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REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

19.10.2019 The State Border Service (SBC) of Azerbaijan detained two Iranian citizens born in 1985 and 1992 during border and customs inspection at the Astara border crossing point, in an attempt to smuggle **630 g of heroin** from Iran into Azerbaijan inland. As a result of joint operational-search measures taken by officers of the State Border Guard Service and the Ministry of Internal Affairs to identify other participants in drug trafficking, a resident of the village of Archivan, Astara region, born in 1969, was detained as a suspect who was meeting Iranian citizens. <https://www.trend.az/azerbaijan/incident/3135753.html>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

08.10.2019 Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking in Kyzylorda region and police officers of Karmakshi district in the city of Zhosaly discovered and seized **12.5 kg of marijuana** while checking a car of a resident of the city of Kulsary in Atyrau region. There were three suspects in the car - two residents of Kulsary, 33 and 38 years old, and a 31-year-old resident of Uralsk. The Uralsk resident was detained and placed in a temporary detention facility. According to law enforcement officials, the men are adherents of destructive religious movements. <https://mgorod.kz/nitem/u-zhitelya-uralska-izyali-125-kilogrammova-narkotikov/>

18.10.2019 Officers of the Department of Drug Crime Prevention of the Department of Police of North-Kazakhstan region detained a 50-year-old resident of the village Smirnovo Akkaiynsky district, from whom during search in the house were found and seized 620 single doses of **"spice" weighing 93 g**, prepared for further sale. A pre-trial investigation is currently under way. https://www.inform.kz/ru/svyshe-600-doz-sinteticheskogo-narkotika-iz-yali-u-zhitelya-sko_a3576662

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

16.10.2019 Officers of UNK UMVD of Russia in the Pskov region in the village of Plussa, in the car of a local resident born in 1985, found and seized **1938.9 g of amphetamine**, as well as equipment for its manufacture. This psychotropic substance was intended for sale in St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region. In the course of a search of the defendant's residence in the village of Strugi Krasnye, precursors were found in auxiliary premises, as well as special devices and other items used for production of drugs. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/18626957>

17.10.2019 Officers of UNK GU of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Krasnoyarsk region detained a 35-year-old resident of Krasnoyarsk, who illegally stored and transported for the purpose of further sale **440 g of synthetic drugs**. In the course of a search at the

dacha of the detainee in the Yemelyanovskiy district, electronic scales, packing material, containers and bags with various substances were found and confiscated. The drugs were packaged in a large number of single doses and prepared for further non-contact sale via the Internet through caches. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/18634719>

18.10.2019 Inspectors of the Rubezh stationary checkpoint of the specialized traffic police battalion of the Chuvashia Interior Ministry's traffic police stopped a taxi to check it. In the car was a 32-year-old passenger from Cheboksary, who was carrying **150 grams of drugs of synthetic origin**. During a search of the suspect's apartment in Cheboksary, **1.5 kg of illegal substances** were found and seized. The detainee was involved in drug trafficking in Cheboksary and Yoshkar-Ola. In the course of further activities of UKON in Chuvashia and Mari El, five other drug trafficking suspects were detained, who were selling drugs via caches. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/18652901>
<https://uznews.uz/ru/article/17366>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

12.10.2019 On the night of October 1, officers of the UBNON GUUR of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan detained four local residents aged 24-39 suspected of drug trafficking in the city of Tashkent in the course of operational-search actions aimed at detecting criminal groups engaged in distribution of synthetic drugs. A total of **49.61 g of spice** were seized. <http://uzdaily.uz/ru/post/46774>

18.10.2019 In the course of a joint operational exercise conducted in the city of Termez by officers of the Department for Combating Smuggling and Customs Offences of Surkhandarya Regional Customs Administration together with officers of the Internal Affairs Department of the region, it was revealed that drugs were being illegally grown and stored. During a search of the house of a resident of the Termez district, about **21 kg of marijuana** were seized. <http://customs.uz/ru/news/view/2706>

19.10.2019 SGB officers in Namangan and Andijan provinces carried out activities to eliminate smuggling of hashish from the Kyrgyz Republic to Uzbekistan through the Shakhrikhansay channel, which separates the Uzbek-Kyrgyz state border. Seven Uzbek citizens and one Kyrgyz citizen involved in drug trafficking were stopped from carrying out their criminal activities. A total of **15.559 kg of hashish** were seized from drug traffickers. <http://uza.uz/ru/society/meropriyatiya-sgb-v-namanganskoy-i-andizhanskoy-oblastyakh-19-10-2019%20>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BELARUS

07.10.2019 A 36-year-old drug dealer from Russia, who kept **250 grams of drugs** for sale in Minsk district, was detained by officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus in Minsk. The man organized a large drug supply channel from the territory of the Russian Federation. Already after the arrest of the accused, law enforcement agencies of the Russian Federation seized about **8 kg of various drugs (methamphetamine, methylephedrone, heroin, hashish and marijuana)** in Smolensk region. The man received coordinates of stashes in Smolensk from a supplier

through messengers, and then sold drugs in smaller consignments through caches. According to the same scheme, he sold drugs to small drug dealers in Belarus.

<https://news.tut.by/society/656386.html>

16.10.2019 According to the data of the Main Department for Drug Control and Combating Trafficking in Human Beings of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, the number of completed investigations of crimes committed by groups increased 3 times in the period from 2014 to 2018 and almost 20 times - by organized groups. Significant efforts of drug control units are focused on identifying and intercepting large drug supply channels from abroad. In 2018, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus intercepted 29 drug supply channels from abroad by organized criminal groups. In the first nine months of 2019, 20 such channels were identified and stopped, almost **500 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances** were seized, and another **600 kg** were seized by the Belarusian border and customs authorities. Law enforcement agencies of neighbouring countries seized **1.8 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances** at the external border of Belarus in 2019. There have been attempts by criminal groups, including citizens of Tajikistan, Turkey and Iran, to resume shipments of Afghan heroin in transit through Russia and Belarus to Western Europe. The largest shipment this year, seized in Germany in June, weighed 670 kg. <https://www.sb.by/articles/narkokontrol-pri-otsenki-svoikh-deystviy-rukovodstvuemsiya-ne-statistikoy-a-urovнем-narkougrozy-v-str.html>

BRAZIL

17.10.2019 Agents of the Brazilian Federal Revenue Service (IRS) at the port of Paranaguá, off the coast of Paraná, found **450 kg of cocaine** in two containers. The cargo was destined for Europe. One of the containers, destined for the port of Gioia Tauro in Italy, contained about **170 kg of cocaine**. The second container concealed **280 kg of cocaine** and was destined for the port of Sines in Portugal.

<https://g1.globo.com/pr/parana/noticia/2019/10/17/agentes-da-receita-federal-encontram-450-kg-de-cocaina-em-dois-containers-no-porto-de-paranagua.ghtml>

UNITED KINGDOM

08.10.2019 As part of an investigation by the National Crime Agency (NCA), members of an international organized criminal group responsible for importing into the UK more than 50 tons of drugs worth billions of pounds sterling have been arrested. Thirteen people aged 24 to 59 were detained during raids in London, Manchester, Stockport, St. Helens, Warrington, Bolton, Duisbury and Leeds. The detainees belong to a British organized criminal group that used Dutch and British front companies to import heroin, cocaine and cannabis. The drugs were transported in vegetable and juice trucks through British ports for 18 months. Four men and two women from the Netherlands were arrested in April 2019 by the Dutch National Police on European arrest warrants. They are currently awaiting extradition to the UK. Work has been carried out in close cooperation with law enforcement agencies at the national and international level, in particular the Dutch National Police, Europol, Eurojust, the National Bureau of Investigation of the Finnish Police, the Border Guard Force, HMRC and numerous police forces that have supported the NCA in investigations. After three seizures in September 2018, the full scope of drug trafficking operation was uncovered. The consignments contained **351 kg of cocaine, 92 kg of heroin, 250 kg of cannabis and 1 ton 850 kg of hashish**. The total value of seized drugs amounted to more than £38

million. Members of the organized criminal group were found to have repeatedly imported drugs between February 2017 and October 2018.

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/nineteen-arrested-over-uk-s-biggest-ever-drugs-racket>

17.10.2019 The National Crime Agency (NCA) has charged two drug traffickers from Bradford with conspiracy to supply class A drugs and money laundering. In Bradford, **56 kg of heroin** valued at about £3 million, were seized, as well as about £100,000 in cash. A couple was arrested as part of an NCA investigation supported by the West Yorkshire Police Department.

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/suspected-drug-dealers-from-bradford-charged-after-approximately-3m-worth-of-heroin-and-around-100k-cash-seized>

18.09.2019 An international operation conducted by the National Crime Control Agency (NCA) as part of a joint investigation with Bulgarian law enforcement agencies and Merseyside Police detected 56 weapons, arrested 13 suspects and seized **80 kg of heroin** (see weekly report No. 38 on seizure in Bulgaria). Two parcels to be delivered to Merseyside were intercepted, containing 14 firearms, 8 silencers and 691 cartridges. Nine suspects were arrested in Birkenhead and Virral, Merseyside, and three additional firearms and significant quantities of ammunition were seized. Coordinated action by Bulgarian law enforcement authorities resulted in the arrest of four suspects, including a British national, and the seizure of 39 pistols, 21 silencers, 1,253 cartridges and 80 kg of heroin destined for the United Kingdom. The firearms included Makarov and Zoraki pistols. The NCA is investigating more than 30 cases of arms smuggling into the UK.

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/56-guns-recovered-in-international-firearms-operation-13-suspects-arrested-80k-heroin-seized>

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

14.10.2019 The National Narcotics Control Directorate (DNCD) seized about **599 kg of cocaine** from Colombia during a special operation at sea, approximately 105 miles south of Puerto Caucedo. The consignment was found aboard the fishing boat Aquarium during an air surveillance mission using aircraft from the Dominican Republic Air Force. Three Dominican nationals from La Altagracia province were arrested during the operation.

<https://dominantoday.com/dr/local/2019/10/14/antinarcotics-seizes-599-kilos-of-alleged-cocaine/>

20.10.2019 During a joint operation, National Narcotics Control Directorate (DNCD) agents seized **49.9 kg of cocaine** in the port of Caucedo. The operation involved the Intelligence Unit of the General Staff of the Ministry of Defence (J2), the National Research Department (DNI), the Special Port Security Corps (CESEP), the General Customs Administration (DGA) and the DP World Caucedo Security Unit, under the leadership of the Santo Domingo Attorney General of the Judicial District. The containers that were en route came from Colombia and were to be placed on the Minerva Singapore ship, which was bound for the port of San Juan, Puerto Rico. 48 packages of cocaine were placed in two black bags. The packages were black, white and red transparent plastic with the A / X, KUTY, BMW, VACA, BITCOIN, DELFIN (in the form of an image). The seized cocaine was delivered to the DNCD headquarters, after which it will be sent to the National Institute of Forensic Sciences (INASIF) for appropriate legal purposes.

<http://www.dncc.gov.do/index.php/noticias/item/en-operativo-conjunto-incautan-48-paquetes-de-cocaina-en-un-contenedor-en-el-puerto-multimodal-caucedo-con-un-peso-de-49-90-kilos>

<https://noticiassin.com/incautan-48-paquetes-de-cocaina-en-un-contenedor-en-el-puerto-multimodal-caucedo/>

THE NETHERLANDS

17.10.2019 A group of soldiers patrolling waters of the Caribbean Sea confiscated a vessel called the Gracia in Aruba carrying **2.2 tons of cocaine**. The vessel in Cartagena, Colombia, was granted permission to sail following submission of documents by a 40-year-old Venezuelan citizen on behalf of the Venezuelan company Logistics Maritimo Corp Venezuela. The vessel was also examined for drugs by Colombian security forces there. The ship was under the flag of Samoa and had five Venezuelan crew members on board. Once in Aruba, law enforcement authorities inspected the ship and discovered **2.2 tons of cocaine**. Aruba authorities believe that the crew loaded a shipment of drugs on the high seas. The drug has been seized, and the crew has been arrested and will be prosecuted during investigation. <https://www.maritimeherald.com/2019/10-17-trending-news-ship-stopped-with-more-than-two-tons-of-cocaine-linked-to-venezuelan-businessmen-whistle-blower/>

16.10.2019 During an inspection at the port of Rotterdam, customs intercepted **800 kg of cocaine**. Drugs were hidden in a container of bananas. The container had arrived from Ecuador and was destined for a company in Flissingen. Cocaine seized was destroyed. Investigation is being carried out by the HARC team, customs, FIOD, the seaport police and the prosecutor's office in Rotterdam. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuwsberichten/@106923/douane-vindt-800/>

INDIA

17.10.2019 Border security forces at the India-Pakistan border in the village of Darival in the Amritsar area discovered and seized **2 kg of heroin**. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/chandigarh/2kg-heroin-seized-across-barbed-fence-in-ajjala/story-50J3TDiEuzSGdKuo8k7mjL.html>

17.10.2019 Delhi police arrested three suspected drug traffickers from the state of Uttar Pradesh, from whom **25 kg of heroin** had been seized. The arrested are part of an international drug cartel that smuggles heroin into India from Myanmar across the border of Manipur State. Other states, such as Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, are also involved in smuggling into Delhi. Criminals received a shipment of heroin from a drug trafficker in Bocajan, Assam State, who arranged for it to be transported from Myanmar through a drug dealer in Imphal. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/25-kg-heroin-seized-three-held-near-barapullah-flyover/story-D4CVnZ3kIUqvdfK8DcHrLL.html>

IRAN

16.10.2019 As a result of a series of intelligence operations carried out against members of a drug gang responsible for smuggling drugs into Iran from areas bordering Pakistan, the police of Sistan and Balochistan Province intercepted **1,969 tons of opium and 88.5 kg of hashish**. <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/151306/Police-seize-2-057kg-of-narcotics-in-Iran-s-Saravan>

SPAIN

18.10.2019 Civil Guard officers intercepted two vehicles in the port of Ceuta carrying large quantities of hashish destined for smuggling by ferry across Gibraltar to the port of

Algeciras, Cadiz province, Andalusia. In the first Opel Insignia, **225 kg of hashish** were found, the packages of which were distributed under the rear wing, in the trunk and interior in the double bottom of the vehicle. The value of this consignment was 375 thousand euros. The second Mercedes vehicle, registered in France, contained **42 kg of hashish**, which was hidden in the wheels. Both drivers were arrested. <https://elforodeceuta.es/detenido-puerto-225-kilos-hachis/>

17.10.2019 Civil Guard officers in the Matagorda area of El Ejido Municipality discovered a greenhouse where more than **2,300 cannabis plants** were illicitly cultivated by drug traffickers on an area of 1,000 square metres. Two detainees, aged 28 and 31, were charged with growing and producing drugs. <https://www.euoweeklynews.com/2019/10/17/major-marijuana-bust-in-el-ejido/>

CYPRUS

18.10.2019 Police in Limassol stopped and searched a car driven by a 25-year-old Nicosia resident and seized **4.3 kg of cannabis and 1.2 kg of cocaine**. The driver and two of his accomplices, a 33-year-old man and a 32-year-old woman from Paphos, were arrested. <https://cyprus-mail.com/2019/10/18/three-arrests-after-5kg-of-cannabis-cocaine-found/>

MALAYSIA

18.10.2019 Customs officers, in the presence of cargo agents, as well as representatives of a cargo company at Sultan Abdulaziz Shah Airport in Subanga, inspected 20 boxes of foam destined for Hong Kong, resulting in **6.1 kg of heroin** being found inside a shipment of frozen durians. The drugs are estimated at 953,000 yuan (227,755 U.S. dollars). A 34-year-old woman suspected of being involved in smuggling has been detained. <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asia/malaysia-foils-attempt-smuggle-heroin-frozen-durians-12013252>

MOROCCO

15.10.2019 In a special operation Moroccan authorities stopped an attempt to smuggle a large consignment of drugs at a checkpoint located in South Guerguarata on the border with Mauritania. A joint border control operation carried out by Moroccan police and customs authorities resulted in the seizure of almost **6 tons of cannabis** transported in a transport truck bound for an African country. The drug was concealed in a shipment of vegetables destined for export. The truck driver and two of his assistants were arrested. An investigation has been opened into the case. On the same day, police and customs authorities seized **2.2 tons of hashish** in the northern port of Tangier-Med, which had been concealed in an international cargo vehicle. The driver of the truck en route to Spain was arrested. <http://northafricapost.com/34691-morocco-foils-smuggling-of-about-6-tons-of-cannabis-at-guergarate-2-2-tons-at-tanger-med.html>

MOLDOVA

19.10.2019 Police detained three Moldovan citizens on a bypass road to Bucharest - residents of the village of Chishmikioi, suspected of trafficking in drugs on a large scale. The men were engaged in transportation of passengers, goods and money from the Republic of Moldova to Turkey. **20 kg of heroin** were found and seized during the arrest of drug

couriers in the car. The men sent proceeds from drug trafficking to their relatives in Gagauzia. <http://gagauzinfo.md/top1/49624-20-kilogramm-geroina-pytalis-provezti-cherez-rumyniyu-zhiteli-chishmikiya.html>

MYANMAR

17.10.2019 Myanmar Interior Ministry officials found bags of **649 kg of methamphetamine** floating at sea in the village of Pihapon, in the Ayeyarwady area. The case is under investigation by regional authorities. On the same day, **7,684 stimulant tablets** were found and seized during searches of two houses. Two drug trafficking suspects have been charged, and one suspect has fled the scene of the incident in the village of Kyunsoo in the Tanintar district. According to the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC), a joint police force in the town of Kyaukse, Mandalay district confiscated **29.9 kg of opium** transported by a motorcycle drug courier. In addition, **2,000 tablets of stimulants** were found in a house in Kalau, Shan State. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-10/17/c_138479837.htm

PAKISTAN

15.10.2019 Torkham's border guards apprehended an Afghan national in an attempt to smuggle **700 grams of heroin** from Afghanistan into Pakistan. The man was transferred to Landikotal prison for further investigation. <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/541263-heroin-seized-at-torkham-border>

USA

14.10.2019 A road patrol in Riverside County, California, stopped a Chevrolet Express van in Anza, where a woman did not wear her seatbelt and inspected the vehicle and confiscated **151.95 kilograms of marijuana**. Market value of the seized drug is estimated at \$1 million. <https://www.pe.com/2019/10/16/traffic-stop-in-anza-nets-1-million-in-illegal-marijuana-chp-says/>

15.10.2019 U.S. Border Patrol agents at the Sarita checkpoint, Texas, discovered and confiscated more than **6.8 kg of cocaine** as a result of search operations on a vehicle heading south of Kingsville. <https://www.kiiitv.com/article/news/crime/almost-half-a-million-dollars-worth-of-cocaine-found-at-sarita-checkpoint/503-b25c1f5e-38b2-41c6-9156-8aa5dfd12783>

16.10.2019 Officers from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Office of Field Operations (OFO) on the Hidalgo International Bridge, Texas, arrested two Mexican nationals and one U.S. national after detecting methamphetamine and cocaine in separate, unrelated incidents.

On October 12, a 24-year-old Mexican citizen was detained while trying to smuggle **14.68 kg of cocaine** in a Ford Focus. On the same day, a 28-year-old Mexican citizen was detained in an attempt to move **69.16 kg of methamphetamine** across the border in a Toyota Corolla.

On October 14, a 24-year-old U.S. citizen from Houston was detained in an attempt to smuggle **liquid methamphetamine weighing 57.48 kilograms** in the gas tank of a Ford Explorer SUV. Drugs have been confiscated, vehicles and arrested drivers have been

handed over to Homeland Security Investigation (HSI) agents for further investigation. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-hidalgo-international-bridge-seize-nearly-6-million>

16.10.2019 Police detectives, while executing a search warrant at the house of a resident of Kansas City, Missouri, found caches inside four car tyres in a detached shed, attached to the inside of the wheel, concealing six packages of **methamphetamine weighing more than 63.5 kg**. In addition to drugs, a pistol, shotgun and rifle were seized. <https://www.kansascity.com/news/local/crime/article236317798.html>

16.10.2019 Officers of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in North Columbus seized **4.5 kg of heroin** worth \$750,000. After receiving information about a shipment of heroin from Mexico to Franklin County, a suspected 27-year-old female drug courier was detained by detectives. <https://www.10tv.com/article/sheriffs-office-seizes-750000-worth-heroin-north-columbus-2019-oct>

17.10.2019 Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers intercepted smuggled consignments of drugs as a result of two operations conducted at the Laredo entry port, Texas, using dogs and non-intrusive visualization systems.

On October 16, seven packages of **cocaine and heroin weighing 17.24 kg** were found on the Juarez-Lincoln International Bridge during the inspection of a Dodge Caravan. The total value of drugs is estimated at 859 thousand dollars.

On October 17, **7.71 kg of methamphetamine** hidden in a vehicle were found on the Juarez-Lincoln Bridge during inspection of a Suzuki Ciaz. Both cases have been referred to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations (ICE-HSI) special agents for further investigation. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-create-double-play-they-intercept-two-narcotics-loads>

17.10.2019 Between late July and early October, San Diego Coast Guard crews intercepted more than **3,084.43 kilograms of cocaine** in international waters in the eastern Pacific, valued at about \$92 million. The drugs were smuggled on board four vessels from Mexico, Central America and South America. <https://www.stripes.com/news/us/coast-guard-offloads-92-million-worth-of-smuggled-cocaine-in-san-diego-1.603390>

18.10.2019 U.S. border patrol agents at a checkpoint north of El Paso, Texas, discovered and seized **11.34 kg of methamphetamine** in a Saturn View. The drug was found in the rear side panels of the vehicle, with a total of 17 packages of methamphetamine wrapped in transparent polyethylene and foil (a method of concealment often used by drug smugglers). Value of the consignment is about 850 thousand US dollars. The driver, a U.S. citizen, was detained. The vehicle was confiscated. The driver and drugs were handed over to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/border-patrol-seizes-over-850000-meth>

18.10.2019 Police officers in Azus, California, discovered about **11.34 kg of marijuana, 2.13 g of cocaine, 12,000 xanax pills**, and \$1,200 in cash during a raid on an apartment. A 21-year-old man was arrested. <https://www.sgvtribune.com/2019/10/18/police-seize-illegal-pills-marijuana-and-cocaine-from-azusa-apartment/>

19.10.2019 Detectives from the Los Angeles Police Department found and seized **113.4 kg of marijuana** during a search of the Watermarke Tower residential building in

downtown Los Angeles. The search was carried out as part of an investigation into an incident involving shooting and murder of a man. <https://abc7.com/250-pounds-of-pot-collected-by-lapd-after-deadly-shooting-at-luxury-dtla-building/5629508/>

THAILAND

19.10.2019 Police at the Haoui Yau checkpoint on the Tak Mae Sot road intercepted a truck carrying **1.5 tons of crystalline methamphetamine** along a new drug trafficking route to Nakhon Patom near the Thai-Myanmar border. Two people have been arrested.

In addition, officers of the Crime Division have detained four suspected drug smugglers in two separate operations. One operation resulted in the seizure of **20 kg of crystalline methamphetamine** from a large drug gang, resulting in the arrest of three members of the criminal group, a 20-year-old woman and two men aged 37 and 62.

In another operation, police arrested a 23-year-old man from whom **2,000 amphetamine tablets** intended for sale in the Bueng-Hong Long district of Bueng-Kang were seized. <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1775304/cops-seize-b500m-drug-haul>

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

17.10.2019 During a joint army-police patrol in the Karenage area of shipyard in the area, officers found three suspicious men who had left a suitcase of **10.4 kg of cocaine** in hiding. The case is under investigation.

<http://www.looptt.com/content/police-find-over-41m-worth-cocaine-carenage>

TURKEY

17.10.2019 Anti-drug police officers stopped a vehicle carrying about **40.7kg of heroin** during an operation in the Tushba district of Van province. During a vehicle search, police found 80 packages of heroin in the trunk. The driver and passenger in the vehicle were arrested on suspicion of drug trafficking. <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/police-seize-over-40-kg-of-heroin-in-van-147609>

18.10.2019 Two suspects involved in smuggling of heroin from the Middle East to Europe have been arrested by the Istanbul Gendarmerie Command. Counter-narcotics teams have stepped up their efforts in the Buyukcekmece area of Istanbul, where the suspects lived. In a gendarmerie helicopter and drone operation, a vehicle carrying suspects was stopped and inspected after crossing the Yavuz-Sultan-Selim bridge across the Bosphorus. A concealed lead-lined compartment containing **75 kg of heroin** was found inside the vehicle. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/turkey-75-kg-of-heroin-siezed-in-istanbul/1618286>

UKRAINE

17.10.2019 As part of criminal proceedings, officers of the Drug Enforcement Department of GUNP in Kyiv detained a local resident born in 1991, suspected of drug trafficking. The detainee was the owner of six online drug dealerships. The drug bags were sent by the suspect under the guise of a brand, where he placed advertising cards and magnets with the store's logos. The man was arrested when he received a parcel from a post office. The parcel contained **7 kg of amphetamine and 10 kg of psychotropic substances**. In addition, 14 mail items sent by the man the previous day were inspected and **500 g of**

cannabis inflorescences, 81 tablets of ecstasy, 500 g of amphetamine, 700 g of alpha-PVP and 301 stamps of LSD were seized. Seizures are valued at more than 10 million hryvnias at "black market" prices. Illicit substances were sold in Kyiv, Odessa, Lviv, Kharkiv and Sumy through the so-called "caches", and in other cities - through post offices. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochyni/u-kijevi-policiyi-viluchila-u-cholovika-narkotiki-na-sumu-ponad-10-miljoniv-griven/>

20.10.2019 In Chernivtsi oblast, police officers dismantled an interregional drug supply channel. Detained organizer of illegal business - 26-year-old native of Zaporozhye, living in Chernivtsi. In rented premises the man packed up narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, which he sold throughout Ukraine. Seizures included **5,000 ecstasy tablets, 3 kg of cannabis, 500 g of ephedrine precursor, 200 g of MDMA, 150 g of amphetamine**, as well as electronic scales, packaging material, computer equipment and bank cards. In addition, police officers seized items from post offices that the suspect planned to send to his clients. The parcels contained **6.7 kg of amphetamine and 1.7 kg of cannabis**. Approximately 7 million hryvnias were seized. Pre-trial investigations are ongoing. <https://strana.ua/news/228861-elitnye-narkotiki-na-7-mln-hriven-izjali-v-chernovtsakh.html>

SRI LANKA

18.10.2019 Three people were arrested by the police during a search of a house in Divulapitia, based on information received that drug trafficking was taking place in the house. **30 kg of heroin** were seized. Police are investigating the case. http://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Three-arrested-with-heroin-in-Divulapitiya/108-176375