

CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

(based on mass media reports)

26.10-01.11.2020**№ 44****CARICC MEMBER STATES****REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN**

27.10.2020 Employees of the Department of Combating Drug Trafficking of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan together with drug police of Pavlodar region detained two residents of Pavlodar, aged 63 and 49, who, acting as part of a criminal group have purchased and prepared for sale more than **25 kg of marijuana**. The narcotic drug was found and seized during a search of a yard building belonging to one of the perpetrators. A pre-trial investigation is under way. A precautionary measure - arrest - has been taken against the suspects. <https://datification.org/lajfstajl/tajnik-s-krupnoj-partiej-narkotikov-obnaruzhen-u-zhitelya-pavlodara-video.html>

27.10.2020 Officers of the Police Department in Nur-Sultan as a result of a special operation detained a 30-year-old resident of Zhambyl region, who was carrying over **2 kg of hashish** in a Lada Granta car. Drug was found during search inside the car. In addition, an unregistered traumatic pistol with ammunition and 11 packed bundles of drugs were found under the driver's seat. Investigation is under way. A criminal case has been launched over this fact. Drugs are valued at more than 3 million tenge. <https://rus.azattyq-ruhy.kz/incidents/16797-spetsoperatsiiu-po-zaderzhaniiu-narkosbytchika-proveli-v-nur-sultane>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

26.10.2020 Employees of SBNON MVD KR Directorate for Osh and Osh region together with customs officers of Batken department conducted a special operation against an organized criminal drug group, which supplied drugs of Afghan origin from Tajikistan to Kyrgyzstan and further to other countries. Two members of the drug ring, 43 and 48-year-olds from Andarak village, Leilek district, were detained. During a search of the farmhouse where the suspects lived, **5.873 kg of opium and 3.916 kg of hashish** were found. Drug seizures cost about 70 thousand US dollars. Investigation is under way. <https://svodka.akipress.org/news:1656574>

27.10.2020 Employees of SBNON MVD KR in Alamedinsky district of Chui region detained a 57-year-old citizen of Kazakhstan in an attempt to sell **37.047 kg of hashish**. The detained person was taken into custody. A criminal case was opened on this fact. Investigation is under way. https://24.kg/obschestvo/170930_vkyirgyzstane_zaderjan_kazahstanets_pyitavshiysya_prodat_37kilogrammova_gashisha/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

26.10.2020 Employees of UNK MVD of the Republic of Komi have stopped criminal actions of three participants of an organized group specializing in sale of drugs. The group included

three residents of Kirov region aged 28 to 44. Since 2018, using Internet resources, the criminals have been selling drugs using caches in the territories of the Komi Republic, the Mari El Republic and the Kirov region. The suspects, being on the territory of Syktyvdinsky district, were detained when attempting to illegally sell **1 kg of marijuana and 500 g of synthetic drugs**. In Kirov region, a cache was set up, from which police subsequently recovered **1.5 kg of drugs of cannabis group (marijuana and hashish)**, and when searching the place of residence of the perpetrators - packaging material, scales, money 750 thousand rubles, 3 thousand euros, bank cards. According to these facts, criminal cases were initiated and the suspects were taken into custody. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/21597859>

27.10.2020 Employees of the Russian UMVD in the urban district of Podolsk, Moscow region, detained a 23-year-old resident of Ryazan suspected of selling drugs. On patrol, policemen in a wooded area noticed a suspicious vehicle with a driver. During search of the men's personal belongings, **ecstasy pills (MDMA) and hashish pills weighing about 800 g** were found and seized. A criminal case was opened against the detainee. A measure of restraint in the form of detention was chosen by the court. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/21615260>

27.10.2020 Police officers of UNK GU MVD of Russia in Voronezh region together with the regional FSB stopped a sale of heroin in Voronezh and Voronezh region by contactless means. They detained 7 members of a criminal group aged 33 to 46 who specialized in delivering drugs and equipping caches in the region. Among those detained was a resident of Liskinsky district, who was a "regional courier" and delivered large amounts of heroin to a Voronezh resident, subsequently being distributed by 5 stashers. A total of **4.517 kg of heroin** were seized. A criminal case was opened against the suspects, six people were taken into custody and one suspect was placed under house arrest. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/21622855>

27.10.2020 Employees of the traffic police regiment of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Tyumen region at the 40th kilometer of the federal highway "Tyumen-Omsk" stopped a car driven by a 30-year-old resident of Novosibirsk. During inspection of the car, **amphetamine and mephedrone weighing more than 300 g** were found in the cabin. The driver was detained. The drug courier was transporting drugs to Novosibirsk for further distribution. As a result of a search in a rented garage in Novosibirsk, they found and seized **amphetamine and cocaine weighing more than 170 g**. A criminal case was initiated on this fact. The court selected a preventive measure in the form of detention. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/21621482>

28.10.2020 Employees of UNK GU MVD of Russia across Krasnodar krai detained a 39-year-old resident of the Kemerovo region suspected of illegal sale of drugs in territory of Kuban using caches. As a result of inspection of the territory of a rented house in a household building, **more than 4 kg of mephedrone, precursors, various substances** and items used for manufacture of the narcotic drug were found and seized. A criminal case has been initiated against the suspect. Detention measure was chosen for the perpetrator.. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/21634219>

30.10.2020 Employees of GUNK MVD of Russia, in cooperation with colleagues from Kaluga region, in the village of Vorobyi, Zhukovsky district, detained a man who illegally

stored about **2 kg of a-PVP** for sale. The malefactor intended to sell a wholesale shipment of synthetic drugs contactlessly via the Internet. A criminal case was opened against the suspect and a constraint measure in the form of detention was chosen. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/21650961>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AFGHANISTAN

23.10.2020 SIU and Counter Narcotics Police at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul detained a citizen of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (IRA) attempting to smuggle **130 capsules of heroin** intracavitarily (in stomach) to India.

23.10.2020 Kandahar province Counter Narcotics Police detained two IRA citizens who placed **11 kg of methamphetamine and 3 kg of heroin** in a cache on a bus. Drugs were found and seized during a search of the bus.

24.10.2020 Employees of Counter Narcotics Police unit of Nimruz province detained an IRA citizen who was carrying **21 kg of hashish** in his car while carrying out an investigation. Drug was found and confiscated as a result of a search of the car.

24.10.2020 Nangarhar province Counter Narcotics Police unit detained two IRA citizens and seized **18,407 MDMA tablets** concealed in a cache in a truck.

25.10.2020 A citizen of the IRA was detained by officers of Counter Narcotics Police unit of Parwan province while carrying out an investigation. **19 kg of hashish** were found and seized from him.

26.10.2020 Nangarhar province Counter Narcotics Police officers in Ganikhil district inspected a vehicle belonging to an IRA citizen and found **36 kg of hashish** in a cache.

28.10.2020 Employees of Counter Narcotics Police Unit of Baghlan province detained three IRA citizens carrying **18 kg of hashish** in a cache equipped in a car. Drugs were seized.

29.10.2020 SIU and Counter Narcotics Police at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul detained 4 IRA citizens attempting to smuggle **217 capsules of heroin** into India intracavitarily (in stomach)¹.

BELARUS

29.10.2020 Belarusian customs officers stopped illegal import of **668 kg of hashish** into the territory of EAEU. This shipment is estimated at \$13.4 million. Drug was concealed in a sea container that was being transported by road from Riga through the Urbany checkpoint of the Vitebsk customs at the Belarusian-Latvian border. The illegal cargo was found among barrels of pesticides using a risk management system, as well as an inspection complex and canine service. The cargo of pesticides was destined for a recipient on Russian territory. A criminal case has been initiated by the customs authorities. Driver of the vehicle - 44-year-

¹ Data provided by liaison officer of Counter Narcotics Police of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

old Belarusian citizen was detained. <http://www.customs.gov.by/ru/news1-ru/view/beloruskie-tamozhenniki-presekli-nezakonnyj-vvoz-na-territoriju-eaes-668-kg-gashisha-rasschitannogo-na-33-mln-doz-video-16098-2020/>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUNmumwxcDM&feature=emb_logo

BRAZIL

26.10.2020 In a joint operation between the Federal Revenue Service (IRS) and the 1st police station of the Specialized Criminal Investigation Division of Santos (DEIC Santos), **502 kg of cocaine**, hidden in an export cargo of sugar and packed bags, were seized in the port of Santos. The cargo was destined for the port of Valencia (Spain). The shipment of seized cocaine has been handed over to the Federal Police, which is conducting an investigation. <https://santaportal.com.br/noticia/66272-operacao-da-receita-e-do-deic-apreende-502-kg-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-santos>

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

30.10.2020 National Drug Control Directorate, with support of airport security, customs and intelligence services and under the coordination of the State Ministry, confiscated **63.47 kg of cocaine** hidden inside 108 metal parts (truck supports). The parts arrived from Peru by cargo flight in six wooden crates through a shipping company. The cargo made a transit stop in Miami (USA) and then arrived at Las Americas International Airport (Dominican Republic). Three people suspected of involvement in the crime were detained. Among those detained was a man who entered the airport cargo area in order to receive the shipment. <https://listindiario.com/la-republica/2020/10/30/641840/ocupan-63-kilos-de-cocaina-camuflados-en-piezas-de-camion-que-llegaron-desde-peru>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hhlOUxXkYo>

IRAN

31.10.2020 In the period from 24 to 30 October, the Anti-Narcotics Police of Iran seized **16.490 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 74 kg of heroin, 12.632 tons of opium, 32 kg of methamphetamine, 629 kg of morphine, 1.995 tons of hashish, 1.128 tons of other narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances**².

COLOMBIA

27.10.2020 Agents of the Drug Control Directorate of the National Police, with support from the National Target Screening Center (CENSUS) and the Basic Criminal Investigation Unit (DIRAN), seized **357 kg of cocaine** during a cargo inspection at Sea Container Terminal. Cocaine was in a fertilizer shipment and was destined for Belgium. In recent weeks of October, the Anti-Drug team at the port of Cartagena seized two **cocaine** shipments weighing **119 kg and 798 kg**. In the first case, a shipment of cocaine was hidden among scrap metal, in the second case, it was disguised under tiles and porcelain elements. <https://www.policia.gov.co/noticia/evitamos-357-kilos-clorhidrato-cocaina-belgica>
<https://twitter.com/PoliciaAntiNar/status/1320130171677118471>

² Data provided by liaison officer of the Anti-Narcotics Police of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

COSTA RICA

26.10.2020 Drug Control Police (PCDCR) agents from the Ministry of Public Security seized **2.4 tons of cocaine** found inside a container at a container transportation facility in Liverpool, Limon province. The container held refrigerators, equipment and vinegar as legal cargo. It arrived on board a ship from the port of Turbo (Colombia). The said vessel followed the route Setubal (Portugal) - Vado Ligure (Italy) - Tarragona (Spain) - Haia (Dominican Republic) - Turbo (Colombia) - Limon (Costa Rica). Since the beginning of 2020, 15 large seizures of cocaine, weighing about 15 tons, have been registered at the Liverpool docks (in 2019, about 4.3 tons of cocaine were found and seized in eight containers).

<https://www.facebook.com/seguridadcrc/videos/vb.232619856751475/657445195136981/?type=2&theater>

<https://twitter.com/seguridadcrc/status/1320866286918918145>

<https://noticiasimpactocr.com/2020/10/26/https-bit-ly-3kxmzfc/>

<https://crprensa.com/decomisan-2-4-toneladas-de-cocaina-en-contenedor-proveniente-de-colombia/>

MOROCCO

01.11.2020 Customs officials at Mohammed V Airport in Casablanca seized **1.5 tons of hashish** hidden in a shipment of shoes destined for Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The owner of the goods is a Moroccan from the Driouche region, Nador province. During inspection of a warehouse, customs officers identified a suspiciously large shipment of handmade slippers from the Driouche region, heading for the Netherlands. A search revealed hashish packages sewn into the soles of slippers and covered with leather. Investigations were opened into the matter. This smuggling attempt is the largest since the customs authorities seized **605 kg of hashish** in Casablanca, which was concealed in an export cargo of plaster stones. <https://www.bladi.net/nador-douane-droque-pays-bas.75535.html>

THE NETHERLANDS

28.10.2020 Customs intercepted a shipment of **cocaine weighing 1.435 tons** during an inspection at the port of Rotterdam. The shipment is estimated to cost 107 million euros. Drugs were concealed in a container from Colombia with a shipment of cocoa. It arrived by sea from Colombia and was destined for a company in Antwerp (Belgium). Investigation is carried out by the HARC team - customs, FIOD, seaport police and the Rotterdam public prosecutor's office. Seized shipment of cocaine has been destroyed.

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2020/10/28/douane-onderschept-1435-kilo-cocaine>

PANAMA

31.10.2020 Drug Prosecution Office of Colon and Guna Yala, together with the National Aviation Service (Senan) at the port of Cristobal, Colon province, seized **776 kg of cocaine** found during inspection of a container bound for shipment to Spain.

<https://www.critica.com.pa/sucesos/ubican-776-paquetes-de-droga-en-un-contenedor-en-colon-591342>

<https://twitter.com/SENANPanama/status/1322333585974697989>

UKRAINE

29.10.2020 In the southern seaport of Odessa, employees of the Odessa Border Service in a joint operation with the Odessa Customs Service, SBU in the Odessa region, the Port

Control Service (GPK) seized **50.8 kg of cocaine**. The shipment was worth more than 10 million U.S. dollars. Cocaine was delivered from Ecuador by ship with a cargo of bananas. Drug packed in 45 briquettes was found in structural cavities (ventilation hatches) of a container. All packages were marked with letters and numbers indicating that they belonged to a certain drug syndicate. <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/v-odeskomu-poru-v-konteyneri-z-bananami-viyavili-bilsh-yak-piv-centnera-kokainu/>

ECUADOR

26.10.2020 Police forces of four units during a joint operation "Coyllur" with UNIPA analysts at the seaport of Guayaquil as a result of risk profiling of export cargoes intended for loading on container ship "MAERSK BATAM" in a container of the company "OTISGRAF S.A." found **38 kg of cocaine**. Cocaine was in cooling system of the container. Colored packages were marked with "PML1" logo. The container with bananas export cargo was designed for the company "Otisgraf S.A." in Germany.

https://www.eltelegrafo.com.ec/noticias/judicial/12/policia-cocaina-contenedor-alemania?_cf_chl_jschl_tk__=e6e71155238a8b11edcf0bf9e180aef90cd8e78c-1603748368-0-AY6UkhDfLPV2SIRa9m2gfDeOkRVGwy1z9hNC9Pp5YsKZcibmFRQZ1UF0XNF9yM1MLuMCwOJPFas9RKyv0qOtm12yE8JpZWU2OJQLdoZJ5zx_COW8TCvyIVCvNI7M2FJf7UR4xrogd3U15M4CF3Y3oEQU79oqiQswWGGqLiC_w6yZoCXau5-cUlyAtNtOzJ87sVHtFISZxW7OkPkf_x_I2B9JYN9vrFKEqSxX4MLB2cLeBPoh8tUSJaxiyyY2_oSo8gbEZes0JbGPK2pvtbzWtESD5JTPDZbyITPkOfX8e0AuKoS5akyI0x5vggnKpe9klnXaGKPCjb6Ak0z0Pt3IiFrVmggDMgz2icDtlN0WxQDWzLWR6dca9yzEcvwPH91WtU3CdvfSFrm_HcZEONhcnbHDDoAKgXOobGMJ-LKocd31T
<https://www.policia.gob.ec/en-tres-operativos-victoria-la-policia-aprehende-cerca-de-2-5-toneladas-de-droga-que-tenian-como-destino-alemania-arabia-saudita-y-chile/>

31.10.2020 Agents from the Organized Crime Division (ULCO) and the Drug Investigation Headquarters, with tactical support from the Intervention and Rescue Team (GIR), found and seized **298 kg of cocaine** on Isla Seka Island, located in Guayaquil Bay. At this location, merchant ships entering and leaving the seaport of Guayaquil are quarantined, a fact used by drug trafficking organizations to introduce drug shipments in their export cargoes. On October 25, National police announced in Guayaquil about seizure of nearly **2.5 tons of narcotics** destined for Germany, Saudi Arabia and Chile. <https://www.policia.gob.ec/en-la-isla-seca-la-policia-aprehende-267-paquetes-de-clorhidrato-de-cocaina-que-tenia-como-destino-los-mercados-internacionales/>