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CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

29.06.2020 Three attempts to bring **21.7 kg of narcotics and psychotropic substances** from the Islamic Republic of Iran to the country have been prevented by the State Border Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan in recent days. In the territory of "Horadiz" frontier post of the Frontier Troops of the State Border Service in the village of Aranli of Imishli district, during an attempt of crossing the state border of Azerbaijan from Iran, an intruder - a citizen of Iran born in 1988 was detained. More than **6 kg of narcotics** were found and seized during a search in the village of Aranli of Imishli. A criminal case was initiated on this fact, the man was taken into custody. A few days later on the territory of the same outpost an attempt of violation of the state border of Azerbaijan by two persons was stopped. Violators dropped **5 kg of heroin and 2.06 kg of pills** and fled in the direction of Iran. At the next attempt to violate the border on the territory of the same frontier post **7 kg of narcotics** were found and seized. <https://www.salamnews.org/ru/news/read/388484>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

23.06.2020 More than **220 kg of various drugs, including more than 195 kg of marijuana and about 25 kg of hashish** were seized in Zhambyl region during 21 days of operation "Karasora-2020". On June 19, officers of the Drug Control Department of the Police Department of Zhambyl region carried out a special operation in the village of Aktobe, Shu district, during which a 33-year-old local resident was detained, about 52 kg of marijuana and more than 12 kg of hashish were found and seized in his house in a cache. A pre-trial investigation has been launched into the case, and the man has been detained. https://www.inform.kz/ru/bolee-220-kg-narkotikov-iz-yato-v-zhambylskoy-oblasti_a3665159

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

23.06.2020 Inspectors of the 2nd DPS (southern) regiment of the GIBDD GU MVD in the Moscow region stopped a car with a driver and a 25-year-old passenger at a stationary post located on the M-4 "Don" highway to check documents. During a personal search of the passenger's personal belongings, bags of **1.5 kg of methylephedrone** were found and seized. The man was carrying the drug for further sale through caches in the city district of Kotelniki. A criminal case was initiated against the suspect and a preventive measure in the form of detention was taken. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20455214>

25.06.2020 In cooperation with colleagues from regional FSB, employees of UNk GU MVD of Russia in Voronezh region blocked a large channel for supply of synthetic drugs to several regions of the Central Federal District. In the Nizhnedevitsky district, at 2 km of the R-298 "Kursk-Voronezh-Mikhnevo-Potudan" motorway, police stopped a Toyota Land Cruiser 150

driven by a 51-year-old Moscow resident, with her 19-year-old son as a passenger. During search of the vehicle, about **6 kg of synthetic drugs**, packed in various batches, were found and seized in three bags in the trunk of the vehicle. Detainees are suspected of selling narcotic drugs in the Kaluga, Tula, Orel, Kursk, Belgorod and other regions. Seized substances were destined for further sale in the Voronezh region and neighbouring regions. A criminal case was initiated against the defendants and a preventive measure in the form of detention was chosen. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20476287>

26.06.2020 Employees of UNK UMVD of Russia in the Tyumen region and employees of GIBDD on the road "Tyumen-Yekaterinburg" detained a 32-year-old resident of Novosibirsk, who was a carrier of narcotic drugs from St. Petersburg to Novosibirsk. In his Toyota Camry car, police found **1 kg of marijuana and 1,100 MDMA pills** in the back seat and in his bag, prepared for subsequent sale by contactless means. A criminal case has been opened over this fact and the drug courier has been detained. Investigation is under way. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20480351>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

23.06.2020 During the operational measure "Black Poppy-2020" on the territory of the teahouse "Mingchinor" in the mahalla meeting of citizens of Sarbozor, Gallaral district, the police detained two local residents - a 27-year-old nephew and his 59-year-old uncle, who were engaged in selling narcotic drugs of herbal origin of the opium group. **Opium straw** with a total weight of **3.73 kg** was seized. Criminal proceedings have been instituted in that connection. <https://tergov.uz/ru/lead/u-posetitelja-chajhany-obnaruzhili-narkoticheskie-sredstva>

OTHER COUNTRIES

GERMANY

22.06.2020 Osnabrück customs officers south of Highway 30 stopped a vehicle coming from the Netherlands, driven by a 28-year-old driver. During inspection, **3.77 kg of hashish** were found inside the spare tire. The driver was on a seven-day tourist trip to Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Drugs cost about 35 thousand euros. The driver was temporarily arrested and brought before a judge in the district court of Nordhorn. The suspect was transferred to a correctional facility. Further investigation was conducted by the Essen Customs Investigation Department in the Nordhorn office. https://www.zoll.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/Rauschgift/2020/z30_haschisch_im_reifen.html;jsessionid=B0B3FDC9D079A10619CFBF1CE76288BD.live4402

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

28.06.2020 In a joint operation, agents of the National Drug Control Directorate (DNCD) seized **253 kg of cocaine** during a control operation in refrigerated containers area of the port of Caicedo. The containers came from Hamburg, Germany, and were to be shipped to the port of San Juan, Puerto Rico. <http://www.dncd.gob.do/index.php/noticias1/noticias/item/772-operativo-conjunto-incautan-253-paquetes-de-cocaina-en-un-contenedor-en-el-puerto-multimodal-caicedo>

INDIA

24.06.2020 Counterintelligence Department officers and the 136th Border Guard Battalion (BSF) seized **4.16 kg of heroin** and detained a resident of Ruhela Hajji village near the Shameke border post along the India-Pakistan border who is associated with Pakistani smugglers. <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/punjab/4-16-kg-heroin-seized-1-held-in-ferozepur-104013>

IRAN

27.06.2020 From 21 to 26 June, the Iranian Anti-Narcotics Police seized **3.518 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 378 kg of heroin, 1,519 kg of opium, 590 kg of methamphetamine, 976 kg of hashish and 55 kg of other narcotic drugs**¹.

SPAIN

19.06.2020 Civil Guard agents inspected a tourist trailer driven by a Moroccan citizen arriving at the port of Algeciras (Spain) from Tangier Meda (Morocco) and found 284 packages of **hashish weighing 53.9 kg** inside drum brakes. The shipment was worth over 90 thousand euros. <https://elfarodeceuta.es/marroqui-detenido-puerto-algeciras-hachis-oculto/>
<https://www.algecirasalminuto.es/sucesos/intervenidos-en-el-puerto-de-algeciras-mas-de-53-kilos-de-hachis/>

20.06.2020 Civil Guard of the Balearic Islands at sea discovered a floating structure drifting between the islands of Ibiza and Formentera, which was a bonded and attached to several empty plastic canisters with sealed **cocaine** packs weighing **145 kg**.
<https://www.diariodeibiza.es/pitiuses-balears/2020/06/21/hallados-145-kilos-cocaina-flotando/1150659.html>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xUs5JregNU>

CHINA

25.06.2020 Customs authorities in Shenzhen, Guangdong province, seized more than **40 kg of cocaine** in Yantian port. A shipment of cocaine was found in a container structure inside cooling system. The container carrying frozen food cargo arrived from South America via Europe. http://www.china.org.cn/china/Off_the_Wire/2020-06/25/content_76203418.htm
https://www.sohu.com/a/403990597_118392

COLOMBIA

20.20.2020 The Anti-Drug Unit in Buenaventura, Colombia, found two cylinders inside a foreign-flagged vessel preparing to go into international waters during a check at a seaport terminal in Buenaventura, Colombia, where cocaine packages were masked. To date, approximately **10 tons of cocaine hydrochloride** have been seized in Buenaventura during the pandemic. <https://www.rcnradio.com/colombia/pacifico/diez-toneladas-de-cocaina-han-sido-incautadas-desde-que-se-inicio-la-cuarentena>

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

THE NETHERLANDS

25.06.2020 Westland Customs found and seized **780 kg of cocaine**. Drugs were concealed in a pineapple container coming from Costa Rica. Narcotics were found in the company's warehouse. The HARC Amsterdam team is investigating further. No one's been arrested. Seized drugs have been destroyed. The investigation is led by the District Attorney's Office in The Hague. <https://www.fiod.nl/douane-vindt-780-kilo-cocaine-tussen-ananassen/>

PERU

27.06.2020 The Peruvian National Police (PNP) discovered and seized more than **500 kg of cocaine hydrochloride** in a ship in the terminal of Muelle Sur in the port of Callao, in containers with algae. <https://twitter.com/PoliciaPeru/status/1276349887467134976>
<https://trome.pe/actualidad/policiales/callao-policia-drogas-buque-contenedores-algas-nczp-noticia/>
<https://elcomercio.pe/videos/pais/callao-incautan-droga-camuflada-en-contenedores-de-algas-nnav-amtv-video-videos-pais-noticia/>

PORTUGAL

23.06.2020 Police (PJ) in the Algarve intercepted two boats in Tawir and Castro Marim, each carrying about **1.4 tons of hashish**. Police arrested two men preparing to take a boat to the Barril Coast in Tawira. There were 43 bales of hashish on board, which the boat loaded at sea from another larger vessel. A day later, a fast boat carrying **1.4 tons of hashish** was intercepted by the GNR Coastal Control Group on the Guadiana River near Foz de Odelite, Castro Marim. Drugs were held in 42 bales. With the support of SIVICC (Integrated Coastal Zone Control System), the Vila Real de Santo Antonio coastal control unit was able to detect suspicious boat near the Spanish riverbanks. The vessel was equipped with three high-speed engines, which helped the boat to hide in Spain. With the assistance of the Spanish Civil Guard, two suspected drug smugglers have been arrested. The boat and drugs were confiscated and delivered to the Spanish authorities, who are investigating the case. <https://www.portugalresident.com/two-major-drug-busts-in-just-two-days-in-algarve/>

25.06.2020 The Judicial Police (PJ) intercepted the sailing yacht "Goldmund" as part of an operation in Funchal, with 15 bags of **326 kg of cocaine** on deck. Cocaine was destined for the European continent, while the yacht made a technical stop in Madeira. The Judicial Police, through Madeira's Criminal Investigation Department, in cooperation with the National Anti-Drug Unit, conducted an international investigation into drug trafficking by sea. Two men, aged 58 and 53, with foreign nationality, were arrested. The investigation was supported by the Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre - Narcotics (MAOC-N), based in Lisbon, and the Italian authorities. <https://www.dnoticias.pt/casos-do-dia/veleiro-interceptado-pela-pj-no-funchal-transportava-326-quilos-de-cocaina-LC6466937>

PUERTO RICO

26.06.2020 The United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) seized **260 kg of cocaine** in a container aboard the Santo Domingo-San Juan ferry. Cocaine seized was valued at over \$7 million. Transnational criminal organizations continue to use international supply chain to conceal drugs within a licit consignment. CBP's anti-smuggling team has inspected

various containers coming from the Dominican Republic on M/V Kydon and has since identified anomalies in the container where 231 packages of cocaine were found. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-san-juan-field-operations-seizes-573-pounds-cocaine-concealed>

USA

23.06.2020 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials at the Eastern Port of Entry in Calexico, California, found more than **60.78 kg of methamphetamine** in the doors, side panels and gas tank of a Honda Accord. The vehicle was driven by a 20-year-old American citizen. The cost of methamphetamine is approximately 161,000 US dollars. CBP officials seized the vehicle and methamphetamine. Female driver handed over to Homeland Security Investigations agents. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/calexico-cbp-officers-find-134-lbs-meth-doors-quarter-panels-gas-tank#>

23.06.2020 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials in Louisville seized almost **27.22 kilograms of dimethyltryptamine (DMT)** in a parcel arriving from Brazil at express delivery center. The parcel was destined for the Netherlands. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/60-pounds-dimethyltryptamine-seized-cbp-officers>

23.06.2020 A 31-year-old man driving an Acura Sport SUV was detained by Border Patrol of El Centro Sector, California, at a checkpoint on Highway 86 while attempting to smuggle approximately **11.29 kg of fentanyl**. Bags of fentanyl were in the interior behind the vehicle's glove box. The shipment was valued at US\$ 876,480. The driver, drugs and the vehicle were transferred to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/deadly-drugs-seized-border-patrol-agents>

27.06.2020 Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Field Operations Office (OFO) officials at Camino Real Bridge, Texas, inspected a Liberty MCIN commercial bus arriving from Mexico and found 32 packages containing **256.68 kg of liquid methamphetamine** hidden in the bus floor area. Methamphetamine is valued at more than \$11 million. CBP confiscated drugs and the bus. The case was handed over to special agents of Homeland Security Investigations (ICE-HSI) for further investigation. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-field-operations-seizes-over-11-million-methamphetamine-within>

30.06.2020 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials at the port of entry in Brownsville, Texas:

1) On June 24, at the International Gateway Bridge detained a 26-year-old U.S. citizen while attempting to smuggle from Mexico into the United States in a Chevrolet Trail Blazer **5.22 kg of cocaine**;

2) On June 30, at the International Bridge of Brownsville and Matamoros detained a 22-year-old U.S. citizen while attempting to smuggle in a Ford Edge Sport vehicle **5.28 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/brownsville-cbp-officers-seize-178k-cocaine-two-seizures>

TURKEY

25.06.2020 Six suspects were arrested and about **153 kg of marijuana** were seized in two operations in eastern provinces of Turkey. In a tip-off operation, drug control team in the eastern province of Malatya seized **110.9 kg of marijuana**. Four suspects were arrested during the operation. In another raid in the eastern province of Elazig, counter-narcotics forces



seized **42 kg of marijuana** and **18,550 cannabis bushes**. According to the source, two suspects were apprehended during the operation. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/turkey-over-150-kg-of-marijuana-seized/1889395>

CROATIA

29.09.2020 Officers of the Croatian criminal squad seized almost **25 kg of cocaine** near the southern coastal town of Ploce during a road control in the vehicle under the control of 49-year-old Italian citizen. Drugs are estimated to cost 17 million crowns (\$2.5 million). <https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/12653-croatia-police-dog-johnny-sniffs-out-cocaine-worth-2-5-million>

SRI LANKA

22.06.2020 Two suspects, a 27-year-old male and a 50-year-old female, were apprehended by officers of the Organized Crime Prevention Unit of the Kegalle-Rambuccana Police Station, from whom **1.527 kg of heroin** was seized. The police are conducting further investigations. <http://www.adaderana.lk/news/64895/woman-and-man-arrested-with-over-15kg-of-heroin>

ECUADOR

27.06.2020 National Police units conducted an anti-narcotics operation in the Andean city of Guayllabamba, Pichincha province, resulting in the seizure of more than **1 ton of cocaine**. Two vehicles were seized and three people were detained during the operation, which was coordinated with security forces in Ecuador and other countries. Drugs were to be smuggled from the coast of the provinces of Esmeraldas, located in northern Ecuador and bordering Colombia, to Central and North America. <https://www.explica.co/the-ecuadorian-police-seize-more-than-a-ton-of-cocaine/>