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CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

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CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

25.02.2021 Police officers of the Aghjabedi district during investigation detained a man and found **10.4 kg of marijuana** in the basement of his house at place of residence. <https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210225/426321609/azerbaijan-narkotiki-zaderzhanie-kilogrammy.html>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

22.02.2021 Employees of Department of SBNON MVD KR for Issyk-Kul region in the village of Darkhan, Jeti-Oguz district, during a search in place of residence of a 43-year-old man on the roof of house found and seized 4.520 kg of marijuana. A 40-year-old resident of the village of Sary-Tologoy was detained during additional measures and 3.474 kg of marijuana was seized from him at his place of residence. Total weight of seized substances amounted to **7.994 kg of marijuana**. Pre-trial investigation is underway. <https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/mass-media/all-news/item/12285-sotrudniki-sbnon-mvd-kr-vyavili-ryad-narkoprestulenij>

25.02.2021 Employees of the Jalal-Abad region department of SBNON MVD KR detained a man in the city of Toktogul, and found and seized **6.223 kg of marijuana** during a search at his place of residence. Pre-trial investigation is underway. <https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/mass-media/all-news/item/12292-v-zhalal-abadskoj-oblasti-za-neskolko-dnej-iz-yato-svyshe-6-kg-narkotikov>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

22.02.2021 Employees of UMVD of Russia in Tambov region detained a 19-year-old foreign national during operational measures in the city of Tambov. A personal search of the detainee revealed and seized 27 g of heroin packed in plastic bags. During a search of the detainee's apartment, police found **1.3 kg of heroin**. A criminal case was initiated. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23191754>

24.02.2021 Employees of Department of MVD of Russia in Kaluga region stopped a drug laboratory located in an uninhabited building in the territory of Tarusa district. During its inspection officers found equipment allowing to manufacture illicit substances on an industrial scale. Officers also seized **8 kg of mephedrone**. Two men, immigrants from other regions, were detained in the premises of the drug laboratory. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23191881>

24.02.2021 Employees of ONK MVD of Russia in Murom district of Vladimir region in the course of investigation detained two natives of neighboring countries. **205 g of heroin** were seized from the detainees during a personal search. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23210462>

25.02.2021 Police officers stopped a car driven by a 49-year-old resident of Krasnoyarsk in the Republic of Tatarstan at a stationary police post in Verkhneuslonsky district of Kazan,

Russia. During a body search policemen found **9.9 kg of mephedrone** and **140 g of hashish** in the driver's bag. The case is under investigation.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/23227624>

25.02.2021 Officers of GIBDD GU MVD of Russia in Moscow region stopped a car driven by a 24-year-old man at a stationary post located at 124 km of the road "Ural". During inspection of the vehicle under the hood of the car in the case of air filter, officers found **200 g of heroin**. A criminal case was initiated against the suspect.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/23225761>

26.02.2021 DPS stopped a car driven by a 24-year-old resident of Moscow in the Gorodischensky district of Volgograd region. During a search of the car police found a cache containing a package of **heroin** with a total weight of **500 g**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/23242359>

26.02.2021 Employees of the Department for Drug Control of UMVD of Russia in Smolensk region in the course investigation at the 382nd kilometer of the federal highway Moscow-Minsk stopped a car driven by a 35-year-old man. During a search of the car officers found and seized a plastic bag with **300 g of heroin**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23247063>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

27.02.2021 44 capsules with **430 g of opium** were found in abdominal cavity and subsequently seized from a foreign citizen arriving from Afghanistan at the border customs post "Ayritom" of Surkhandarya region during customs inspection using scanning equipment for the inspection of passengers. Additional operational measures at the same border customs post detained another man, in the internal organs of whom were found 34 sealed capsules with **650 g of hashish**. Some time later, another man arrived at the border customs post. 31 capsules with **592 g of hashish** were found in his body. The investigation continued in Tashkent, where a citizen who was supposed to receive all detected drugs was detained in a hotel. Customs authorities have launched a criminal case and are conducting investigative actions on the revealed facts of crime.

https://www.gazeta.uz/ru/2021/02/27/drugs/?utm_source=push&utm_medium=telegram

OTHER COUNTRIES

BRAZIL

23.02.2021 Federal Revenue Service (IRS) officials in the port of Santos found **501 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of a ship with 270 tons of sugar on board bound for the port of Antwerp in Belgium.

<https://www.tribuna.com.br/noticias/policia/receita-federal-apreende-no-porto-de-santos-501-kg-de-coca%C3%ADna-em-carga-de-a%C3%A7%C3%BAcar-1.144727>

GERMANY

24.02.2021 Customs officials inspected five containers arriving from Paraguay at the port of Hamburg. Apparent irregularities in container testing system were found in three containers loaded with filler in tin cans. After unloading the containers, eight bags of cocaine weighing more than 9 kg were found from each of the 20-kilogram canisters. Overall, the

total weight of the drugs seized was **16 tons of cocaine**. This is the largest amount of cocaine ever seized in Europe.

https://www.zoll.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/Rauschgift/2021/z74_rekordmenge_kokain.html

HONDURAS

22.02.2021 Officers from the National Narcotics Police Department (DNPA) stopped two Isuzu vehicles on the Corocito Highway. An inspection of the first vehicle revealed 82 kg of cocaine, and inspection of the second vehicle revealed 73 kg of cocaine. Total weight of drugs seized amounted to **155 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/172-febrero2021/7154-dictan-prision-preventiva-a-gemelos-por-trafico-de-155-kilos-de-cocaina-en-colon>

HONG KONG

26.02.2021 Hong Kong Customs officers during an inspection of 14 containers of grapes that had been transported from Peru to Ecuador and then to Hong Kong discovered **80 kg of cocaine** in two nylon bags placed on the sides of container door and in front of numerous boxes of grapes. Seized cocaine was valued at 126 million Hong Kong dollars (16.2 million USD). A 53-year-old employee of a logistics company was detained in connection. <https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3123236/hong-kong-customs-officers-seize-hk126-million-cocaine>

INDIA

26.02.2021 Manipur police officers at Tubala in southern Manipur stopped a heroin laboratory operation. **112 kg** of brown sugar (**heroin**) was seized during the search. It was found that the laboratory was taking huge amounts of opium, which were processed into brown sugar and then into heroin. <https://www.timesnownews.com/india/article/manipur-police-assam-rifles-bust-drug-manufacturing-laboratory-in-thoubal-recover-112-kgs-of-brown-sugar/725585>

IRAN

26.02.2021 Iranian Anti-Narcotics Police from 20 to 26 February seized **12.706 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 125 kg of heroin, 9.918 tons of opium, 2.067 tons of hashish, 259 kg of methamphetamine, 292 kg of morphine, 45 kg of other types of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances**.¹

SPAIN

23.02.2021 Tax and Customs officials, along with agents of the Spanish National Police and the Spanish Civil Guard, seized about **3 tons of cocaine** from a ship on the high seas off the coast of Ribadeo. During the operation, nine crew members were apprehended who attempted to sink the ship to destroy drugs before the ship was stormed. <https://we.tl/t-gDwXFBkscA>

24.02.2021 Officers of Tax Authority in cooperation with the Civil Guard in the dock of Santa Cruz de Tenerife during inspection of goods and wheeled cargo on the ship Grimaldi,

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

which arrived from the port of Santos (Brazil) and destined for Antwerp (Belgium), detected **387 kg of cocaine**.

<https://www.europapress.es/islas-canarias/noticia-intervienen-387-kilos-cocaina-barco-hizo-escala-tenerife-procedente-brasil-20210224103227.html>

25.02.2021 Members of the Civil Guard at the APM container terminal in the port of Algeciras detained two men dressed in work uniforms under cover of workers at the terminal and seized three backpacks containing **55 kg of cocaine**. The investigation revealed that the detainees had removed backpacks from a container arriving at the Algeciras docks, which had been hidden among legal goods.

https://www.europasur.es/algeciras/Guardia-Civil-cocaina-puerto_0_1550545809.html

ITALY

25.02.2021 Officers from the Caserta Police Mobile Unit stopped a truck driven by a 53-year-old Slovakian national on the A1 between Cassino and Caserta. **205 kg of cocaine**, worth 10 million euros, were found during inspection of the truck.

<https://www.fanpage.it/napoli/maxi-sequestro-di-cocaina-a-caserta-su-un-tir-oltre-170-chili-valore-7-milioni-di-euro/>

CANADA

25.02.2021 Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) officers at Toronto International Airport detained a family of two adults and two children, aged 10 and 12, arriving from Jamaica to Toronto. A baggage search revealed **7.7 kg of cocaine, 93 kg of marijuana and 218 g of hashish**. The suitcase containing marijuana was registered on the ticket of a 12-year-old child. Seized drugs were valued at 1.6 million dollars.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2021/02/cbsa-and-rcmp-collaboration-results-in-smuggling-charges.html>

COTE D'IVOIRE

25.02.2021 Officers of the Ivorian gendarmerie in the northern city of Abidjan seized **1 ton of cocaine** worth 25 billion CFA francs, or 46.7 million dollars. Investigations revealed that seized drugs had originated in Paraguay.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-ivorycoast-drugs/ivory-coast-gendarmes-seize-record-haul-of-cocaine-idUSKBN2AQ00S>

MOROCCO

22.02.2021 Officers of the National Judicial Police Brigade of Meknes stopped a refrigerated truck with food products on the Sidi Allal El-Bahraoui highway. An inspection of the truck revealed **9.5 tons of hashish**.

<https://www.medias24.com/gros-coup-de-filet-anti-drogue-9-tonnes-de-cannabis-saisies-16743.html>

THE NETHERLANDS

22.02.2021 Customs officers at the port of Rotterdam, during inspection of containers of a ship arriving from the Dominican Republic with a cargo of wood, found **695 kg of cocaine**.

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/02/22/douane-vindt-695-kilo-cocaine-in-container-met-saman-wood>

23.02.2021 A joint operation by HARC customs officers and the British National Crime Agency (NCA) at the port of Rotterdam during an inspection of a container filled with Himalayan salt from Pakistan found **1.5 tons of heroin**. It is the largest seizure of heroin in the Netherlands. Several persons have been detained and investigations are underway. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/02/23/informatie-national-crime-agency-leidt-tot-enorme-heroinevondst>

PAKISTAN

25.02.2021 Pakistan Anti-Narcotics Force seized **44 kg of heroin, 1 ton 489 kg of opium, 903 kg of hashish, 1 ton 240 kg of amphetamine, 1 ton 200 kg of methamphetamine and 1,800 MDMA tablets** between 1 and 25 February. http://anf.gov.pk/press_release.php

PANAMA

22.02.2021 National police officers at the seaport of Cristobal in the province of Colon found 105 bags with **3.665 tons of cocaine** inside a container arriving from Colombia. It was one of the largest seizures on Panamanian soil in decades. <https://www.panamaamerica.com.pa>

PUERTO RICO

24.02.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) seized **18 kg of cocaine** inside three backpacks found aboard the CONTSHIP LEO, which arrived at the Puerto Nuevo pier. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-find-39-pounds-cocaine-inside-backpacks-board-cargo-vessel>

SUDAN

22.02.2021 Police at Juba International Airport detained two Kenyan and two Nigerian nationals carrying 26 kg of heroin. <http://saharareporters.com/2021/02/22/kenyan-nigerian-drug-dealers-arrested-heroin-south-sudan>

USA

25.02.2021 Pennsylvania State Police officers arrested a 25-year-old woman in the Homewood-North area. A search of her apartment found **800 g of cocaine, 102 g of heroin** and two handguns. <https://triblive.com/local/drug-bust-nets-federal-cocaine-charge-for-pittsburgh-woman/>

27.02.2021 Police officers in Brazelton, Georgia, found **45.3 kg of marijuana** and 11 firearms during a search of a residence located on Bell Lane. A man was apprehended and investigation is underway. <https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/badge-bar/100-pounds-marijuana-11-guns-armor-found-brazelton-drug-bust/>

28.02.2021 Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) officers in Paterson, New Jersey, apprehended a 25-year-old man with 4 kg of heroin. During a search of his apartment, a 32-year-old man was apprehended with 16 kg of heroin. Seized substances totaled **20 kg of heroin**.

<https://dailyvoice.com/new-jersey/southpassaic/news/smackdown-federal-drug-task-force-seizes-enough-heroin-in-paterson-to-fill-400000-single-bags/804180/>

28.02.2021 Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents at the port of entry in Laredo, Texas, stopped a Ford F-150 driven by a 23-year-old man. An inspection of the vehicle revealed 24 packages containing **60 kg of methamphetamine** valued at 2.6 million dollars.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/laredo-cbp-officers-seize-methamphetamine-worth-over-26-million-juarez>

28.02.2021 U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) agents in San Diego, California, stopped a Chevrolet Camaro. A search of the vehicle revealed 11 packages containing **2.3 kg of fentanyl and 9.2 kg of methamphetamine**. Seized drugs had a total value of 124 000 dollars.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/agents-seize-methamphetamine-fentanyl-during-traffic-stop#>

THAILAND

24.02.2021 Officers of the Nonthaburi Provincial Police, in the course of several operations in Saraburi and Pathum Thani districts, detained seven drug traffickers and seized five vehicles. More than **160 000 methamphetamine pills, 16 kg of methamphetamine and 490 kg of cannabis** were seized as a result.

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2073331/7-arrested-in-swoop-on-gangs>

28.02.2021 Police officers in Na Kae municipal district stopped a Nissan Navara driven by a 28-year-old man. During a search of the vehicle they found **500 kg of marijuana**.

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2076399/500kg-ganja-seized-in-nakhon-phanom>

28.02.2021 Border patrol officers on the bank of the Nakhon Pathom river bordering Laos found **920 kg of cannabis** inside a boat.

<https://thethaiger.com/hot-news/drugs/police-seize-920-kilograms-of-cannabis-smuggled-across-the-mekong-river>

TURKEY

22.02.2021 Police officers in the Saray district of eastern Van province found 221 packages of **108 kg of heroin** during a house search. Two men were detained.

<https://www.yenisafak.com/en/news/nearly-108-kilograms-of-heroin-seized-in-eastern-turkey-3561257>

SRI LANKA

25.02.2021 Panadura police officers in the city of Colombo, in the Horan district, stopped a van with two men dressed in military uniforms. A search of the van revealed **45 kg of heroin**.

http://www.colombopage.com/archive_21A/Feb25_1614233862CH.php

RSA

28.02.2021 Police officers in Saldanha searched a fishing boat and found black boxes marked "King Coca" inside which there were **973 kg of cocaine** worth about 583 million rand. Six men from Myanmar and four from Bulgaria were detained.



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<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2021-03-02-king-coca-branding-and-other-clues-in-huge-r583m-cocaine-bust-off-saldanha/>

