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REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

04.08.2020 Employees of the Southern Regional Division of the Main Drug Control Directorate detained a resident of Astara district, seized about **3 grams of opium** during a personal search. During a search in a rented apartment in the village Masazir of Absheron district they found and seized **855 grams of heroin, 6.475 kg of opium, 1.885 kg of marijuana and 904 grams of methamphetamine**. The detainee testified that he had bought drugs from an Iranian citizen.

<https://www.salamnews.org/ru/news/read/391819>

05.08.2020 **1.62 kg of marijuana, 15.256 kg of heroin, 3.964 kg of methamphetamine, 2.122 kg of hashish and 1.46 thousand tablets of Methadon-40** were found and seized at the Goradiz border checkpoint during inspection of a suspected Hyundai vehicle, registration number 99-TF-671, driven by a native of the village of Mehdili, Jabrail district, born in 1989. <https://interfax.az/view/809636>

05.08.2020 A resident of Masalli district was detained as a result of an operation carried out by officers of the Main Department for Combating Organized Crime. During a search they found and seized about **2 grams of methamphetamine**, while in his house in Yasamal district of the capital - **21.508 kg of heroin and 8.989 kg of methamphetamine** were also confiscated. Investigation found that the detainee had entered into a criminal conspiracy with an Iranian citizen with whom he had been in contact on Whatsapp. Having received drugs on the territory of the Fizuli district, he kept them in his house. He then had to hide drugs in various parts of the republic and, having photographed their location, send photos to the Iranian citizen. The latter was to send this information to drug couriers operating in the country. Besides, the detainee had previously delivered drugs to Azerbaijan with the participation of the same person.

<https://media.az/society/1067786500/v-azerbaydzhane-presechena-popytka-realizacii-bolee-30-kg-narkotikov-foto-video/>

08.08.2020 As a result of operative-search actions employees of the Department of Anti-Narcotics of Hajigabul RUP detained a 60-year-old local resident for cultivation of drug-containing plants. **88 cannabis bushes** were found in his garden and a lot of dried marijuana was found in his house. <https://media.az/society/1067786575/zhitel-gadzhigabulazaderzhan-za-vyraschivanie-konopli-video/>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

03.08.2020 Officers of the Narcotics Crime Division of the Rudny City Police Department detained a 50-year-old resident, from whom more than **418 kg of marijuana and more than 14 kg of hashish** were found and seized in his garage. The police also found an



electronic scale and a large sum of money - 750,000 tenge. <https://polisia.kz/ru/ot-10-do-15-let-mozhet-poluchit-rudnichanin-za-narkotiki/>

04.08.2020 Employees of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Turkestan region PD, together with police officers of the Saryagash ROP, detained a local resident in the course of operative-search activities. A search of the suspect's house in the yard revealed and seized polyethylene bags containing more than **13.5 kg of dried koknar (poppy)**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/bolee-13-5-kg-narkotikov-iz-yali-u-zhitelya-turkestanskoj-oblasti/>

04.08.2020 Police officers detained a 33-year-old resident of Kapshagai, from whom more than **321 grams of narcotic potion** were found and seized. As part of additional investigative activities in Taldykorgan, another fact of selling almost **1.5 kg of hashish** was stopped. A polyethylene bag with hashish briquettes was seized in suspect's apartment. <https://polisia.kz/ru/narkotorgovka-s-krupnoj-partiej-gashisha-zaderzhana-v-almatinskoj-oblasti/>

05.08.2020 A Hyundai vehicle carrying two men was detained by officers of the PD Department for Combating Drugs. A plastic bag containing **1.010 kg of hashish** was found in the luggage compartment during a search and seized. <https://polisia.kz/ru/1-kg-gashisha-iz-yali-u-sbytchikov-politsejskie-kapshagaya/>

05.08.2020 Under coordination of the Prosecutor's Office of the Pavlodar region, police officers detained a 39-year-old resident of Pavlodar city in the course of operational search for sale of psychoactive substances. During inspection of the apartment where the suspect lived, about **14 grams of drugs of synthetic origin PVP-speed** were seized. <https://polisia.kz/ru/za-sbyt-sintetiki-zaderzhana-zhitel-nitsa-pavlodara/>

05.08.2020 In the course of operational activities "Kara-Sora", employees of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of PD of Temirtau city detained a 57-year-old man and a 54-year-old woman, who were engaged in cultivation of drug-containing plants in the garden of their private house. **69 poppy bushes, 25 cannabis bushes, one cellophane bag with dried poppy heads and one cellophane bag with cannabis seeds** were seized. <https://polisia.kz/ru/semeynaya-para-vyrashhivala-na-ogorode-mak-i-konoplyu-v-temirtau/>

06.08.2020 As part of the Republican OPM "Kara-Sora", a 48-year-old citizen, who has been repeatedly tried for drug trafficking, has been detained during a search and investigation measures in Nur-Sultan. During a personal search, more than **10 single doses of heroin** were found and seized, which is a particularly large amount. <https://polisia.kz/ru/za-sbyt-narkotikov-zaderzhan-48-letnij-muzhchina-v-nur-sultane/>

07.08.2020 In the course of operational activities "Kara-Sora" on 842 km of the highway "Samara-Shymkent", near the camping "Dastarkhan" drug police stopped a car "Lada X-ray" under the control of a resident of Baigani district with two passengers. During a search of the vehicle with the help of a search dog, about **5 kg of plant-based and green narcotic substances** were found and seized in the interior of the vehicle. The suspect was taken to a ROP tDF. A precautionary measure was taken against passengers, namely, a non-departure subscription. <https://polisia.kz/ru/avtomashina-s-krupnoj-partiej-narkotikov-ostanovlena-v-aktyubinskoj-oblasti/>

07.08.2020 Officers of the police department of Zhanakorgan district of Kyzylorda region on the right slope of the village of Kozhakent among dense jingle thickets found drug crops. A suspected local resident was detained at the scene. During inspection, it was found that the suspect was growing **281 bushes of green plants** with a specific odor. <https://polisia.kz/ru/za-kul-tivirovanie-narkotikov-zaderzhan-zhitel-kyzylordinskoj-oblasti-2/>

07.08.2020 National Security Committee detained two Kazakh citizens who had organized production of synthetic drugs in laboratory conditions in Almaty. During searches of the laboratory, dwellings and vehicles of the detained persons, a total of more than **55 kg** of the high-quality narcotic substance "**mephedrone**", ready for sale and being at the stage of crystallization (on the "black market" the cost of the seized consignment is about 1.5 billion tenge), as well as a large amount of foreign currency and firearms were seized. In addition, about **one ton of precursors and chemical reagents** enough to produce 30 kg of drugs have been seized. Initially, the suspects had organized artisanal synthesis of drugs at their place of residence. Then a cottage on the territory of "Ile-Alatau National Park" was purchased with proceeds of sale of narcotic drugs, where a full illegal laboratory for "mephedrone" production was deployed. The drugs produced on an almost industrial scale were sold in bulk to representatives of large drug stores operating in the so-called shadow segment of the Internet network "DarkNet". At the same time, drugs were mainly paid for in Bitcoins. The produced drug, according to the detainees, was in high demand among buyers from major cities, as in terms of purity and quality it had no match in Kazakhstan. <https://www.zakon.kz/5035147-krupneyshuyu-v-istorii-strany.html>

07.08.2020 Employees of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Police Department of Shymkent city detained a 46-year-old citizen who was storing **1.5 kg of marijuana** in a rented house on the territory of the city during operative-search works under the republican operative-preventive measure "Kara-Sora". <https://polisia.kz/ru/1-5-kg-marihuany-iz-yali-u-zhitelya-shymkenta/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

04.08.2020 Employees of the SBNON of the Department of Internal Affairs of Lenin district, Bishkek, at the "Sosnovka" post on the "Bishkek-Osh" road on suspicion of possession of narcotic substances detained a suspect born in 1993, from whom 10 pressed briquettes of dark green color with a specific smell of **cannabis** were found and seized during a search and personal search in the back seat of the car, weighing **112 grams**. <http://asiatv.kg/2020/08/04/в-бишкеке-задержан-наркодилер-у-котоп/>

07.08.2020 The press service of the State Service for Execution of Punishments of the Kyrgyz Republic reported on detention of the head of medical-sanitary part of the Correctional Institution No. 1 in the village of Moldova, from whom **2.975 kg of cannabis** were found and seized while passing through the checkpoint of the institution inside a bag. <https://ru.sputnik.kg/incidents/20200807/1049248893/kyrgyzstan-koloniya-narkotiki.html>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

03.08.2020 Employees of the Russian Interior Ministry's Novousemanskiy district department of Voronezh region detained a 41-year-old resident of the village of Yuzhnoye, from whom **1.807 kg of marijuana** was found and seized in a barn. As explained by the

suspect, he intended to use drug personally. The citizen also identified the place where he collected cannabis. The plantation of the drug-containing plant was immediately destroyed by police as part of preventive operation "Mak-2020".

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/20766840>

03.08.2020 OKON officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia detained a 52-year-old local resident in the town of Pyatigorsk, who equipped a "greenhouse" on his dacha plot, where from February to July this year he created favorable conditions for cultivation of **470 cannabis bushes**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20765604>

03.08.2020 Operatives of UNK UMVD of Russia across the Kaluga area detained a citizen of a neighbouring republic born 1995. During a personal search of the girl were found and seized 49 convolutions, which contained **89.25 grams of heroin**. The suspect was temporarily living in Moscow. The girl received stash coordinates through a messenger, after which she packed heroin into small shipments for distribution in Obninsk. In addition, police officers seized a cache with powdered substance; at present, contents of the cache are under examination. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20766740>

03.08.2020 Police officers of UNK MVD of the Republic of Karelia have documented criminal activity of 12 persons, residents of Yaroslavl, Kostroma and Leningrad regions, as well as citizens of a neighboring state, who for a long time were developing a scheme of drug sales for the benefit of an Internet shop. The defendants are charged with more than 80 episodes of criminal actions. More than **4 kg of synthetic drugs** have been seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20763657>

04.08.2020 Employees of OKON UMVD of Russia for the city of Smolensk eradicated a cannabis plantation in an abandoned building. They seized **137 bushes of drug-containing plant** as well as special equipment used for its cultivation. 24 kg of cannabis plant were found. Two local residents were detained on suspicion of illegal actions. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20771852>

04.08.2020 Policemen of PPS of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the city of Volgograd during service detained two natives of a Central Asian republic, 19 and 29 years old, who were packers and stashers of drugs through an online store. In the course of search at the place of rented housing of the suspects more than **200 g** of prepared and partially packaged synthetic drugs **diacetylmorphine (heroin) and 6-monoacetylmorphine** were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20782336>

04.08.2020 North Ossetian police stopped criminal activities of three residents of Tver region who came to the republic under the guise of tourists and planned to distribute heroin through caches. A 46-year-old resident of Tver, her daughter and a 20-year-old young man managed to make four caches. The perpetrators had clearly defined roles - while one was disguising a cache, the other was standing guard and the third was photographing the place. At the time of search, police found a whole bag of **1 kg of heroin**, which the suspects were hiding under a radiator.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/20780197>

05.08.2020 Employees of OKON UMVD of Russia for the city of Astrakhan detained a 24-year-old local resident who was carrying out contactless sale of prohibited substances on the territory of the regional center through a network of caches. In the apartment he rented, about 100 bags and bundles with the so-called "**salt**" with a total weight of more than **600 g**, packaging materials, jewelry scales were found. In the smartphones of the suspect operatives found coordinates of previously made caches.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/20786658>

05.08.2020 Employees of the UNK GU MVD of Russia for the Chelyabinsk region, together with colleagues of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the city of Miass, detained a previously convicted local resident, born in 1977, who is suspected of producing synthetic drugs in an underground laboratory, which he organized in his apartment. The police seized about **52 grams of amphetamine**, laboratory equipment, chemicals for drug production, scales, packaging material, cell phones, and a computer.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/20784580>

05.08.2020 In the course of operative-search actions employees of UNK GU MVD of Russia on July 7 this year detained a 27-year-old resident of the Oktyabrsky area suspected in sale of narcotic drugs in territory of Novosibirsk and Novosibirsk region through cache with use of the Internet. During a personal search of the detainee, police found and seized **5 grams of heroin**. During a search of his apartment, more than **325 g of α -PVP** and about **900 g of heroin** were found and seized. In addition to drugs, electronic scales, packaging material and other items used for the packaging of narcotic drugs were found at this address.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/20784508>

06.08.2020 Employees of GUNK MVD of Russia together with colleagues from GUNK MVD of Russia for the Moscow region and Inter-Municipal Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia "Ramenskoye" with participation of a special purpose detachment "Grom" have stopped activity of laboratory manufacturing synthetic drugs. Perpetrators have equipped a narcological laboratory in a bathhouse on a rented plot in the village of Ganusovo in the Ramenskoye urban district near Moscow. During inspection of the premises, they found equipment for production of drugs, **750 litres of chemical reagents and over 10 kg of mephedrone**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/20793633>

06.08.2020 At the 2nd km of the road "Volga - Nikolaevka - Yango-Asker" of the Astrakhan region, a 32-year-old driver of the car "Honda City" was unable to handle the driving. Police officers who arrived at the scene detected signs of drug intoxication of the driver and his passenger, but they refused to undergo a medical examination. During visual inspection in the vehicle, police noticed a package containing about **200 grams of "salt"**, intended for further packaging on single doses and sale by contactless means. Residents of the regional center were detained, and the prohibited cargo, packaging materials and electronic scales were seized.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/20797196>

06.08.2020 Police officers on the territory of estates of a 59-year-old resident of Tver in the SNT Kalininsky district of Tver region revealed illegal storage of **268 g of dried cannabis** and cultivation of **229 cannabis bushes**. The detainee explained that he had been growing prohibited plants for personal consumption.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/20802282>

07.08.2020 In the territory of the Moscow region in the course of operative preventive measures directed on revealing and eradication of illegal crops of poppy, cannabis and other plants containing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, and also revealing wild crops near Utenino village of Taldomsky district of Moscow region a site with wild cannabis was found. Through mowing and burning, more than **400 bushes of cannabis** were destroyed. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20806437>

07.08.2020 Employees of UNK GU MVD of Russia in Voronezh region in cooperation with colleagues from the regional FSB stopped a criminal organization engaged in the sale of narcotic drugs. During preliminary investigation, it was established that 16 suspects, local residents and visitors from neighbouring regions and states aged 19 to 54 years, had been carrying out their illegal activities from August 2019 to May this year in Voronezh region. Sale of heroin to clients was carried out by equipping caches with electronic payment systems and programmes using the Internet. During the period of their illegal activity, they committed 11 crimes classified as particularly serious in the area of illicit drug trafficking. More than **3.5 kg of heroin** were seized from suspects. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20810148>

09.08.2020 Employees of the drug control unit of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs in Konakovo district, Tver region, detained a resident of the village. Selikhovo, born in 1990, who was engaged in illegal cannabis cultivation on his country estate. A total of **163 bushes of drug-containing plants** and **187 grams of dried cannabis** were seized. The owner explained to the police that he was growing illicit plants for personal use. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/20813998>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BRAZIL

03.08.2020 Staff of the Customs Revenue Committee in Santos found and seized **129 kg of cocaine** hidden in a container carrying orange juice, which was on its way to the port of Antwerp, Belgium, using an inspection facility and a working dog. The drugs were attached under the lining of the container door with adhesive tape. <http://receita.economia.gov.br/sobre/acoes-e-programas/acoes-da-receita-federal/noticias/2020/agosto/8a-regiao-fiscal/receita-federal-encontra-129-kg-de-cocaina-nas-portas-de-conteiner-no-porto-de-santos>

GUATEMALA

04.08.2020 Law enforcement officers, in coordination with the Public Prosecutor's Office in the Port of Santo Tomas de Castilla, inspected the MTC POTOMAC SINGAPORE IMO 9281920, which came from the Port of Santa Marte, Colombia, where **56 cocaine packs** and a GPS device were found and seized in special cylinders. <https://mingob.gob.gt/buque-transportaba-56-paquetes-de-cocaina/>

IRAN

09.08.2020 Between 1 and 7 August, the Iranian Anti-Narcotics Police seized **10.175 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances**, including **133 kg of heroin, 9.130**

tons of opium, 104 kg of methamphetamine, 5 kg of morphine, 525 kg of hashish, 278 kg of other narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances¹.

CHINA

08.08.2020 Hong Kong customs officers at Hong Kong International Airport on June 29 this year during inspection of a parcel delivered by air service found **3.6 kg of heroin**, hidden in ten plastic bags and after investigation arrested a 26-year-old suspect. On August 6 of this year, **11 kg of cocaine** mixed with some confectionery products inside packaging boxes were found during inspection of a consignment of an air cargo arriving in Hong Kong from Malaysia and claimed to be a traditional pastry. A 34-year-old suspect was detained in the course of investigation. <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202008/08/P2020080800444.htm>

MOROCCO

09.08.2020 Three drug traffickers were arrested by the Royal Navy Coast Guard near the Hercules Caves in Tangiers. **1.3 tons of cannabis** were seized during the operation to capture the traffickers. <https://rossaprimavera.ru/news/766855b9>

THE NETHERLANDS

09.08.2020 Police officers in Monfort, Utrecht, found a methamphetamine laboratory hidden in an unusual location. The illegal facility was built inside six united shipping containers that were hidden under a large pile of clay used to reinforce dams. The site and its entrance were shielded in such a way that they could not be seen in aerial photographs or from a public road. Three people were detained on this occasion, including the 59-year-old owner of the site, a 53-year-old resident of Zaandam and a 50-year-old resident of Khorna. **4 kg of methamphetamine, 96 litres of base methamphetamine oil**, other raw materials and two vehicles were found at the scene. <https://nltimes.nl/2020/08/09/video-large-crystal-meth-lab-found-hidden-underground>

PERU

02.08.2020 Public Prosecution Service and the Anti-Drug Police detained a container in temporary storage area of Unimar in the port of Paita. During inspection of the container, 11 beige brick packages wrapped in film tape containing **13.185 kg of cocaine** were found and seized. <https://www.elregionalpiura.com.pe/index.php/regionales/152-otras-provincias/43917-paita-fiscalia-y-policia-antidrogas-incauta-contenedor-con-estupefaciente>

PORTUGAL

04.08.2020 After landing at Madeira airport, a 55-year-old woman living in the Lisbon area was detained by police officers in Operation Pico Ruivo after four months, thus eliminating an "appropriate chain" of drug shipments to the archipelago. **10 kg of heroin** were seized from the detained woman. <https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/major-heroin-bust-in-madeira/55174>

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

USA

05.08.2020 U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials inspected a cargo transported by a 51-year-old Mexican citizen and seized 1,561 packages of **365 kg of methamphetamine** in fresh products. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-field-operations-discovers-16-million-worth-methamphetamine-pharr>

07.08.2020 The U.S. Coast Guard in the Caribbean in the San Juan sector conducted an operation to apprehend a fast boat carrying two smugglers and seized **430 kg of cocaine**. <https://seapowermagazine.org/coast-guard-offloads-12-million-in-seized-cocaine/>

07.08.2020 United States Customs and Border Protection Border Patrol near Cape Rojo detained a group of two Dominican nationals and two United States nationals with **278.6 kg of cocaine**. The smugglers moored on a boat near Villa Pesquera in Cabo Rojo and loaded items in a vehicle parked nearby. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-interdicts-four-men-smuggling-614-pounds-cocaine-near-cabo-rojo>

TURKEY

07.08.2020 Members of security forces, using a working dog, discovered and seized **15.24 kg of heroin** during an operation at the cargo transfer centre in Ipekyolu district, eastern Van province. One suspect was apprehended. <https://www.yenisafak.com/en/news/over-15-kg-of-heroin-seized-in-eastern-turkey-3536332>

07.08.2020 Turkish troops seized over 8 kg of heroin in two operations in the southeastern provinces of Gaziantep and Hatay. In Gaziantep, for example, anti-drug groups seized **4.6 kg of heroin**, 9 unlicensed pistols, 2 shotguns and cash. Eighteen suspects in possession, use and sale of drugs were arrested, while in Hatay local police officers seized **3.8 kg of heroin** during a car search. Two suspects have been arrested. <https://www.yenisafak.com/en/news/over-8-kg-heroin-seized-in-southeastern-turkey-3536395>

UKRAINE

03.08.2020 Troops of the State Border Service in the Odessa region found and seized **56.4 kg of cocaine** in the "Yuzhnyi Seaport". Drug was in a container with bananas, which arrived from Ecuador. Cocaine, packed in 47 briquettes, was hidden in ventilation hatches. Each briquette had its own brand markings in letters and numbers indicating that it belonged to a specific drug syndicate. Approximate cost of the seized drug on black market can reach more than 200 million UAH. <https://interfax.az/view/809355>

FRANCE

05.08.2020 In France, customs officers from the port of Loon Plage, near Dunkirk, found 1.3 tons of cocaine in a container arriving from Suriname. Drugs were hidden in a container from South America among bags of rice and were found during unloading. The container was to go to Belgium through the port of Dunkirk. <https://www.waterkant.net/suriname/2020/08/05/opnieuw-grote-partij-cocaine-in-container-uit-suriname-in-franse-duinkerke-onderschept/>