

## NEWS RELEASE ON ANTI-DRUG PAST EVENTS (from the media)

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### ON CARICC MEMBER STATES

#### REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

**08.12.2019** On the territory of Sutamurdov village of Lankaran region, the State Fire Service of Azerbaijan discovered **4.5 kg of opium, 1 kg of heroin, 750 g of methamphetamine and 2680 tablets of methadone** when checking passengers of Mercedes car. Drug couriers were from Siyavush district.  
<https://www.contact.az/ext/news/2019/12/free/Social/ru/85857.htm>

**11.12.2019** The luggage of Iranian citizen Asadi Ramin Sedigh oglu born in 1991 was inspected at "Astara" checkpoint by the employees of the State Border Service of Azerbaijan. During the inspection it was found out that **2 kg of 137 g of opium** were hidden in 25 crates with sweets and in a basket of flowers.  
<https://ru.oxu.az/society/348760>

#### REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

**12.12.2019** During the working out of the "Law and Order" event in Almaty, foot patrol inspectors with the assistance of the staff of the anti-drug unit revealed the fact of illegal possession and transportation of drugs. The narcotic drug **heroin**, weighing **28.56 gr**, was seized from M., born in 1966.  
<https://www.ktk.kz/ru/newsfeed/article/2019/12/13/135812/>

#### REPUBLIC OF KYRGYZSTAN

**09.12.2019** During a search in a house in the city of Osh, FSB agents found and seized a white substance with a specific odor of acetic anhydride. A.R., 33, was detained on suspicion of committing the crime. He is on the MIA operational register as a member of the OCG. According to the expertise, the detected and seized substance turned out to be **heroin** weighing **1 kg 870 g**.

[https://24.kg/proisshestvija/137680\\_vgorodeosh\\_uchlena\\_opg\\_izyyali\\_okolo\\_dvuh\\_kilogrammova\\_eroina/](https://24.kg/proisshestvija/137680_vgorodeosh_uchlena_opg_izyyali_okolo_dvuh_kilogrammova_eroina/)

**11.12.2019** As a result of the measures taken at the stationary post in Issyk-Ata district, Chui oblast, during the inspection of the car of A.A. city, born in 1986, a narcotic substance "**heroin**" weighing **6 kg 140 gr** was found and seized in the bag. In the course of further special investigative actions carried out by the staff of the National Security Service on December 13 in Batken region was detained the organizer of a stable sales channel, citizen R.U., born in 1968. The suspects are currently being taken to TDFs.  
Службой по борьбе с незаконным оборотом наркотиков МВД Кыргызской Республики в результате проведенных мероприятий на стационарном посту Иссык-Атинского района Чуйской области при досмотре автомашины у гр. А.А., 1986 г.р., в сумке было обнаружено и изъято наркотическое вещество «героин», весом **6 кг 140 г**. В ходе

дальнейших проведенных специальных следственных действий сотрудниками СБНОН 13 декабря в Баткенской области был задержан организатор устойчивого канала сбыта гражданин Р.У., 1968 года рождения. В настоящее время подозреваемые лица водворены в detention center.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/index.php/rus/mass-media/all-news/item/10021-sotrudnikami-sbnon-mvd-presechen-kanal-sbyta-tyazhelykh-narkotikov>

## RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**09.12.2019** Employees of the traffic police department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation in the Voronezh region in cooperation with the Department of Internal Affairs of the Voronezh region at the stationary post of the traffic police in Bogucharsky district of the Voronezh region at the 741th kilometer of the M-4 "Don" highway during a personal search of a 31-year-old passenger, a native of the Central Asian republic, found **heroin**, weighing about **500 grams**, in his backpack. A criminal case has been initiated against the defendant.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/19073799/>

**09.12.2019** As a result of operatively-search measures two local residents aged 18 and 20 suspected of illegal production and sale of narcotic drugs were detained by the staff of the drug trafficking control department together with their colleagues from the criminal investigation department of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs in Krasnogorsk. During the inspection of the premises and installed bookmarks in the forest, the police found and seized **mephedrone**, weighing about **930**. A criminal case was initiated on this fact.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/19068896/>

**09.12.2019** The officers of the criminal investigation department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation for the city of Ussuriysk detained a 21-year-old previously convicted resident of the village of Stepnoe during the search operations on the bank of the Slavyanka River. The man was carrying a polymeric canopy with dried parts of plants that looked like hemp. The examination found that the seized substance was part of a narcotic plant - **hemp**, weighing **2.5 kg**. A criminal case has been initiated in the investigation department.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/19069688/>

**10.12.2019** In the course of the investigative activities, officers of the Department of Internal Affairs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs on RSO-Alania in Vladikavkaz detained suspects in the illegal trafficking of potent substances. The police found that four previously convicted residents of the republic's capital, aged 23 to 29, acting as part of an organized criminal group, were distributing the potent substance tramadol in North Ossetia by personally transferring the goods to the customer. A total of **120 tablets of "tramadol"** intended for sale, as well as the narcotic drug heroin, which they stored for personal use, were discovered and seized from trafficking by operatives during a personal search and examination of the homeownership of one of the group members. Seven criminal cases have been initiated by the investigating authorities. The issue of opening three more criminal cases is also under consideration.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/19087483/>

**10.12.2019** Employees of the transport police in the course of operatively-search actions have received information that about 10 kg of a narcotic drug will be laid down near the railway station Tosno of the Leningrad region. As a result, a car driven by a 45-year-old resident of the town of Balashikha in the Moscow region was found on the runway between the 36th and 44th km of the Tosno district. During the search of the car, drugs such as **pyrrolidinovalerophenone** and **mephedrone** with a total weight of about 5 kg were discovered and seized. In addition, transport police officers found and seized narcotic substances **mephedrone** weighing about **4 kg** during an inspection of the area near the railway tracks under the branches. A criminal case has been initiated in the transport department of the St. Petersburg branch office of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/19080303/>

**10.12.2019** Employees of the Drug Trafficking Control Department of the Moscow Region Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation detained a resident of the Ryazan Region suspected of selling narcotic drugs at a garden non-profit association. During a personal search, a psychotropic substance, **methyleferdron**, was detected and seized from the abuser. Also in the Moscow suburbs, on the territories of the urban districts of Shchelkovo, Solnechnogorsk and Chekhov, in the woods were found bookmarked caches, which contained more than 100 press packs with the prohibited substance. In total, police officers seized over **46 kg of methylephedrone**. A criminal case has been initiated on this fact by the Investigative Department of the "Shchelkovskoye" MU of the Russian Interior Ministry.

Besides, employees of the Main department on control over a circulation of drugs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia together with colleagues from Republic Bashkiria have stopped activity of underground laboratory on manufacture of powerful substances and Internet shop for their realization. As a result of operatively-search actions taken by police officers, the suspect was detained. During a personal search, more than 190 bottles of potent chemicals were seized from him. The total weight of the seized **strong substance** exceeded **14 kg**. A criminal case has been initiated against the man.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/19076811/>

**11.12.2019** Employees of the Drug Control Department of the Main Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation in the Rostov region detained a suspect in illegal drug trafficking in the course of a complex of operatively-search measures. During the personal search they found plastic tubes filled with transparent liquids. According to the expert physico-chemical study, the seized substance is a synthetic drug "**a-pyrrolidinovalerophenone**", weighing **2 kg 299.7 g**. Currently, a criminal case has been initiated against the detainee.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/19093205/>

**11.12.2019** As a result of a joint operation, employees of the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Ryazan region, the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Railway district of Ryazan and the Federal Security Service of Russia for the Ryazan region prevented a resident of the Vladimir region from distributing a wholesale batch of drugs of synthetic origin. In the course of operatively-search actions **1 kg of 20 grams** of narcotics were withdrawn from illegal circulation. A criminal case was initiated against the abuser.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/19093411/>

**11.12.2019** As a result of a complex of operational and search measures, staff of the Drug Control Department of the Volgograd Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs detained three citizens of one of the neighbouring countries. During the search of the apartment, almost **1 kg of heroin** was found. A criminal case has been initiated against the suspects.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/19089839/>

**11.12.2019** In the Ichalkovsky district of Mordovia, DSS inspectors, while on duty on suspicion of having committed an administrative offence, stopped a VAZ-21102 vehicle. During the inspection of the interior of the car on the rear passenger seat was found **marijuana** with a total weight of **1 kg 921**. Currently, the Investigative Department of IMO of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation "Ichalkovsky" initiated a criminal case against the suspect.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/19090752/>

**11.12.2019** In the course of the search operations, officers of the Drug Trafficking Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia's Novosibirsk Region detained in Novosibirsk a 23-year-old resident of Samara suspected of selling narcotic drugs in the Novosibirsk Region. In total from illegal circulation police have withdrawn more than **7 kg 800 g** of narcotics (**mephedrone, MDMA - 4150 g, hashish - 3220 g and marijuana - 400 g**). A criminal case has been initiated on this fact by the Main Investigation Department of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Novosibirsk Region.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/19089079/>

**12.12.2019** Employees of the Central Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation in cooperation with colleagues from the Central Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation in the Irkutsk Region have stopped the activities of the drug group, whose members have been selling synthetic drugs through online stores for several years. The alleged leader and 9 of his accomplices have been detained. In 15 cities and towns of the Irkutsk region 150 drug caches were discovered. In addition, the supply of **20 kg of synthetic drugs** to the region has been prevented. Eight criminal cases were initiated by the investigators of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation for Irkutsk Region on all the detected facts.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/19095712/>

**13.12.2019** Employees of the Drug Control Department of the Main Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Kemerovo Region received operative information on the forthcoming sale of a large batch of "synthetics". As a result of the complex of operatively-search actions the police seized **250 g of mephedrone**. In the course of further work with the detainee, police found out that he had equipped a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs in a private house rented in Taiga. During the search of the house, the police found and seized **330 grams of mephedrone** ready for sale, as well as precursors and equipment for its preparation. In total, about **600 g of mephedrone** and more than **2 kg of precursors** were seized from illicit trafficking. A criminal case was initiated against the detainee by an investigator of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Kemerovo region.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/19111511/>

**13.12.2019** Employees of the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation in the Moscow region together with colleagues from the MU of the Ministry of Internal Affairs "Luberetskoye" as a result of operatively-search actions in one of the entrances of the house, located in micro-district Silicate, detained a 36-year-old native of the near abroad, suspected of selling narcotic drugs. During the inspection of the house, police officers found and seized polymer bags and seven plastic bottles **of heroin**, weighing about **12 kg**. A criminal case has been initiated on this fact by an investigator of the Investigation Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/19110794/>

**13.12.2019** In the course of the investigative activities, officers of the Drug Control Department of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Kaluga Region detained local residents, a young man born in 1991 and a woman born in 1989 suspected of attempting to sell synthetic drugs. During a personal search of the suspects, as well as in two equipped bookmarks, the police seized a synthetic drug of **N-methylephedrone** with a total weight of **26.73 g**. A criminal case was initiated against the suspects.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/19111652/>

**15.12.2019** The Narcotics Control Board of Belarus and Russia covered a methadone production laboratory in the Moscow Region. It was organized by a representative of the Roma people from Mogilev. The police said that a resident of Mogilev bought a private house in the Moscow region and specially equipped it for a laboratory for drug manufacture. As a result of an international operation in the Moscow region, the organizer and accomplice of the criminal group were red-handedly detained. More than **14 kg of methadone, over 100 kg of chemicals and precursors**, as well as laboratory equipment were seized.

<https://news.tut.by/society/665365.html>

## ON OTHER COUNTRIES

### BELARUS

**10.12.2019** In the Belarusian capital, drug control officers detained a couple who distributed drugs. At the scene, in their house and car, drug control fighters found more than **200 g** of synthetic drugs and **MDMA pills**. The couple had been buying psychotropics in large quantities through an online store. Then they were divided into smaller parts and then bookmarks were hidden in the parks.

[https://www.tvr.by/news/chp/v\\_minske\\_izyata\\_krupnaya\\_partiya\\_narkotikov/](https://www.tvr.by/news/chp/v_minske_izyata_krupnaya_partiya_narkotikov/)

**10.12.2019** The border guards together with the police detained a 23-year-old Belarusian with almost **500 grams** of highly dangerous psychotropic substance **MDMB**. Experts estimate the cost of the black market batch at \$20 thousand. A young man arrived in Belarus by bus "St. Petersburg - Gomel - Mozyr". He was detained at the terminal point.

<https://news.tut.by/society/665293.html>

## ГОНКОНГ

**15.12.2019** Hong Kong Customs seized the largest shipment since 2010 - about **110 kg of crystalline methamphetamine** at the city's international airport. Hong Kong Customs officials reported that drugs came from Mexico to an international company producing children's goods. There is only the name and address of the company in the documents, but no contact information. Customs said the company refused to take the parcels and said it had nothing to do with them. According to the authorities, drugs were seized on December 5 in three boxes, packed with 120 small plastic containers, covered with plastic balls. A fabric softener was used to conceal the smell of the drugs. The investigation is ongoing.

<https://finance.rambler.ru/markets/43361471-na-tamozhne-gonkong-a-izyata-krupneyshaya-za-desyat-let-partiya-narkotikov/>

## INDIA

**14.12.2019** The Narcotics Control Bureau of India dismantled the international drug trafficking syndicate and seized **275 kg of cocaine**. This was reported by Indian officials. The Bureau officers arrested nine people, including five Indians, one American, two Nigerians and one Indonesian. According to Indian officials, the total value of drugs seized from the cartel on the international market is about \$183.9 million.

"The total amount of cocaine seized by the Bureau in India is about **20 kg**. In Australia, **55 kg of cocaine and 200 kg of methamphetamine** were seized. The total amount of drugs seized from the cartel was about \$183.9 million," the Interior Ministry said.

Consignments of psychotropic drugs were found to have entered India from Canada, Australia and the USA. Cocaine and methamphetamine were delivered from India to Australia.

[http://russian.news.cn/2019-12/15/c\\_138631733.htm](http://russian.news.cn/2019-12/15/c_138631733.htm)

## LATVIA

**04.12.2019** Employees of Kurzeme District RPU detained three persons suspected of trafficking in narcotic substances. During the search they were seized a particularly dangerous synthetic drug - carfentanyl. The detention was carried out with the assistance of the Criminal Police Directorate of the Riga region and based on information received earlier. The suspects were searched at their place of residence and in cars and seized **28.8 g of carfentanyl, 0.6 g of methadone and 0.6 g of marijuana**.

<https://rus.delfi.lv/news/daily/criminal/v-rige-zaderzhany-narkotorgovcy-u-nih-izyat-osobo-opasnyj-narkotik-karfentaniil.d?id=51720263&all=true>

## MOLDOVA

**12.12.2019** A man was arrested and detained under the supervision of the Office of the Public Prosecutor for Organized Crime and Special Affairs (PCCOCS). He is suspected of belonging to a criminal group that sells drugs through the Telegram application. The activities of the group were destroyed in November (5 kg of drugs were seized), but the unidentified member continued to distribute drugs through the Telegram application. Thus, after investigation, the person who worked as a courier was identified and was responsible

for posting the drugs in the caches. As a result of the searches carried out at the place of residence, as well as at the objects that were used as a warehouse and laboratory, the law enforcement agencies identified and seized over **450 grams of PVP** drugs worth over 300,000 lei, while one gram of PVP was sold for 600-650 lei. During the searches, several mobile phones, computers and other electronic communication devices were seized, through which communication platforms and electronic payment accounts were administered. At the same time, over 50 packages of PVP preparations ready for sale, over 350 packages of zip-lock for packing and distribution of drugs, electronic scales, 75 cartridges, as well as money in different currencies coming from drug sales were found.  
<https://point.md/ru/novosti/proisshestviya/arestovan-muzhchina-prodavavshii-narkotiki-cherez-prilozhenie-telegram>

**PERU**

**12.12.2019** A patrol boat intercepted the ship near Talara, a coastal city in north-western Peru. During the operation, four crew members were detained. They will be taken to Lima and a criminal case of drug trafficking has also been initiated against them. According to the authorities, they were transporting **2 tons of cocaine**.  
<https://news.tut.by/world/664911.html>

**TURKEY**

**14.12.2019** Customs officers seized a record drug shipment of over **1.7 tons** at the cargo terminal of Istanbul Airport. It is noted that we are talking about a new generation of drugs - **crate**. Turkish law enforcement officers seized this substance for the first time. A cargo of drugs was shipped from Indonesia and sent to the US. The crate was found after checking with specially trained dogs and analysing the samples taken. Law enforcement officials have opened an investigation into the fact and are identifying those involved in the smuggling of the drugs.  
<https://point.md/ru/novosti/v-mire/v-aeroportu-stambula-iziali-rekordnuu-partiiu-narkotikov>

**UKRAINE**

**12.12.2019** In Krasnograd, Kharkiv region, the police, under the procedural supervision of the regional prosecutor's office, prevented the activities of a married couple engaged in the distribution of drug mixtures. "Kharkiv police documented the illegal activities of drug dealers during 2018-2019. Residents of Krasnograd (a 38-year-old man and his 38-year-old wife) packed up drugs and sold them to drug addicts by mail throughout Ukraine. In the course of 5 authorized searches at the place of residence of spouses in a private house, the police seized 50 bags **with a mixture of poppy seeds and poppy straw** weighing about **800 kg, solvent** (79 bottles weighing **52 kg**), industrial scales, polymer bags, several dozens of SIM cards, bank cards, etc. Approximate cost of seized drugs on the "black" market is about 500 thousand UAH.  
<https://interfax.com.ua/news/general/629929.html>

**12.12.2019** In Kherson, police detained a man who manufactured and distributed amphetamine. The cost of seized drugs on the black market is 250 thousand UAH. During the search in his car and garage bank cards, money, a gun, laboratory equipment and **360 grams of amphetamine** were seized. The cost of seized drugs on the "black market" is

UAH 250 thousand. A man is also checked for involvement in the theft of cars in the region. Now he is detained, open criminal proceedings under Part 2 of Article 307 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine "Illegal production, manufacture, purchase, storage, transportation, shipment or sale of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or their analogues," - the law enforcement officials said. The issue of election of a preventive measure for an abuser is being resolved.

<https://www.dsnews.ua/society/v-hersone-zaderzhali-muzhchinu-s-partiey-narkotikov-na-250-tysyach-12122019131400>

**14.12.2019** The Security Service of Ukraine exposed a postal channel for smuggling psychotropic substances from a South American country, the SBU press centre reported. Thus, in Kiev, law enforcers detained several citizens of Ukraine and the Russian Federation, who were responsible for receiving international transmissions and further sending drugs abroad. During a series of searches, computer equipment and mobile phones with evidence of involvement in the functioning of drug trafficking were found from the attackers and **6 kg of garmaline** were seized.

<http://hubs.ua/news/sbu-blokirovala-kanal-postavki-narkotikov-iz-yuzhnoj-ameriki-168538.html>

## FINLAND

**12.12.2019** A large-scale operation against OCG took place near Karelia. Finnish police conducted a series of searches and detentions in Lappeenranta, Kotka, Kouvola, Lahti and Helsinki. According to Yle, seven people have been arrested. We're talking about a criminal group of bikers. The main figures in the case - from South Karelia. During the operation, police confiscated about ten firearms, several kilograms of explosives and drugs. The case is classified as a serious drug crime and various types of violence.

<https://ptzgovorit.ru/news/finny-raskryli-gruppirovku-baykerov-izyaty-vzryvchatka-i-narkotiki>