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THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

22.12.2020 During the operations carried out by the GUBN officers, about 13 kg of drugs and 4,180 drug-containing pills were seized from the illegal circulation. So, in the course of the operation at a previously convicted detainee gr. S. During the search, 1,308 kg of heroin, more than **240 g of methamphetamine, 271 g of opium, 660 pregabalin tablets, 2240 methadone tablets** and 2 electronic scales were found and seized. These substances in gr. A., from whom **18 g of methamphetamine, about 12 g of heroin, 80 methadone tablets**, electronic scales and 2 plastic cards were seized during the arrest, to which money was transferred when selling drugs. In the course of another operation, GUBN officers detained a previously convicted gr. A. About **186 g of methamphetamine, 1,850 kg of heroin** were found and seized from him, and in his house **1,000 methadone and 200 tramadol tablets, 560 g of heroin** and electronic scales. In the third case, gr. M., who was found and seized about **43 g of heroin**, and in his house **4,144 kg of heroin, 613 g of methamphetamine, 3,180 kg of marijuana** and electronic scales.

<https://www.salamnews.org/ru/news/read/406842>

25.12.2020 During the ORM, officers of the Main Department of the Department detained a citizen who was found to possess and seized **4.709 kg of heroin, about 3 kg of methamphetamine** and 2 electronic scales. In the course of another operation, about **100 g of heroin, 120 g of marijuana, 73 g of methamphetamine**, 3 electronic scales and a pistol were found and seized from the detained citizen. During the next operation, electronic scales and **1,150 kg of heroin** were found and seized from the detained man, which he acquired from his fellow countryman, who was detained and handed over to the investigation. During another operation, two previously convicted citizens were detained, from whom **1.144 kg of heroin, 130 g of heroin, 175 g of marijuana** and electronic scales were found and seized. <https://salamnews.org/ru/news/read/407221>

THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

22.12.2020 During the ORM, police officers detained a group of seven people who were involved in the sale and distribution of drugs in the territory of Almaty from November 2018 to February 2020. A traumatic pistol, a smooth-bore gun, **4,868 kg of hashish** were seized from the detainees and at the places where the search activities were carried out.

<https://rus.azattyq-ruhy.kz/society/18866-opg-narkotorgovtsev-razoblachili-v-almaty>

22.12.2020 Employees of the National Security Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan in November of this year according to the information provided by the Republican Public Association "URAN", measures were taken to suppress the criminal activities of two citizens

of the Republic of Kazakhstan involved in the sale of synthetic drugs via the Internet. The first person involved was detained in Almaty after receiving another parcel delivered from Canada through courier services. As a result of the inspection of the parcel, **1000 marks of LSD** were found, which the detainee planned to sell through the Internet resources. The detention of the second person involved was carried out with the direct sale of an especially large batch of synthetic drugs. https://www.inform.kz/ru/onlayn-torgovlyu-sinteticheskimi-narkotikami-presekli-sotrudniki-knb_a3732797

24.12.2020 Employees of the Office for Combating Drug Crimes of the Police Department of the Zhambyl Region detained a 44-year-old resident of the village. Tole bi of the Shu region, from which **1.2 kg of hashish** were seized. <https://www.kp.kz/online/news/4130284/>

24.12.2020 Guards of order in the village. Bulakty, Karasai district, Almaty region, detained a 45-year-old villager; during a search in his bedroom, **1.523 kg of hashish** were found and seized under his bed. As the detainee explains, he kept drugs for personal use. https://www.inform.kz/ru/poltora-kilogramma-gashisha-iz-yali-u-zhitelya-almatinskoy-oblasti_a3733547

25.12.2020 During a search of a living quarters in the village of Karabulak, Talgar district, Almaty region, police officers found and seized 4 plastic bottles containing **4.956 kg of hashish** from a 43-year-old local resident. Continuing the search of a residential building with the help of a service-search dog, in the gas stove of the barn, the detectives additionally found and seized **722.40 g of hashish**. https://www.inform.kz/ru/bolee-pyati-kg-gashisha-iz-yali-policeyskie-u-zhitelya-almatinskoy-oblasti_a3734273

26.12.2020 Police officers of the Akmola region detained a 41-year-old resident of the Karasu district of the Kostanay region, who established a channel for the supply and sale of drugs on the territory of the Yesil and Zharkain districts of the Akmola region. At the time of the arrest, the suspect was in a KAMAZ vehicle. During a search of the car, more than **10 kg of dried marijuana** were found and seized. During the body search of the man, **40 g of marijuana** were also seized. In addition, in a carpentry shop belonging to the detainee, **18 prepackaged polyethylene packages** with a similar substance, as well as **1 package with hashish** were found in the safe. The total weight of the seized was **11.129 kg of marijuana and 195 g of hashish**. https://www.inform.kz/ru/kanal-postavki-narkotikov-perekryli-v-akmolinskoy-oblasti_a3734493

27.12.2020 In Atyrau, police officers detained a drug dealer from the Aktobe region, who specially arrived in the city to sell synthetic drugs. **A-Pyrrolidinopentiophenone**, or, as it is also called, **alpha-PVP**, was seized from the detainee during a personal search, as well as at the place of residence. In total, more than **650 doses** worth almost 7 million tenge. https://www.inform.kz/ru/muzhchina-s-650-doiami-sinteticheskogo-narkotika-zaderzhan-v-atyrau_a3734622

REPUBLIC OF KYRGYZSTAN

21.12.2020 Employees of the SBNON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic in Bishkek in the village of Semenovka, Issyk-Kul region at the place of residence of citizen A.Zh., born in 1971 sacks with **4.3 kg of marijuana** were found and seized, as well as two units of 16 gauge smooth-bore weapons without permits. <https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/mass-media/all-news/item/11868-sbnon-mvd-kr-v-issyk-kulskoj-oblasti-muzhchina-nezakonno-khranil-u-sebya-narkotiki-i-oruzhie>

22.12.2020 At the end of November, officers of the SBNON Ministry of Internal Affairs stopped a car driven by citizen M.Sh. During the inspection of the car, **5.178 kg of heroin**, packed in 5 briquettes, were found and seized under the seat. <https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/mass-media/all-news/item/11872-sbnon-mvd-kr-vyavlen-i-perekryt-mezhdunarodnyj-kanal-sbyta-tyazhelykh-narkotikov>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

21.12.2020 Employees of the UNK UMVD of Russia in the Arkhangelsk region detained five alleged members of a group involved in the distribution of drugs in the region. More than **3 kg of a synthetic drug** was found and seized from one of the detainees in his personal belongings. Later, four accomplices of the drug dealer were identified, two of whom at the time of the illegal acts were involved in another criminal case and were in the city of Severodvinsk under house arrest. Their role was to pack drugs, coordinate the actions of other accomplices, and post information about bookmark locations in the shadow segment of the Internet. During the searches at the addresses of the accused's residence in Arkhangelsk and Severodvinsk, more than **3 kg of drugs** were seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/22289346>

22.12.2020 Employees of the patrol and post service during patrols in the village. Tsaritsyno, the Republic of Tatarstan, a 42-year-old man was detained, in whose car more than **1.5 kg of mephedrone** was found and seized under the passenger seat. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/22322336>

22.12.2020 Employees of the UNK UMVD of Russia for the Trans-Baikal Territory suppressed an interregional drug supply channel to the city of Chita. Four detained local residents organized a wholesale supply of heroin from another region. They packed and sold narcotic drugs, including through equipped cache-bookmarks. In a cache in the forest of the Chistye Polyany microdistrict, about **2 kg of heroin** were found and seized, packed in six packages of polymer material. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/22317028>

22.12.2020 Employees of the OBDPS UGIBDD of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Voronezh Region, in cooperation with the UNK Main Directorate at a stationary traffic police post located in the Bogucharsky District of the Voronezh Region at 741 km of the M-4 Don highway, stopped a VAZ-2107 car driven by a 35-year-old resident of Cherepovets , which followed in the direction of Rostov-on-Don. During the search of the vehicle, a travel bag was found in the luggage compartment, in which about **500 g of methylephedrone** was found. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/22327542>

24.12.2020 Police officers, as part of a set of operational-search measures and investigative actions on a previously initiated head case at one of the post offices of Dzerzhinsk, detained a 29-year-old man who does not have registration in the territory of Nizhny Novgorod, who was going to send mail with drugs containing potent substances for increasing muscle mass, in several regions of the Russian Federation. The suspect came from another republic to Nizhny Novgorod with the aim of organizing an illegal business selling drugs containing potent substances to increase muscle mass. To realize his criminal goals, the defendant rented a two-room apartment in the regional center, one of which he

equipped as a laboratory. During a search in this apartment, the police seized more than 4,000,000 rubles, a laptop, a cell phone, a diary with cash flow records, a large amount of packaging material (empty capsules, empty glass bottles, labels with the name of drugs made by typographic method), bags with a powdery substance weighing more than 8 kg, more than 100 ready-made vials of liquid, mechanical devices for sealing glass vials, as well as a capsule box for the production of ready-to-use capsules. The total weight of the substances seized in the civil circulation was about 10 kg. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/22343939>

24.12.2020 Employees of the Russian MIA Administration for the Arkhangelsk Region, together with colleagues from the Russian MIA Department for the city of Severodvinsk, stopped a car in which there were two residents of Severodvinsk. In the car, police officers found two bags containing over **600 gr of N-methylephedrone**. It was established that the attackers transported a bulk consignment of drugs from the Vologda Oblast for the purpose of further sale in the region. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/22349261>

24.12.2020 Employees of the GUNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, together with colleagues from the MIA of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia "Shchelkovskoye" near the settlement of Monino stopped a foreign-made car driven by a 37-year-old native of one of the republics of Central Asia. During a personal search of the detainee, as well as in his car, the police found and seized 5 parcels containing about 1 kg of heroin. Also, during a search at the suspect's place of residence, another 10 parcels and a bag of juice with heroin and methadone were found and seized. In total, about **7 kg of drugs** were withdrawn from the illegal turnover. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/22353770>

25.12.2020 The Investigative Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia is investigating a criminal case against members of an ethnic organized group from among the natives of the Republic of Tajikistan, who sold a mixture of hashish and synthetic drugs in Moscow and St. Petersburg. Police officers carried out searches at the addresses of residence of the alleged members of the organized group on the territory of the cities of Moscow, St. Petersburg, Moscow and Leningrad regions. In one of the houses on the territory of the gardening non-profit partnership "Aeroflot" in Ramenskoye city. More than **10.8 kg of marijuana** and **480 g of synthetic drugs**, as well as equipment for their production and packaging material, were found in the Moscow Region. At this address, three active members of an organized group were detained, from whom more than **300 g of a synthetic drug and 2.8 g of hashish** were seized, prepared for sale. One of the accomplices actively resisted the police officers and fled in an Audi A6 car. On the same day, the specified car was found in a ditch on the Moscow Small Ring. It contained more than **300 g of synthetic drugs** and documents left by the attacker. Employees of the UNK GU of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Moscow established that the hiding person went to the city of St. Petersburg to his father, who, according to operational information, was also part of an organized group. When the wanted man drove up by car to the Peterhof highway to his father's place of residence, he was detained by the police. During a search in the apartment, over **46 g of synthetic drugs** were seized. The owner of the home, previously convicted of crimes related to drug trafficking, was also detained. Another alleged accomplice was detained by operatives in g. Lyubertsy, Moscow region. **6 g of heroin, 324 g of marijuana**, as well as equipment used to mix drugs were found in her house. A total of six defendants were detained. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/22364401>

25.12.2020 Employees of the UNK UMVD of Russia in the Amur Region detained four residents of the regional center aged from 21 to 33 years. Each of the detainees fulfilled his role, which consisted of collecting wild-growing hemp in the Ivanovo region, making hashish oil, transporting it and selling it in the region. The attackers followed strict secrecy measures. At the moment, they are charged with 8 episodes of criminal activity. During the searches, about **500 g of hash oil**, large marijuana, as well as items used for the manufacture of drugs were seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/22367507>

25.12.2020 Employees of the UNK UMVD of Russia in the Tver region detained a previously convicted 36-year-old resident of the city of Tver, who was engaged in the manufacture of mephedrone in one of the garages in the city under laboratory conditions. As a result of the inspection of the garage box belonging to the attacker, the police found and seized more than **1 kg of mephedrone**, polymer bags with a powdery substance, more than **100 liters of precursors** for the manufacture of narcotic drugs, and laboratory equipment were also seized. The suspect sold mephedrone through an Internet store through bookmark caches. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/22379748>

25.12.2020 Officers of the "Pogranichny" police department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia "Serpukhovskoye" detained a 33-year-old native of the Stavropol Territory, who at his place of temporary residence in the village of Kalinovo, g. Serpukhov organized a laboratory for the production of narcotic drugs. During the inspection of the house, the police found and seized: 5 polymer bags with the substance, 3 mobile phones, a laptop, SIM cards, scales, respirator, mask, laboratory equipment and other auxiliary items used by the attacker in production. During the inspection of the forest belt in the village of Novaya, the police found 3 packages with the substance, which were seized. It was established that everything seized is a narcotic drug - **mephedrone**. The total weight was over **550 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/22370442>

THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

22.12.2020 A senior lieutenant of the border troops of the State Committee for National Security of Tajikistan was detained by officers of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Tajikistan in the Dangara district of the Khatlon region. During a search in his car, **101 kg of opium** and **45 kg of hashish** were found and seized, which the detainee intended to transport to the capital. The investigation suggests that the detainee entered into a criminal conspiracy with Afghan smugglers to transport drugs to the central regions of Tajikistan. A criminal case has been initiated on this fact, the investigation intends to identify the drug dealer's accomplices. <https://asiaplustj.info/ru/news/tajikistan/laworder/20201222/ofitser-pogranichnih-voisk-tadzhikistana-zaderzhan-s-krupnoi-partiei-narkotikov>

ON OTHER COUNTRIES

AFGHANISTAN

28.12.2020 Anti-narcotics police officers conducted 61 operations in the period from 22 to 28 December 2020 and detained 73 people as a result of search operations. They seized **31.5 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 22.591 kg of**



heroin, 58.512 kg of opium, 31.385 tons of hashish, 34.074 kg of methamphetamine, 83 MDMA tablets. 8 cell phones, 8 vehicles, 3 weapons were confiscated.¹

BRAZILIA

25.12.2020 Federal police officers seized **26 kg of cocaine**, packed in two large briquettes and hidden in the ship's hull. The cocaine was destined for the European market. <https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2020/12-noticias-de-dezembro-de-2020/pf-continua-acao-de-combate-ao-trafico-de-drogas-no-porto-do-pecem>

VIETNAM

22.12.2020 Customs officers, in coordination with the Haiphong City Economic Police Department, inspected a container sent from Romania to Vietnam and found and seized **570 kg of opium resin**. The shipment was declared as animal feed. <https://baotintuc.vn/phap-luat/phat-hien-container-chua-hon-570-kg-nghi-la-nhua-cay-anh-tuc-20201222182752324.htm>

GAMBIA

25.12.2020 Narcotics Department officials seized over **500 kg of Moroccan hashish** from an Arab fishing company based in Banjul. <https://www.freedomnewspaper.com/2020/12/25/gambia-breaking-news-gambia-records-major-drug-catch-over-500kilogram-moroccan-hashish-drug-seized/>

GEORGIA

25.12.2020 As a result of operational and investigative measures in the Georgian capital, 19 pharmacies were identified that did not have the right to sell psychotropic medicines. In the course of investigative measures, psychotropic medications of various names were seized from these pharmacies. It is noted that some of the medicines were placed both on counters and in various hiding places. <https://vestikavkaza.ru/news/v-gruzii-lovili-aptecnyh-narkomanov.html>

IRAQ

22.12.2020 Erbil Province Drug Enforcement Officers detained two smugglers, one of whom is Iranian and the other from Kurdistan. The detainees intended to transport **41 kg of drugs** from Iran to Iraq. <https://rossaprimavera.ru/news/97f51654>

ITALY

21.12.2020 While inspecting a Mercedes Sprinter van with a German license plate, which was carrying fruits and vegetables and entering the country, officers of the traffic and financial police found and seized **70 kg of cocaine**. The drugs were hidden in a hidden double-bottom compartment that could only be opened with a remote control. <https://www.suedtirolnews.it/chronik/sterzing-finanzpolizei-beschlagnahmt-70-kilo-kokain>

¹ Data provided by a liaison officer with the Ministry of Interior of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan at CARICC.

COLOMBIA

26.12.2020 Colombian navy seized a shipment of cocaine attached to the hull
 A team of divers from the Colombian Navy in the port of Buenaventura during an underwater inspection of a Cyprus-flagged merchant ship (container ship) heading to Panama, found a cylindrical device about 2 meters long attached to the hull, containing **57 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.armada.mil.co/es/content/armada-colombia-incauta-cargamento-cocaina-adherido-casco-un-buque-mercante-con-destino>

COSTA RICA

21.12.2020 Drug control police at the port of Gaston Cogan in Moín de Limón prevented the shipment of **893 kg of cocaine** to Portugal. The drugs were hidden in boxes of bananas. <https://www.lateja.cr/sucesos/decomisan-893-kilos-de-cocaina-ocultos-en-cajas-de/36YODP6DOFENHM652ZYE635D3E/story/>

NETHERLANDS

23.12.2020 Customs officers in the port of Rotterdam, while checking a container that arrived from Brazil with a cargo of aluminum foil, found and seized **1,213 kg of cocaine**. The drug was hidden in 20 rolls of aluminum foil. The cargo was intended for a company in Rotterdam. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2020/12/23/1213-kilo-cocaine-gevonden-in-rotterdamse-haven>

SAUDI ARABIA

23.12.2020 In three operations, Saudi authorities seized more than 19 million amphetamine tablets and arrested 16 people, including 10 citizens and 6 local residents. For example, a gang of five people was detained by the staff of the drug control department in Riyadh and seized nearly **10 million amphetamine tablets** hidden in iron cylinders. In the second case, in cooperation with the General Administration of Customs, a criminal cell of five citizens and five local residents was arrested in Jeddah after its members received almost **6 million amphetamine tablets** hidden in a shipment of clothing belts. In a third operation at the port of Hadita, a local resident was arrested and attempted to smuggle nearly **3.25 million amphetamine tablets** hidden in a shipment of potatoes. <https://waadnews.com/2020/12/أمف-قرص-مليون-19-نحو-تهريب-محاولات-إحباط/>

25.12.2020 Directorate of Drug Control (GDNC) officials prevented an attempt to ship **11,375,600 amphetamine tablets** into the country, hidden among sacks of garlic. All members of the criminal network within the kingdom were also arrested. <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/601824/SAUDI-ARABIA/Bid-to-smuggle-over-11mamphetamine-pills-foiled>

TURKEY

23.12.2020 Istanbul airport customs officials seized **2.6 kg of cocaine** hidden inside paintings of Argentine football legend Diego Armando Maradona. The 72-year-old German citizen of Croatian origin, who arrived at the airport from Colombia, intended to paint the paintings. The drug was distributed in tiny slips on the back of 12 paintings of various sizes. <https://www.dailysabah.com/turkey/investigations/cocaine-found-in-maradona-paintings-from-colombia-at-turkeys-istanbul-airport>



24.12.2020 Turkish security forces in the eastern province of Van, bordering Iran, found more than **220 kg of heroin** when inspecting two different vehicles. One driver was arrested and the other two are being searched for. Also, the Istanbul police in the territory of the Gaziosmanpasa district in one of the warehouses, found and seized more than **285 kg of marijuana, at least 45,000 ecstasy tablets** and a pistol. Three suspects were detained on this fact. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/turkey-deals-heavy-blow-to-drug-trade/2087949>

