

CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

(based on mass media reports)

21.09-27.09.2020**№ 39****CARICC MEMBER STATES****REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**

18.09.2020 Soldiers of the State Border Service of Azerbaijan stopped attempts of illegal crossing of state border and drugs smuggling:

1) On September 15, on the territory of border outpost near Shahseven village 2 of Beylagan district a man was seen trying to cross Iranian state border towards Azerbaijan by car. The perpetrator fled from the scene of the incident where a package of **2 kg of opium and 950 g of methamphetamine** was later found and seized. The car "Kia Rio" and two residents of Salyan region born in 1987 and 1993 were also detained;

2) On September 15, another violator of state border with Iran - citizen of Islamic Republic of Iran born in 1969 - was detained on the official territory of border outpost near Gazhlar village of Fizuli district. **575 g of heroin, 300 g of methamphetamine, 1 g of methadone and 66 g of marijuana** were found and seized;

3) On September 18, two violators of state border with Iran, citizens of the Islamic Republic of Iran born in 1986 and 1978, were detained on the official territory of border outpost in the village of Bahramtepe of Imishli district. They seized **3.182 kg of heroin, 994 g of methamphetamine, 8789 tablets "Metadon-40" and 20 tablets "Buprenorphine-2"**.

Criminal cases have been initiated on the above cases, detained persons have been brought to justice as defendants, and a preventive measure in the form of detention has been chosen against them. Investigation is under way.

<https://www.salamnews.org/ru/news/read/396980>

26.09.2020 During a joint operation of the State Security Service and the State Border Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan an attempt to smuggle from Iran more than **19.5 kg of heroin, 10 kg of raw opium, 3.5 kg of marijuana, 104 g of methadone, 19.5 kg of methamphetamine and 75 g of "pregabalin"**, illegally acquired by two citizens of Azerbaijan, was stopped. A criminal case has been initiated on this occasion. The detained two men were brought to justice as defendants, and the court chose a preventive measure in the form of detention. <https://haqqin.az/news/190351>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

24.09.2020 Police officers during a special operation in Almaty dismantled a drug laboratory for mephedrone production. Four barrels of chemicals (more than 80 liters) for production of synthetic drugs and **100 g of mephedrone** were seized. Also seized were equipment and materials designed to create new five similar laboratories (five new magnetic stirrers in packages, five electronic scales, five electronic pumps, various laboratory flasks and many other different devices for laboratory), magnetic stirrer (laboratory, electric) with

mephedrone layers. This is documented in a unified register of pre-trial investigation. A 44-year-old citizen was detained and subsequently taken into custody.

<https://24.kz/ru/news/incidents/item/425022-krupnyu-partiyu-syrya-dlya-izgotovleniya-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov-iz-yali-v-almaty>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

23.09.2020 Employees of the Internal Investigations Service of MVD KR and the Anticorruption Service of GKNB KR detained an employee of SBNON MVD of the Chui region at an attempt to sell more than **1.5 kg of hashish**, worth 581 thousand soms. Files of pre-trial proceedings were registered in the AIS ERPP. The detainee is being held in custody, and investigations are under way. <http://www.news-asia.ru/view/ks/accidents/14251>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

22.09.2020 In the course of an operation carried out by the Russian MVD in cooperation with the Russian FSB, an illicit drug laboratory was dismantled in Bryansk region. Two criminals purchased a private house in Bryansk region, where they organized illegal production of synthetic drugs. Barrels and canisters with chemical reagents, filters, flasks, a mixer for mixing ingredients and industrial scales were found in the laboratory's premises. The well-established scheme allowed to obtain about 4 kg of drugs per day, which were then sold contactlessly in several regions of the Central Federal District. Almost **143 kg of synthetic drugs** were seized during search. A criminal case was initiated. The suspects were detained and a preventive measure in the form of detention was taken. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/21225713>

23.09.2020 Employees of the 2nd DPS regiment (southern) of the traffic police department of MVD of Russia in the Moscow region at a stationary post located at 124 km of the M-5 "Ural" highway in Kolomensky district, Moscow region, stopped a car driven by a 26-year-old resident of Belgorod who was carrying **mephedrone and amphetamine with a total weight of about 1.2 kg, as well as 500 ecstasy tablets (MDMA)**. Drugs were found in the interior as a result of vehicle inspection. A criminal case has been initiated against the drug courier. A measure of restraint in the form of detention was chosen. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/21240145>

25.09.2020 Employees of UNK GU MVD of the Russian Federation in the Kemerovo region with assistance of soldiers of the special task force "Grom" and inspectors of traffic police stopped on the highway "Kemerovo - Novokuznetsk" a car "Toyota Corolla" under the control of 38-year-old driver - a resident of Novokuznetsk. There was also a 32-year-old woman as a passenger in the car. During a search in the interior of the car and at the place of residence of suspects they found and seized **550 g alpha-PVP**. Suspects purchased drug on the Internet and received it by postal parcels for further contactless sale. A criminal case was launched. Suspects are remanded in custody. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/21268715>

25.09.2020 Employees of UNK GU MVD of Nizhny Novgorod region dismantled a laboratory for production of mephedrone, which was located in a private house in Kstovo district. Two 32-year-old residents of Nizhny Novgorod were detained. In a garden house, which belonged to relatives of one of the defendants, about **460 g of mephedrone, chemical components for production of synthetic drugs (240 liters in total)**, special devices,

accessories and personal protective equipment used in manufacture of drugs were found and seized: glass flasks, laboratory utensils, filters, mask-repuscitators, gloves, chemical protective equipment, measuring instruments, and packaging materials. A criminal case has been initiated. Investigation is under way. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/21261414>

25.09.2020 Officers of the Sochi Police Patrol and Checkpoint Service in Krasnodar Krai detained a 22-year-old resident of Chelyabinsk region suspected of trafficking in drugs of synthetic origin. During a personal search and search of the apartment at the place of residence of the man they discovered and seized **16 g of N-methylephedron, tablets of ecstasy (MDMA) weighing more than 30 g and 650 g mephedrone** intended for sale in Sochi through caches. A criminal case has been initiated. A preventive punishment measure in the form of detention has been taken against the detainee. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/21272950>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

28.09.2020 SGB officers of Uzbekistan in Namangan and Samarkand region seized about **5 kg of drugs**. SGB together with the Tashkent city administration of the Customs Committee seized about **160 g of cocaine. 117 g of opium and 116 g of hashish** were seized from another resident of Tashkent region. In Namangan, during inspection of car "Tico" under control of a citizen of Uzbekistan born in 1952, SGB officers found and seized **1.085 kg of hashish. 1.683 kg of hashish and 1.49 kg of marijuana** were seized in Pastdargam district of Samarkand region. A criminal case was launched on all cases. Investigation is under way. <https://regnum.ru/news/society/3075375.html>

OTHER COUNTRIES

ANGOLA

22.09.2020 Two Angolans aged 40 and 46 years were detained at Luanda airport during an operation carried out during boarding passengers from a humanitarian flight, attempting to smuggle **12.102 kg of cocaine**. The drug couriers came from Sao Paulo, Brazil. Drug was seized and investigation is under way. <https://www.macaubusiness.com/angola-citizens-detained-at-luanda-airport-with-12-kilos-of-cocaine-from-brazil/>

REPUBLIC OF BELARUS

25.09.2020 Customs officers of the State Customs Committee of Belarus at the Belarusian-Lithuanian border at the checkpoint "Katlouka" detained a citizen of Lithuania - the driver of a cargo van transporting electrical equipment - when attempting to smuggle **3 kg of cocaine**. The truck was passing through the Republic of Belarus from France to the Russian Federation. Cocaine was found in the driver's personal belongings during customs control. Cocaine is worth almost 380 thousand US dollars. In the course of operative-search actions together with the MVD RB, the driver and other persons were found to be involved in a drug delivery channel to the EACU territory. A criminal case has been initiated against the driver. <http://www.ctv.by/novosti-grodno-i-grodnenskoj-oblasti/3-kilogramma-kokaina-izvali-na-belorusko-litovskoy-granice-eto>

BRAZIL

22.09.2020 605 kg of cocaine were seized by the Federal Service for Taxation (IRS) and the Federal Police (PF) in a joint operation. Drug was found as a result of an image study after scanning a sugar shipment destined for the port of Antwerp, Belgium. Seized cocaine shipment has been forwarded to the Federal Police, which will continue the investigation. In 2020, the IRS seized 15 cocaine shipments at the port of Paranagua, weighing a total of 4965.50 kg of cocaine. <http://receita.economia.gov.br/noticias/ascom/2020/setembro/operacao-conjunta-receita-federal-e-policia-federal-apreende-605-kg-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-paranagua>

24.09.2020 Federal Revenue Service (IRS) Customs in the port of Santos, Sao Paulo, found **101 kg of cocaine** in a container with a cargo of yeast. The cargo was destined for the port of Leixoes (Portugal), but had to be reloaded at the port of Rotterdam (Netherlands). It was selected for inspection using objective risk analysis criteria, including scanning. "Rip-on/Rip-off" method was used to hide drug, where drug was placed in a legal cargo without the knowledge of exporters and importers. Seized consignment was handed over to the Federal Police, which will continue the investigation based on information provided by Customs. <https://g1.globo.com/sp/santos-regiao/porto-mar/noticia/2020/09/24/receita-federal-localiza-101-kg-de-cocaina-em-carga-de-levedura-no-porto-de-santos-sp.ghtml>

25.09.2020 Military police teams in the Paranagua port area seized **218 kg of cocaine and marijuana** as a result of an operation at the entrance to container terminal to monitor and control trucks that were passing through the port area. During inspection, seven bags of cocaine were found inside a suspicious truck, which were to be placed in an export container. The driver and his assistant were detained red-handed. Four men were arrested in total. <https://folhadolitoral.com.br/editorias/policia/pm-apreende-218-quilos-de-cocaina-na-regiao-portuaria-de-paranagua/>

27.09.2020 254 kg of cocaine were seized in Paranagua port as part of a joint operation by the Federal Police (PF) and the Federal Revenue Service (IRS). Cocaine shipment was inside a container with paper coils, which was designed for the port of Algeciras (Spain). Criminals used the "Rip-on/Rip-off" method, where drug was placed in the container without the knowledge of the exporter. Seized cocaine shipment was sent to the Federal Police of Paranagua, which will continue the investigation. <https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2020/09-Noticias-de-setembro-de-2020/operacao-conjunta-da-policia-federal-e-receita-federal-realiza-nova-apreensao-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-paranagua>

UNITED KINGDOM

22.09.2020 A joint investigation by the National Crime Agency (NCA) and Scottish Police Organized Crime in Dover seized about **1 ton of cocaine**. The shipment is estimated to cost 100 million pounds sterling. Drugs were hidden in fruit trays carrying a container from South America. Two men were arrested on suspicion of importing Class A drugs - a 40-year-old man in Brentwood, Essex and a 64-year-old man in Glasgow. Investigation is linked to Operation Venetic, which has already arrested hundreds of people in the UK. <https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/joint-nca-and-police-scotland-operation-leads-to-100m-cocaine-seizure-in-dover>
<https://www.kentonline.co.uk/dover/news/tonne-of-cocaine-hidden-within-a-load-of-fruit-234309/>

GUATEMALA

24.09.2020 A twin-engine aircraft, Hawker 800, crashed in the jungle of Guatemala's Alta Verapaz region, killing two men. The plane took off from Cuernavaca Airport, located south of Mexico City, without a permit or flight plan. A few hours later it landed at Sulia Airport, located in northwest Venezuela, near the Colombian border. The wreckage of the plane, with two dead, was found by the military in the jungle near a hidden airstrip. During inspection of the crash site, **3 kg of cocaine** and weapons were found near bodies of the victims. The Guatemalan security forces in 2020 discovered 26 planes that were used for drug trafficking. <https://www.latintimes.com/plane-stolen-mexico-crashes-guatemala-cocaine-found-next-dead-men-onboard-461931>

INDIA

22.09.2020 Employees of the Excise Agency in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, seized **203 kg of marijuana**, which was smuggled in two cars to Balaramapuram from Andhra Pradesh. Two drug traffickers, aged 32 and 38, were detained, while two others fled to Balaramapuram. <https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/kerala/2020/sep/22/two-arrested-in-kerala-for-bringing-200-kilograms-of-ganja-from-andhra-pradesh-in-car-2200359.html>

24.09.2020 Criminal police stopped a truck on the Puna Saroli road in Surat, which was carrying a driver and two passengers aged 25, 32 and 34. The truck was carrying **564.51 kg of marijuana** from the Aska area in Odisha to Surat. Drugs cost 56.45 million rupees. 15 bags of marijuana were in cabinets behind the driver's cab. <https://indianexpress.com/article/india/3-persons-detained-in-surat-with-marijuana-worth-rs-56-45-lakh-6608328/>

25.09.2020 Border Security Force (BSF) officers in Ferozepur district of Punjab, near the Pakistani border, stopped an attempt to smuggle **13 kg of heroin**. <https://www.sentinelassam.com/national-news/bsf-seize-13-kg-heroin-in-punjabs-ferozepur-503384>

IRAN

26.09.2020 From 19 to 25 September, the Anti-Narcotics Police of Iran seized **11.532 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 98 kg of heroin, 10.802 tons of opium, 70 kg of methamphetamine, 410 kg of hashish and 152 kg of other narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances**¹.

IRELAND

24.09.2020 During a large-scale operation, detectives from Garda Drugs and Organized Crime National Bureau of in the village of Swords, County Dublin, stopped a truck carrying a container of fruit from South America, where **50 kg of cocaine** was hidden. The shipment was estimated to cost 3.5 million euros. The 33-year-old truck driver was arrested. <https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/crime/gardai-seize-50-kilos-of-cocaine-worth-35million-hidden-in-fruit-container-after-major-surveillance-operation-39560195.html>

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

CANADA

24.09.2020 An investigation by the Federal Serious and Organized Crime resulted in a truck stop from Ontario in Hare Bay, Newfoundland, where **3.5 kg of cocaine** were found and seized. Cocaine is estimated to cost \$1.4 million. A subsequent search of a house in the area resulted in the seizure of about 100,000 US dollars in cash. Multiple arrests are expected. <https://vocm.com/2020/09/24/police-seize/>

24.09.2020 Police in Grand Prairie, Alberta province, dismantled a network of cocaine traffickers. The police seized **1.143 kg of cocaine, 2.931 kg of synthetic cannabis, 1 liter of gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB)**, \$260,010 in cash and two vehicles. Eight people are charged with a total of 33 offences. Five of the defendants are British Columbians. Three of the eight are under arrest, and the rest are under arrest warrants. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/drugs-cash-seized-as-police-dismantle-northern-alberta-cocaine-trafficking-network-1.5737255>

CHINA

22.09.2020 Hong Kong Customs detected **7.7 kg of cocaine** when X-ray equipment was used in air transport from the Netherlands with a shipment of cookies. Drugs were seized, and two suspects were arrested for involvement in drug smuggling. <https://www.scmp.com/print/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3102569/hong-kong-customs-finds-77kg-cocaine-shipment-biscuits>

25.09.2020 Officers from the Hong Kong Narcotics Bureau discovered and seized **41.4 kg of heroin**. The shipment was worth more than 64 million Hong Kong dollars (\$8.2 million), hidden in bags of coconut powder sent from Thailand. Members of a transnational drug syndicate - five men and two women between the ages of 24 and 48, including the alleged mastermind and his wife - have been arrested for drug trafficking and money laundering. Police also froze assets of organizers of the drug syndicate worth more than HK\$4.3 million, including more than HK\$1 million in cash, bank accounts worth about HK\$1 million and two cars. During 8 months of 2020 Hong Kong authorities seized 268 kg of heroin. <https://www.scmp.com/print/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3103123/seven-held-hong-kong-police-seize-hk64-million-worth>

COLOMBIA

27.09.2020 During an underwater survey conducted by divers from the Santa Marta Coast Guard Station of the Colombian Navy on the ship "Algoma Valor", which was on its way to the port of Las Mareas (Puerto Rico), a round metal container object containing **1.98 kg of cocaine hydrochloride** was found on the hull. <https://www.armada.mil.co/es/content/buzos-armada-colombia-incautan-cocaina-en-santa-marta>
<https://twitter.com/ArmadaColombia/status/1310353767519391744>
 Video: <https://www.hoydiariodelmagdalena.com.co/archivos/420165>

COSTA RICA

27.09.2020 Police drug control agents (PCD) at APM Terminals dock in Moine, Limon seized more than **500 kg of cocaine** hidden in four containers of legal bananas and

destined for shipment to Antwerp, Belgium. Cocaine shipments weighing between 126 and 127 kg were found hidden in double walls of each container.

<https://www.crhoy.com/nacionales/pcd-ubica-mas-de-500-kilos-de-cocaina-oculta-en-contenedores/>
<https://twitter.com/seguridadcrc/status/1310281845494419459>

MEXICO

21.09.2020 Federal police intercepted a truck carrying **627 kg of cocaine** at a checkpoint in the city of Vixtla, 80 km from the state border with Guatemala. Drugs were seized and the truck driver was detained by the police. <https://menafn.com/1100837083/Mexican-police-grasp-more-than-600-kg-cocaine-near-southern-boundary>

THE NETHERLANDS

24.09.2020 The Dutch naval vessel Zr.Ms. Groningen intercepted a shipment of drugs in the Caribbean for the third time this month. A sailing ship was seized, on board of which **80 kg of cocaine** were found. Earlier in the same region, during a patrol of the Zr.Ms. Groningen intercepted two boats with shipments of **cocaine** weighing **455 and 465 kg** respectively. <https://www.defensie.nl/actueel/nieuws/2020/09/24/derde-drugsvangst-groningen>
<https://www.infobae.com/america/america-latina/2020/09/24/un-buque-de-guerra-holandes-incauto-80-kilos-de-cocaina-frente-a-aguas-venezolanas/>
<https://apuntoenlinea.net/2020/09/24/frente-a-aguas-venezolanas-guardia-costera-del-caribe-incauto-importante-carga-de-cocaina-fotos/>

PAKISTAN

21.09.2020 During a Fularwan police check, a Toyota van was stopped at the Salam junction as it was travelling from Mianwali with a drug smuggling consignment. **26 kg of heroin** were seized. Police registered the case and launched an investigation. <https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/drug-smuggling-bid-foiled-26-kg-heroin-seize-1035573.html>

PERU

27.09.2020 The police intercepted a truck with a trailer that was carrying a large shipment of cocaine from Sullana. Eight members of an international criminal group who were involved in the transport of **500 kg of cocaine** of Colombian origin from Sullana to Lima were arrested. The shipment was found inside a trailer ready to be shipped to Callao. The cocaine shipment is valued at \$9 million in Peru and more than \$30 million in Europe. <https://www.elregionalpiura.com.pe/index.php/nacionales/156-provincias/45302-detienen-a-presuntos-narcotraficantes-que-llevaron-cocaina-de-sullana-a-lima>
 Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=344&v=Ap8Sxckl1ZI&feature=emb_logo

PORTUGAL

24.09.2020 Security service at Lisbon's Umberto Delgado International Airport found a suspicious bag containing **32.350 kg of cocaine** in the luggage area. Drugs cost about 1.5 million euros. The case was referred to the Prosecutor's Office. <https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/psp-seizes-bag-with-more-than-32-kilos-of-cocaine-at-lisbon-airport/55929>

SINGAPORE

22.09.2020 Four men and two women were arrested by the Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) on suspicion of involvement in drug trade. They seized **5.130 kg of heroin, 1.125 kg of crystalline methamphetamine, 13 g of new psychoactive substances and 20 tablets of Erimin-5**. Drug seizures were estimated at \$700,000; \$174,000 were also seized in cash. <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/courts-crime/heroin-found-in-toilet-bowl-among-700000-worth-of-drugs-seized-in-cnb-raids>

USA

20.09.2020 Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Field Operations Office (OFO) officers at the Hidalgo International Bridge, Texas, interdicted attempts to smuggle methamphetamine consignments from Mexico:

1) On September 18, a 37-year-old U.S. citizen was detained attempting to import **12.84 kg of methamphetamine** in a Jeep Liberty SUV;

2) On September 20, a 26-year-old U.S. citizen from Houston, Texas, was detained attempting to bring in a Kia Optima concealing **4 kg of methamphetamine** in the car battery. The shipment was estimated to cost \$176,000. Methamphetamine and both cars were seized. Drivers of the vehicles were arrested. Homeland Security Investigations agents will continue investigation. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-hidalgo-international-bridge-seize-742k-methamphetamine>

23.09.2020 Border Patrol agents from El Centro, Salton City, California, at a checkpoint on Highway 86 detained a 26-year-old U.S. citizen attempting to smuggle in a Buick Lucerne, concealing convolutions of **3.86 kg of methamphetamine** inside an oil pan. The agents detained the man and took him to a detention facility. Drugs are estimated to cost more than 19 thousand dollars. The car and drugs were seized and transferred to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/border-patrol-agents-thwart-meth-smuggling-attempt>

23.09.2020 The Chicago Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) found **102.06 kg of methamphetamine** on the I-70 highway in Patnam County, west of Indianapolis, Indiana, thanks to a message from a vigilant driver. The shipment is worth 10 million dollars. https://www.newsweek.com/meth-chicago-dea-largest-seize-1533832?piano_t=1

24.09.2020 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials in Nogales Port, Tucson, Arizona detained a 21-year-old U.S. citizen attempting to smuggle **46.27 kg of heroin and 680 g of fentanyl tablets** in a car. Drugs are estimated to cost \$1 million. Drugs and the car were seized and the driver arrested and transferred to the U.S. Homeland Security Investigations. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-port-nogales-seize-over-103-pounds-heroin-and-fentanyl>

24.09.2020 An operation conducted by U.S. Border Patrol agents in the Mesquite Mountains east of Louisville, Tucson, Arizona, resulted in the seizure of over **77.11 kg of methamphetamine**. Tucson sector agents, accompanied by CBP air force, set up surveillance of a group of suspected drug smugglers in a remote area of the Tohono O'odham Indian reservation. The agents detained three Mexican nationals who had smuggled methamphetamine into the United States in five backpacks. The consignment was

estimated to cost 170,000 dollars. Drug smuggling suspects were transferred to the ICE Homeland Security Investigations. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/bp-amc-chase-meth-smugglers-arizona-mountains>

25.09.2020 24.49 kg of cocaine was seized by the Traffic Safety Department of St. Tammany County, Louisiana, when a Chevrolet Silverado car was stopped on Interstate Highway 12 near Slidell. Drug was being transported by a 37-year-old Alabama resident in a stash built into the bottom of a toolbox in the back of the truck. The driver was also seized \$10,930 in cash. Drugs, money and car were confiscated. <https://www.fox8live.com/2020/09/25/st-tammany-parish-deputies-seize-pounds-cocaine-during-traffic-stop/>

25.09.2020 Border Patrol agents from Yuma Sector at the Wellton Station, Arizona, immigration checkpoint detained a 26-year-old female driver, a U.S. citizen, when she attempted to smuggle **11.34 kg of methamphetamine and 450 g of fentanyl** in her car. Drugs are estimated to cost 78,000 dollars. Drugs and the car were seized. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/yuma-sector-border-patrol-seizes-fentanyl-and-methamphetamine>

THAILAND

23.09.2020 Police in Bang Saphan Noy district, Prachuap khiri khan province, found a large shipment of methamphetamine in a pickup truck abandoned at a gas station. The driver fled, leaving several cardboard boxes at the back of the car. During a subsequent search, **2 002 000 tablets** of methamphetamine were found in the boxes. The car also contained a savings book, two identity cards and other documents. Drugs and documents were confiscated and handed over for examination. <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1990375/>

TURKEY

26.09.2020 More than **70 kg of heroin** were seized in eastern Turkey. Drugs were found in three bags hidden in the riverbed in the Bascale district of Van province. Efforts are currently under way to search for and arrest criminals. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/over-70-kg-of-heroin-seized-in-eastern-turkey/1986409>

