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REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

30.04.2020 Bilasuvar District Police Department officers detained two Shirvan Hakim Manafov natives in Khirmandaly village. During inspection of a VAZ-2106 car belonging to one of the detainees, **2 kg of heroin** were found and seized. The suspects smuggled drug into Azerbaijan with the aid of an Iranian citizen. An investigation is under way. <https://salamnews.org/ru/news/read/382505>

02.05.2020 As a result of measures taken for protection of state border, the State Border Service of Azerbaijan prevented illegal import of large amount of narcotic substances into the country. Near Zungyulash village of Astara district, in the territory of responsibility of "Lankaran" Border Guard Unit, border guards found traces indicating that a violator crossed border of the Republic of Azerbaijan from the side of the Islamic Republic of Iran and returned to the opposite direction. While inspecting the scene, they found three black sport bags with **9 kg of heroin, 6.7 kg of methamphetamine, 4.1 kg of marijuana, 19.3 kg of hashish, 1.8 kg of methadone M-40 and 1.8 kg of pregabalin**. A total of 42.7 kg of narcotic drugs were seized. As a result of ORM carried out by officers of the State Border Service on identification and bringing to criminal responsibility of the customers of narcotic drugs, 5 persons - residents of Kijaba settlement of Astara district aged from 25 to 45 years - were detained as suspects. https://www.azerbaycan24.com/ru/predotvrashthen-vvoz-v-azerbaydzhan-okolo-43-kg-narkotikov-iz-irana/?_cf_chl_jschl_tk__=ef2b6fedaa2267f9218297faa09199b1277c236b0-1588570319-0-AfG4xVsYVslaeuOX9Vh7N1d1exv4isbGWUYTTfKSxfoiOOhCbUJKyj3qvnFNmLBUdusfCjX1LcVYNben8KR6TxxhUyupOI2kHNrrbW4q-2Jppyh3ImM0EYve5dpOfR8j_qOng15i9YOKLRyvodvKxny6uWuqcSk-EJ-bJq8_IRv6zu1nREiCc7u0mLQBO_juk1AFqjnJ7DbTDD4xPV46UAbOfsEjXo412mpdsNyUX_tbe0Id6wel2f4zoggjbf72uexfu28sPM4tRYarkD0KvVhM4zNXwAea9DC3QJ2vSL2hF--waa9PjogqRBlqetyslZWnzkyeJYvqlME1uikOZCr1zgXWaPyZB3htjkodbHvEfl3UJVk0QxMet3kYvYe6KqLh9h2lwLmctODVq982bWwjYQjsWt3pWL_yCckmz4Knl

02.05.2020 The State Security Service (SGB) of the Republic of Azerbaijan has stopped smuggling of a large consignment of drugs from Iran. On the territory of Gulmamedli village of Jalilabad region a motorcycle under the control of a citizen of Azerbaijan was stopped which was carrying **15.346 kg of heroin and 962.1 g of methamphetamine**. A criminal case was opened on the fact. The man was arrested by court decision, investigation is under way. https://1news.az/news/specoperaciya-sgb-iz-yata-krupnaya-partiya-narkotikov-iz-irana---video?_cf_chl_jschl_tk__=5373f2a5cfdb7f4b9ef5734153fe2e19d40554b2-1588570597-0-Act-5Ju9SGaTnFfPTbQQbnP7t-zrOMUF7knPUJ51_1QNPe0YBs8WMzQLe8eUMdOIhQRS_uJ0bNjji3yCZ1KHhHOdijwvM5BvX_hRP27adb5C6Xdn3C1A1DnwF5r-b64J0wWyC6yLcFRFOerz5l6r9vFv6Y9eZ9zIMwrN3wf8RaUMrYNf-xm3VjQbiX2MG_R42BE_d5dFzbg_mTfJxBqi8FsnzvQIXtRmtVhy9IyhyQUyXyD-ito00J-HvPtNAmCtIxltG7LXDyiTEPDHvLRWD98QDc2M-0lac5ZDW778QDOLrOqyogr1z2FNRJ-UN6I1jHfhisWRyD-t0auSHo-8ZqqOXhyO8MfHmBrphVOg5hs9zuo4U_EkqFOUxJ95dFGQWw

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

16.04.2020 Department of KNB of the RK for Almaty under the coordination of the Prosecutor's Office of Almaty has stopped illegal actions of a drug group involved in sale of synthetic drugs in the city. Employees of DKNB detained a local resident while selling about **300 g of synthetic drugs**. A criminal case has been initiated in that connection. The detained person was taken to an investigative isolator, and pretrial investigation is ongoing. <http://knb.gov.kz/ru/news/ob-izyatii-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

27.04.2020 Employees of GIBDD OMVD of Russia in the Novokuznetskiy district, Kemerovo region, who ensure road safety on the Altai-Kuzbass intercity highway, stopped a Hyundai Tucson driven by a 34-year-old resident of Barnaul for a check-up. During inspection, about **270g of α-PVP** was found in the interior, which the drug courier was illegally transporting from Novosibirsk to Barnaul for further sale. A criminal case has been initiated against the suspect. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/20059382>

28.04.2020 A criminal case is under investigation in the Republic of Khakassia against a 34-year-old resident of Krasnoyarsk krai who equipped a drug laboratory for illegal production of amphetamine for subsequent sale through an online store. The defendant rented a house for the laboratory in the village of Chapayevo in the Ust-Abakan district of the Republic of Khakassia. Through the Internet, he purchased necessary equipment and chemical ingredients. The man found a way to produce psychotropic substance on the Internet. Illegal activities of the citizen were intercepted by employees of UNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Khakassia together with GUNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia. During personal search and examination of belongings, **288.62 g of amphetamine**, chemical compositions in various containers, chemical equipment, laboratory tableware and other items and substances used in manufacture of amphetamine were found and seized. The court chose a preventive measure in the form of detention in respect of the citizen. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/20063899>

28.04.2020 Employees of GUNK MVD of Russia, together with colleagues from the Chuvash Republic, have detained a suspect in organization of synthetic drugs sale by equipping caches in the Volga Federal District. The perpetrator acted as a courier and wholesale stasher, whose functions included transporting drugs, packaging, wrapping and equipping caches. Drugs were sold by contactless means, customers were found through an online store in the shadow segment of the Internet. Payments were made using cryptocurrency. The police detained the suspect in a roadside hotel in the Moscow region. Over **10 kg of methylephedrone** were found during inspection of his car. A criminal case was initiated and a preventive measure in the form of detention was taken against the suspect. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/20062146>

29.04.2020 Employees of ONK UT MVD of Russia for the Far Eastern Federal District and the Khabarovskaya LU MVD of Russia detained four members of an organized group engaged in drug distribution in Khabarovsk, Komsomolsk-on-Amur and the Republic of Buryatia. The detainees stored narcotic drugs in caches located in the Far Eastern Federal District, providing mini-warehouses and warehouses, and acting as inter-regional couriers.

Suspects, young people aged 21-27, residents of Khabarovsk krai, Buryatia and Transbaikalian krai, were detained when attempting to extract drugs from the caches, ranging from 100 g to 1 kg in weight. In addition, a mini-laboratory for cannabis cultivation was found at the residence of a 21-year-old resident of Komsomolsk-on-Amur. In total, over **13 kg of synthetic drugs** were seized. Criminal cases have been initiated against defendants.
<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/20072237>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BRAZIL

28.04.2020 Federal Revenue Service (IRS) Customs detected **1.1 tons of cocaine** in a mango shipment during customs control at the port of Salvador. The cargo was to be shipped to a vessel on its way to the port of Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Criminals used the "Rip-off/Rip-on" method, where a consignment of drugs was introduced into a legal cargo without the knowledge of exporters and importers. Cocaine seizures were sent to the Federal Police, which will continue the investigation.

<https://receita.economia.gov.br/noticias/ascom/2020/abril/alfandega-de-salvador-apreendeu-mais-de-uma-tonelada-de-cocaina-no-porto>

30.04.2020 Customs of the Federal Revenue Service (IRS) in the port of Santos, on the coast of Sao Paulo, detected and seized **370 kg of cocaine**. Drugs were found during a routine inspection in an export shipment of paper intended for shipment to the port of Valencia, Spain. The illegal cargo has been handed over to the Federal Police, which will continue to investigate in order to identify those responsible for drug smuggling.

<https://g1.globo.com/sp/santos-regiao/porto-mar/noticia/2020/04/30/receita-federal-localiza-370-kg-de-cocaina-em-carregamento-de-papel-no-porto-de-santos.ghtml>
<http://receita.economia.gov.br/sobre/acoes-e-programas/acoes-da-receita-federal/noticias/2020/abril/8a-regiao-fiscal/receita-federal-localiza-370-kg-de-cocaina-em-carga-de-papel-no-porto-de-santos>

UNITED KINGDOM

28.04.2020 Department of Environmental personnel on a patrol in the Collier's Beach area of the East End, Cayman Islands, found a bag of **23.6 kg of cocaine** washed ashore. The Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) moved to the scene to seize the drugs. Cocaine is estimated to cost US\$ 350,000. Police officers, a police helicopter and Coast Guard units subsequently inspected the coastline to ensure that no other drugs were released ashore. Cocaine was destroyed in a landfill site with the assistance of the Department of Environmental Health. <https://www.caymancompass.com/2020/05/01/350k-of-cocaine-washes-up-in-east-end/>

30.04.2020 Border forces in the port of Harwich stopped a truck that arrived in the UK from the Netherlands. During inspection of the vehicle, **54 kg of cocaine** were found hidden in trailer doors. The National Crime Agency (NCA) has launched an investigation. A British citizen was detained and questioned.

<https://www.gazette-news.co.uk/news/18425526.cocaine-worth-4-86-million-seized-harwich-port/>

GERMANY

02.05.2020 During an operation in the port of Hamburg, police searched the BUDVA dry cargo ship under the Montenegrin flag, after which **500 kg of cocaine** were found in the so-called "cargo area" (in the bilge compartments and cargo). One of 23 crew members, consisting of Montenegrin citizens, was arrested. The ship arrived in Hamburg from the port of Santos (Brazil) via Casablanca (Morocco). The operation was conducted with the assistance of law enforcement agencies from several countries.

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/05/02/half-a-ton-of-cocaine-found-in-cargo-hold-of-bulk-carrier-hamburg/>

<https://twitter.com/PolicijaCG/status/1256526511726899206>

INDIA

29.04.2020 Police in Ludhiana seized **18 kg of opium** smuggled into Bhilwara from Rajasthan. Three residents of Tahrán village in Samrala, aged 24, 25 and 53, with regard to whom a case has been registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, were arrested.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/amid-curfew-3-men-held-for-peddling-drugs-18kg-opium-recovered/story-rte9uEeai2wRE7S9GCdpBP.html>

01.05.2020 Ludhiana Special Task Force (STF) arrested five drug traffickers in two operations, and seized **1.1 kg of heroin**. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/chandigarh/five-drug-peddlers-held-in-ludhiana-1kg-heroin-recovered/story-i1qs73WACIwkJNAONn09J.html>

03.05.2020 Border Security Force (BSF) detected and seized **2.3 kg of heroin** on agricultural land located in the border area between India and Pakistan. Three residents of Daoke village in Ainala district are wanted on suspicion of committing the crime. A case has been registered against them under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. The defendants are in hiding and raids are being carried out to apprehend them.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/amritsar-border-farmer-booked-as-2-3kg-heroin-seized-from-field/story-qWX5KUM4jIqHCv4yLwPXvO.html>

IRAN

29.04.2020 Border guards in Sistan and Balochistan have identified a criminal group engaged in smuggling drugs from Afghanistan as a result of complex intelligence operations near the borders of Mirjaveh. **497 kg of opium** and one vehicle were seized in the course of this operation. <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/158144/Police-confiscates-497-kg-illicit-drugs-in-Iran-s-Mirjaveh>

01.05.2020 Between 25 April and 1 May 2020, the Iranian Anti-Narcotics Police seized **21 tons and 117 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 104 kg of heroin, 17 tons and 976 kg of opium, 151 kg of methamphetamine, 2 tons and 112 kg of hashish, 704 kg of morphine and 70 kg of other narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances¹.**

¹ Information provided by liaison officer of the Anti-Narcotics Police of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

02.05.2020 Police in Sistan and Balochistan province detained two criminals during two armed clashes in the Hasha and Mirjawa districts. In the first incident, **684.4 kg of opium** as well as AK-47 automatic weapons and ammunition were seized. During the second operation, during which there was intense exchange of fire between police and smugglers, **2.69 tons of various drugs** were found, including **2.2 tons of opium and 476 kg of hashish**. <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/158252/Around-3-5-tons-of-drugs-busted-in-southeastern-Iran>

SPAIN

28.04.2020 The Spanish police have intercepted activities of an international criminal organization involved in smuggling of drugs. **4 tons of cocaine** were confiscated and 28 people suspected of belonging to a criminal organization associated with major national and international drug smugglers who were supplying cocaine by sea were arrested. The criminal organization is considered to be the largest drug smuggling organization in the north-western region of Galicia, and in the region between northern Portugal and the port city of Pontevedra. With support from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the United Kingdom National Crime Agency (NCA) and the Colombian police, Spanish investigators intercepted the Togolese flagged vessel KARAR, approximately 200 nautical miles off the coast, with 4 tons of cocaine on board. 15 members of the ship's crew -14 Bangladesh, Nepal and one Spaniard were arrested. At the same time, police searched 20 addresses in Galicia, arresting 13 other suspects, some of whom had previously been convicted of drug smuggling. <https://www.france24.com/en/20200428-police-seize-cocaine-haul-off-spain-coast-arrest-28>
<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/04/28/offshore-supply-ship-with-4-tons-of-cocaine-intercepted-in-the-atlantic-video/>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=9&v=1uEyjijmszQ&feature=emb_logo
 Video: <https://wettransfer.com/downloads/bf22cd6f0ee10960e6533c3f6686f40c20200427193456/d2a40b>
https://www.policia.es/prensa/descarga.php?file=20200428_1.mp4

ITALY

28.04.2020 Officers of Guardia di Finanza in Livorno, together with employees of the Customs and Monopolies Agency (ADM) of Livorno, carried out an operation in the port of Labronik. As a result of spot checks of containers and ships at the berth, **40 kg of pure cocaine** were found in a refrigerated container with a cargo of bananas from the Colombian company Emilian. The containers were stored on a Liberian-flagged cargo ship from the Colombian port of Cartagena, which entered the ports of Spain (Algeciras) and Malta before Livorno. <http://www.gdf.gov.it/stampa/ultime-notizie/anno-2020/aprile/la-pandemia-rafforza-i-controlli-sequestrai-40-kg-di-cocaina>
<https://www.marfret.fr/en/container-tracking/>

CHINA

29.04.2020 Hong Kong police seized **296 kg of crystalline methamphetamine**, worth about HK\$160 million (US\$20.6 million). Seven people were arrested during a night raid. Police officers searched an empty shop 400m from the Tsim Sha Tsui police station. The detainees included a Canadian national, two from mainland China and four from Hong Kong. Two of the suspects are considered members of the 14K triad. In a shop, police found 10 nylon bags containing 296 kg of crystalline methamphetamine (ice). Each of the bags

contained 25 bags, usually used for tea, containing 1 kg of methamphetamine. The shop was rented out for several days and used as a storage area for drugs. The drug may have been smuggled into Hong Kong from mainland China by sea. According to police reports, the large-scale dismantling of methamphetamine factories in mainland Guangdong Province over the past three years has forced Hong Kong drug traffickers to find new suppliers. In 2019, local authorities noticed an increase in the amount of methamphetamine brought into Hong Kong by air from Malaysia, Africa and Mexico. According to official data, police and customs officers seized **410 kg of crystalline methamphetamine** in 2019, 138% more than **172 kg a year earlier**. In the first three months of 2020, customs officers at the airport seized **144 kg of crystalline methamphetamine** hidden in parcels. **180 kg of crystalline methamphetamine** were imported in the fourth quarter of 2019.

<https://scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3082112/hong-kong-police-bag-record-300kg-crystal-meth-worth>

COLOMBIA

03.05.2020 Specialized diving teams from the Colombian Navy in the sector Bahia, Turbo Antiochia, during an underwater inspection of a Panamanian merchant vessel called Star Courage found 22 packages containing **11.76 kg of amphetamines, including 2C-B or pink cocaine²**. The ship sailed from the port of Rio Haina, Dominican Republic, to the port of Tarragona, Spain. No arrests were made during the operation, as drugs entered the ship without the knowledge of ship's crew. <https://www.cgfm.mil.co/es/blog/armada-de-colombia-incauto-cerca-de-12-kilogramos-de-anfetaminas-ocultas-en-un-buque-mercante>

THE NETHERLANDS

27.04.2020 Dutch drug traffickers have tried a new method in the port of Antwerp to safely remove a cargo of cocaine from container. They exchanged a refrigerated container at the port with an identical container loaded with squid and almost **5 tons of cocaine** to successfully pass customs controls. The refrigerated container CGM, which arrived from South America, was marked by Belgian Customs in the Waasland harbour. The container had to be transported to scanner by carrier for inspection. The truck driver, a Dutch national, arrived to pick up the container but drove past customs scanner at Waasland Harbour and headed for Haifasstraat/Bremerstraat. There, the container was placed in a hangar where 12 people quickly loaded squid into an identical CMG container. Drugs were replaced by an additional load of squid so that the weight of the cloned container remained identical. The driver then went back to the port to be inspected by customs scanner. All these movements were monitored from a distance by Belgian police surveillance teams. The Federal Police and Customs seized 5 tons of cocaine during a search in a hangar in Bremerstraat. Fourteen Dutch citizens aged 20 have been arrested. In addition to drugs, Kalashnikov assault rifles and other weapons found in the hangar and in the trunk of a car were seized. Seized drugs were weighed by customs and destroyed.

<https://www.pzc.nl/antwerpen/nederlandse-drugsbende-probeert-met-gekloonde-container-douanecontrole-in-antwerpen-te-passeren~a6bd564c/>

² **2C-B, or 4-bromo-2,5-dimethoxyphenethylamine** (another slang name "Siberia") belongs to the group of phenethylamines.

28.04.2020 Customs in the port of Vlissingen confiscated **4.5 tons of cocaine**. Drugs were kept in a shipment of bananas from Costa Rica. Approximately 180 million euros is the value of the consignment. Drugs were found in the Vlissings company during quality control. Seized drugs were destroyed in consultation with the NARC team (a joint entity of Customs, FIOD, the Seaport Police and the Rotterdam Prosecutors Office). The National Police is investigating this matter. <https://www.ad.nl/zeeland/grootste-cokevondst-ooit-in-zeeland-douane-onderschept-4-500-kilo-tussen-de-bananen~a2652a60/>

01.05.2020 During an inspection of a delivery van at Vekenoord in Brad, police found **10 kg of cocaine** and about 800 thousand euros in cash in a hidden compartment. The van was stopped by police shortly after leaving a warehouse in Hazepad. Three men were arrested on suspicion of drug trafficking and money laundering. A 26-year-old driver from Brada has been arrested. Police also searched two cars that left the warehouse in Hazepad at the same time as the van. Both of these cars had similar hidden compartments - caches. Drivers of two cars, a 35-year-old man from Brada and a 39-year-old man from Zandam, were also arrested on suspicion of involvement in money-laundering and drug trafficking. Cars, a van, drugs and cash were confiscated. The suspects are in custody and further investigation is under way. <https://nltimes.nl/2020/05/01/eu800000-cash-10-kilos-cocaine-found-delivery-van-breda>

PAKISTAN

27.04.2020 Representatives of the Anti-Narcotics Force of Pakistan (ANF) intercepted a package of **3.1 kg of heroin** at the office of a courier service company. The parcel was shipped from Karachi to a customer in Canada. A case has been registered and further investigation is under way. <https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/anf-recovers-heroin-from-parcel-booked-for-ca-904868.html>

28.04.2020 The Toru District Police intercepted a vehicle carrying two persons suspected of smuggling and transporting over 30 kg of opium and 20 kg of hashish (chars) to Punjab Province. Both suspects have been arrested. The police also confiscated a GTJ-22. This fact is under investigation. In addition, in a separate operation, the police in Hoti arrested one person and seized **1 kg of heroin**. <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/650876-n-a>

USA

27.04.2020 Border patrol agents from Rio Grande Valley, Texas, stopped five attempts to smuggle large quantities of marijuana into the United States from Mexico. About **1,344 kg of marijuana**, worth about \$2 million, were seized. Drugs were seized in an SUV at Rio Grande City Station and in the cities of Roma, Escobar, La Grulla and Salineno. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/rio-grande-valley-agents-seize-nearly-2500-lbs-marijuana-over-weekend>

29.04.2020 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents in Nogales Port, Arizona, detained five people in an attempt to smuggle drugs, including **heroin and fentanyl pills**, while concealing them. Methods of concealment ranged from concealing packages, under clothes on the body, to intra-cavitary method. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/arizona-cbp-officers-have-busy-weekend-ports>

29.04.2020 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents in Nogales Port, Arizona, detained a 47-year-old man from Tucson while attempting to smuggle **41.73 kg of methamphetamine** from Mexico into the United States, concealing it in side walls of his pickup truck. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/arizona-cbp-officers-have-busy-weekend-ports>

29.04.2020 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents in San Luis Port, Arizona, detained a 23-year-old Mexican national in an attempt to smuggle drugs from Mexico into the United States. About **24.95 kg of methamphetamine** was found in the vehicle's spare tire when the vehicle was inspected. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/arizona-cbp-officers-have-busy-weekend-ports>

29.04.2020 U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents at the port of Lukeville, Arizona, detained a 41-year-old woman from Phoenix attempting to smuggle over **38.56 kg of methamphetamine** into the United States from Mexico while concealing it in a gas tank. In addition, more than **63.96 kg of methamphetamine** were seized in Lukeville on April 30. All detainees were handed over to HSI for processing. Drugs seized at ports of entry to Arizona are estimated at over \$400,000. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/arizona-cbp-officers-have-busy-weekend-ports>

30.04.2020 U.S. Border Patrol agents at BCP 62/180, east of El Paso, Texas, found **19.28 kg of crystalline methamphetamine** hidden in a tire during a vehicle inspection. The vehicle was driven by a US citizen. Estimated value of the seized substance is \$1.36 million. The driver and drugs were transferred to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for prosecution. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/methamphetamine-seized-border-patrol-checkpoint-0>

29.04.2020 An inter-agency operation involving the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife conducted raids to identify illegal cannabis plantations in the Anza and Aguanga communities in California. As a result, more than 14,000 cannabis plants weighing about **3 tons of cannabis and 14 kg of marijuana** were detected and destroyed. Three residents of Aguanga, aged 35, 50 and 66, were detained on suspicion of illicitly cultivating marijuana. <https://patch.com/california/temecula/14-601-marijuana-plants-chopped-down-near-southwest-rivco>

29.04.2020 Special agents from the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Detroit, Michigan, seized **48 kg of cocaine**. Cocaine was concealed in a tractor trailer intended for shipment to Canada. No one was arrested during the ongoing investigation. <https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/ice-hsi-seizes-approximately-48-kilograms-cocaine-michigan>

01.05.2020 U.S. Border Patrol officers at the Javier Vega BCP, near Sarita, Texas, found more than **41.7 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of a trailer-car. The driver and seized cocaine were handed over to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/rio-grande-valley-agents-seize-nearly-3m-cocaine-checkpoint>

01.05.2020 U.S. Border Patrol agents at interstate BCP I-8, California, stopped an Infiniti QX4 vehicle with the driver, a 42-year-old U.S. citizen, and his 18-year-old daughter, for inspection. During inspection, **25.8 kg of methamphetamine** were found in three bags in



the back seat of the vehicle. The shipment was estimated to cost \$62,500. The man and his daughter are under arrest. Drugs transferred to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), vehicle confiscated by U.S. Border Patrol. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/usb-agents-seize-56-pounds-meth>

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

28.04.2020 Coast Guard and Special Forces teams intercepted the THRONE, a general cargo ship under the Palauan flag, with **400 kg of cocaine** on board in international waters in the northwest Caribbean Sea in northern Trinidad. Drugs were found in waterproof bags in a specially designed stash equipped inside a fuel tank. All crew members of about 10 people were arrested and interrogated. The ship was taken to Chaguaramas. "THRONE" was en route from Guayaquil, Ecuador, to Belém, Brazil.

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/04/30/cargo-ship-intercepted-seized-with-all-crew-400-kg-of-cocaine-found/>

<http://www.guardian.co.tt/news/coast-guard-intercepts-tanker-with-160m-in-cocaine-6.2.1107394.f017b76d10>

TURKEY

28.04.2020 Anti-drug police in the Khatuniyeh district of eastern Van province conducted an anti-drug operation that resulted in the seizure of more than **102 kg of heroin** from a house belonging to a man suspected of drug trafficking. The suspect was detained during the operation. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/over-100-kg-of-heroin-seized-in-eastern-turkey/1820963>

UKRAINE

15.04.2020 Employees of the SBU Central Department for Combating Corruption and Organized Crime in Kiev detained a 43-year-old resident of the capital, who was engaged in cocaine sales. During a search of the drug dealer's house, more than **700 g of cocaine** were found as well as 70 thousand hryvnias, about 1000 dollars and 400 euros received from the sale of the narcotic substance. In addition, fake foreign currency bills, a carbine, a pistol and ammunition were seized from the man. The defendant was announced of a suspicion of having committed a criminal offence. <https://kyiv.npu.gov.ua/news/protidiya-narkozlochinnosti/slidchi-kijivskoji-policziji-povidomili-choloviku-pro-pidozru-u-zbuti-kokajinu/>

FRANCE

28.04.2020 Border guards at the Channel Tunnel terminal in Coquelles found more than **260 kg of cocaine** in a trailer truck bound for Kent, UK. Inside the trailer were car parts and several plywood boxes where cocaine had been concealed. The driver, a Romanian national, was arrested on suspicion of importing Class A drugs. The investigation was handed over to the National Crime Agency (NCA). <https://www.kentonline.co.uk/dover/news/20m-of-cocaine-stopped-from-entering-kent-226614/>