpress.net/news/news/armed-lao-drug-mules-caught-with-55-kilos-of-heroin-meth-3992503.html>

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

30.09.2019 Agents of the National Drug Control Directorate (DNCD) inspected seven containers that had arrived from Colombia at the dock at the AS FAUSTINA port of Bahos de Haina, in San Cristóbal province, and discovered and seized approximately **140 kg of cocaine**. The operation was conducted in coordination with the General Customs Administration (DGA), the Intelligence Directorate of the General Staff of the Ministry of Defence (J-2) and other specialized units. The seized cocaine shipment was sent to the National Institute of Judicial Sciences (INACIF) for research. <http://www.dncd.gob.do/index.php/noticias/item/agentes-de-la-dncd-apresan-dominicano-pretendia-enviar-ocho-paquete-de-cocaina-a-australia-dentro-de-dos-palas-de-timon-para-embarcaciones-2>
<https://elnuevodiario.com.do/apresan-dominicano-supuestamente-pretendia-llevar-ocho-paquetes-de-cocaina-a-australia/>

04.10.2019 Agents of the National Drug Control Directorate (DNCD) at the cargo terminal of the International Airport of America (AILA) arrested a national of the Dominican Republic, who was carrying in a car two rudders for boats that concealed about **8 kg of cocaine** in their hulls. The shipment was to be sent to Australia by an international shipping company. <http://www.dncd.gob.do/index.php/noticias/item/agentes-de-la-dncd-apresan-dominicano-pretendia-enviar-ocho-paquete-de-cocaina-a-australia-dentro-de-dos-palas-de-timon-para-embarcaciones-2>
<https://elnuevodiario.com.do/apresan-dominicano-supuestamente-pretendia-llevar-ocho-paquetes-de-cocaina-a-australia/>

CHINA

25.09.2019 Law enforcement officials arrested two South African Airways (SAA) stewardesses for attempting to smuggle a large consignment of cocaine from South Africa through Hong Kong International Airport. On September 22, a 39-year-old stewardess was detained with **11.76 kg of cocaine** after a flight from Johannesburg to Hong Kong. On

September 24, a 35-year-old stewardess, who imported almost **6.35 kg of cocaine**, was detained after a customs investigation in Hong Kong. <https://www.foxnews.com/travel/south-african-airways-flight-attendants-arrested>

COLOMBIA

29.09.2019 The National Rural Police of Punta Canoa Municipality in northern Cartagena discovered a metal pipe in a Chevrolet Onyx vehicle containing **69 kg of high-purity cocaine** hydrochloride. Cocaine packages were placed inside a metal cylindrical capsule, which was designed and intended to be attached to ships leaving Cartagena port for international ports of destination.

http://glnbnews.com/url.html?p=https://caracol.com.co/emisora/2019/09/29/cartagena/1569715154_956890.html

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EF75oRu3nxw>

30.09.2019 A Colombian navy vessel in the Pacific Ocean, 30 nautical miles off the coast of Tumaco, found people in distress clinging to black bales of cocaine floating in the water. Three people were in the water for at least three hours after the sinking of a boat carrying large quantities of cocaine. A total of about **1.2 tons of cocaine** were found off the coast of Colombia. <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-7519939/Drug-smugglers-rescued-using-packets-COCAINE-stay-afloat-boat-sank-Colombia.html>

06.10.2019 During an inspection conducted by the personnel of the Uraba Coast Guard station of the Colombian Navy in coordination with the anti-drug police, 74 packages of cocaine were found in a container. The cargo was treated with industrial lubricant and granulated chlorine. The total weight of **cocaine was 73.7 kg**. The container was transported aboard the merchant vessel Melchior Shulte to Turbo, Antioquia. The ship had its final destination at the port of Anwerp in Belgium.

<https://www.armada.mil.co/es/content/armada-colombia-propino-golpe-al-narco trafico-en-golfo-uraba>

MEXICO

02.10.2019 Mexican soldiers in the jungle in southern Quintana Roo discovered **960 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.riviera-maya-news.com/mexican-army-locates-960-kilos-of-cocaine-in-quintana-roo-jungle/2019.html>

THE NETHERLANDS

29.09.2019 During an inspection at the port of Rotterdam, customs intercepted more than **1,500 kg of cocaine**. The drugs were concealed in a container of bananas and came from Colombia. The investigation is being conducted by the HARC team - Customs, FIOD, the seaport police and the Rotterdam Prosecutor's Office. Seized shipment was destroyed.

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuwsberichten/@106781/douane-onderschept-1/>

PAKISTAN

04.10.2019 Peshawar police arrested two drug smugglers and seized more than **25 kg of heroin and 400 g of crystalline methamphetamine**.

<https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/two-drug-smugglers-held-25kg-heroin-400g-ic-728615.html>

USA

26.09.2019 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers found anomalies in each of four wooden support stands of two hammocks at Dulles International Airport during a parcel scan. Approximately **4.08 kg of cocaine** were concealed inside the wooden posts. The packages were accompanied to Maryland by a courier, a Honduran national.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/dulles-cbp-seizes-cocaine-concealed-hammock-posts-honduran-courier-s>

30.09.2019 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), in conjunction with the Office of Field Operations (OFO) at the Farr-Reynos International Bridge, Texas, discovered and seized **43.5 kilograms of cocaine** from Mexico as a result of truck inspection. The driver, a 39-year-old Mexican citizen, was arrested. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-field-operations-seizes-over-700k-worth-cocaine-pharr-international>

01.10.2019 Police in San Mateo, California, arrested a 26-year-old Nevada resident who was carrying about **10.43 kg of methamphetamine** in the trunk of his car. The value of the seized drugs is more than 160 thousand dollars. The driver is placed in the main prison of San Mateo County.

<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2019/10/04/san-mateo-police-dog-sniffs-out-massive-illegal-stash-of-meth/>

01.10.2019 U.S. Border Patrol agents at Interstate 8 arrested a 25-year-old Mexican woman attempting to smuggle **30.7 kg of crystalline methamphetamine** into the U.S. from Mexico in a Ford vehicle. Drug packages were concealed inside rear door side panels and in the spare tire. The consignment cost is estimated at about 179 thousand U.S. dollars. The woman driver is under arrest. The drugs have been handed over to officials in the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. The car was confiscated by Border Patrol.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/child-endangered-during-meth-smuggling-attempt>

03.10.2019 In Kansas City, Missouri, a 20-year-old California resident who was carrying a large shipment of drugs on a bus to New York City was arrested. Detectives arrested a drug courier at a local bus station when he got off a bus from Los Angeles. The man carried a backpack containing **2,022 kg of heroin and 2.27 kg of fentanyl**. The case is being investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in conjunction with the Kansas City police. <https://www.kansascity.com/news/local/crime/article235770622.html>

THAILAND

02.10.2019 Pattaya police officers arrested five members of a criminal group aged 33 to 45 suspected of drug trafficking. Pattaya seized the largest drug shipment in 10 years, **990,000 methamphetamine tablets and 1 kg of crystalline methamphetamine**. Three vehicles and two motorcycles were confiscated. The value of the seized drugs is more than 100 million baht. <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1763309/pattaya-police-make-largest-drug-bust-in-10-years>

TURKEY

02.10.2019 Anti-narcotics police in the Tusba district of eastern Van province discovered and seized 108 packages containing about **55 kg of heroin** after stopping and searching the trunk of a car. Two people in the car were arrested on charges of drug smuggling. In

addition, 27 kg of cannabis herb were seized during simultaneous operations in south-eastern Mardin province. Five suspects were detained in connection with the incident.
<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/over-80-kg-of-illicit-drugs-seized-in-turkey/1599788>

03.10.2019 Anti-narcotics police officers stopped a truck carrying **331.16 kg of heroin** in the Edremit district of eastern Van province as a result of a drug operation. 643 packages of heroin were found in caches inside the truck, also in fuel tank. Six suspects have been arrested for drug smuggling.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/over-330-kg-of-heroin-seized-in-eastern-turkey/1600758>

UKRAINE

02.10.2019 In the city of Khmelnytskyi, law enforcement agencies seized drugs worth 1.5 million hryvnias. Drugs were imported from East Asia using international postal services. In particular, **3 kg of amphetamine, more than 1,500 "ecstasy" tablets, 20 LSD stamps** and passports for front men were seized. Three suspects were arrested.

<https://www.segodnya.ua/regions/lvov/v-hmelnickom-u-dilerov-izyali-narkotikov-na-1-5-milliona-griven-1339490.html>

RSA

06.10.2019 A 37-year-old drug dealer was arrested during an intelligence operation carried out by the Narcotics Enforcement Bureau together with SAPS intelligence officers in KwaZulu Natal in the luxurious Ballito residence some 40 km north of Durban. During a search of the house, **16 kg of heroin**, cash, objects and equipment used in criminal activities were found and seized.

<https://www.iol.co.za/news/south-africa/kwazulu-natal/kzn-man-arrested-after-police-seize-heroin-worth-r4m-34193552>