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CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

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CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

04.03.2021 Baku police officers during investigations stopped a car with two men inside. During inspection of the car they seized **300 g of heroin and 85 g of psychotropic substances**. Investigation is underway.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210304/426380246/baku-narkotiki-online-prodazha-zaderzhanie.html>

04.03.2021 Ganja police officers detained a previously convicted local resident who had 2 g of heroin seized during a personal search. **600 g of heroin** were also seized during an inspection of his place of residence. The case is under investigation.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210304/426369611/azerbaijan-ganja-narkotiki-izjatie.html>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

07.03.2021 Employees of the interregional department of the Interior Ministry during investigations on the territory of Toktogul district of Jalal-Abad region detained two men and seized **280 g of hashish**.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/mass-media/all-news/item/12365-operativniki-mru-zaderzhali-narkotorgovtza>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

02.03.2021 Police officers detained two men in Murmansk and seized **900 g of amphetamine** in the course of investigations. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23281286>

02.03.2021 Employees of the General Directorate of Transport of MVD of Russia on the territory of the Moscow transport hub in the customs control zone of Sheremetyevo International Airport detained a man who had in his luggage **mephedrone and marijuana** with a total weight of **1.5 kg**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/23287695>

03.03.2021 Employees of MU MIA of Russia "Shchelkovo" in Moscow region in the course of investigation in the town of Losino-Petrovsky detained a 31-year-old previously convicted local resident. At the place of residence of the detainee they seized electronic scales, plastic and glass flasks, a bag of foil, a gas mask and **790 g of amphetamine**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/23301683>

04.03.2021 Employees of UNK GU MVD of Russia for Krasnodar region detained 33-year-old man in Krasnodar in the course of investigation. During examination of the apartment rented by the detainee, they found a specially organized farm for growing cannabis plants using specialized equipment. They also seized **1 kg of marijuana and 25 cannabis plants bushes**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23317126>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

03.03.2021 Employees of the Criminal Investigation Department of MVD of Tajikistan in the Hamadoni district detained three men, including a 29-year-old citizen of Afghanistan, who were carrying bags with **79 kg of hashish, 20 kg of opium and 2 kg 410 g of methamphetamine**. A criminal case has been launched and investigation is under way. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1037828543253728/permalink/1324507811252465/>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

06.03.2021 Australian Federal Police (AFP) officers intercepted a boat off the coast of New South Wales. An inspection inside the boat seized **200 kg of cocaine** hidden inside bags placed in tubs on the boat. <https://www.9news.com.au/national/200-kgs-of-cocaine-hidden-inside-fishing-boat-seized-off-nsw-coast/87e4b603-86e3-4246-8e9c-f421650d73d8>

ARMENIA

03.03.2021 Armenian law enforcement officers found **300 kg of heroin** smuggled from neighboring Iran for onward transportation to Europe at a customs warehouse in Yerevan. Market value of heroin is about 45 million U.S. dollars. Six men were detained and investigation is underway. <https://hetq.am/en/article/128165>

BRAZIL

03.03.2021 Federal Revenue Service (IRS) officers at the port of Paranagua during inspection of a container of crushed bone horn intended for shipment to Italy found and seized **111.5 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.bemparana.com.br/blog/plantaodepolicia/post/receita-federal-apreende-mais-de-111quilos-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-paranagua>

GERMANY

02.03.2021 German customs officials in Bremerhaven discovered **325 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of a container arriving from Brazil. German customs officers seized drugs before the ship with the container sailed to the port of Copenhagen. From there, the container was transported under surveillance as part of a "controlled delivery" to a company in Hedehusen, west of Copenhagen. Police officers followed the container and detained three men as the container was being broken into. One of the detainees was a 45-year-old Belgian national, and the others were Danish citizens aged between 19 and 34. <https://www.berlingske.dk/samfund/toldere-fandt-325-kilo-kokain-og-saa-laa-dansk-politi-paa-lur>

GREECE

04.03.2021 Customs officers at the port of Piraeus, during inspection of a container of food products arriving from Ecuador, found **99 kg of cocaine** in a specially equipped cache in the structure of the container, behind a false panel in the roof. http://www.astynomia.gr/index.php?option=ozo_content&lang=%27..%27&perform=view&id=100829&Itemid=2611&lang=
 Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXsEKk9e3Cs&feature=emb_imp_woyt

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

01.03.2021 Officers of the National Narcotics Control Directorate (DNCD), together with agents of the Specialized Airport Security Corps (CESAC) at Punta Cana International Airport, Altagracia Province, seized **248 sheets of cocaine** with a total weight of **65 kg**, disguised as a cargo of vegetables that was to be shipped to Toronto, Canada. The driver, who was transporting a cargo of vegetables in a truck to Punta Cana International Airport, was detained in connection with the incident.

<https://www.dncd.gob.do/index.php/noticias1/noticias/item/952-ocupan-en-carga-de-vegetales-65-kilos-de-cocaina-serian-enviados-a-canada-desde-punta-cana>

02.03.2021 Officers from the National Narcotics Control Directorate (DNCD) at the Haina East Port of Santo Domingo District, during an inspection of containers arriving from Colombia, found **62.1 kilograms of cocaine** inside nylon sulfur bags.

<http://noticialibre.com/2021/03/ocupan-en-puerto-de-haina-60-paquetes-de-cocaina-escondidos-en-sacos-de-azufre-que-llegaron-de-colombia-fotos/>

INDIA

03.03.2021 Police officers in Kharar district, Punjab state, detained a 28-year-old Nigerian national with **1 kg of heroin**. The detainee had a master's degree from a college near Kharar and had been supplying drugs to students at some private colleges.

<http://saharareporters.com/2021/03/03/flamboyant-nigerian-masters-degree-one-other-arrested-india-smuggling-heroin>

04.03.2021 Police officers in Ambala district, Haryana, detained two citizens near a bus stop overpass and seized **3.2 kg of opium**. <https://indianews-online.com/2021/03/05/two-smugglers-held-with-3-20kg-opium-by-ambala-stf-gurgaon-news/>

06.03.2021 Crime Branch officers in Delhi's Uttam Nagar district detained three citizens and seized **570 g of heroin** worth 60 lakhs. <https://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-delhi-police-crime-branch-seizes-heroin-worth-rs-60-lakh-two-held-2879596>

IRAN

05.03.2021 From 27 February to 5 March the Anti-Narcotics Police of Iran seized **13.515 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 110 kg of heroin, 11.817 tons of opium, 982 kg of hashish, 267 kg of methamphetamine, 280 kg of morphine, 59 kg of other types of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.**¹

CANADA

03.03.2021 Police officers in Pembroke, Ontario, arrested four people who were growing and cultivating cannabis plants in a rented property. Police also seized **5000 cannabis plants**.

<https://ottawasun.com/news/local-news/more-than-5000-cannabis-plants-seized-in-pembroke-bust/wcm/b18ffdaf-7254-41d6-a174-23a78456c65b>

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

COLOMBIA

03.03.2021 Counter-narcotics officers at the port of Barranquilla, during an inspection of a container of plastic products bound for Guatemala, found and seized **202 kg of cocaine**.
<https://www.policia.gov.co/noticia/incautacion-202-kilos-cocaina-puerto-barranquilla>

05.03.2021 Employees of the General Prosecutor's Office in cooperation with the National Police at Zungo pier, Karepa municipality, during an inspection of a container bound for Belgium, found **51.3 kg of cocaine** inside cooling system of the container.
<https://www.fiscalia.gov.co/colombia/trafico-de-estupefacientes/fiscalia-y-policia-incautan-mas-de-50-kilos-de-cocaina-en-carepa-antioquia/>

MOROCCO

04.03.2021 National police officers in the city of Asilah, on the northwest tip of the Atlantic coast intercepted two inflatable boats with four powerful engines carrying **4.6 tons of cannabis**.
<https://northafricapost.com/48044-morocco-over-4-tons-of-cannabis-seized-in-atlantic-coastal-city-of-asilah.html>

PANAMA

03.03.2021 National Police (PNP) officers at Port Cristobal found **240 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of a container of peanuts en route from Nicaragua to the United Kingdom.
<http://www.policia.gob.pa/19245-contrarrestando-el-trasiego-de-drogas.html>

USA

01.03.2021 Agents of the Rio Grande City Border Patrol (RGC), Texas, spotted several suspicious people loading bags into a pickup truck. When agents arrived on the scene they found **255 kg of marijuana** valued at 450 000 dollars. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/border-patrol-agents-seize-over-900-pounds-marijuana-rgv>

02.03.2021 Border patrol officers at a checkpoint in Falfurrias, Texas, found **6.8 kg of marijuana** hidden inside a spare tire during an inspection of a Ford F150. Shipment was valued at 12 000 dollars. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/rgv-border-patrol-agents-seize-over-800k-worth-marijuana>

04.03.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials at the port of entry in Laredo, Texas, found **559 kg of methamphetamine** worth 24 million dollars during an inspection of a 2014 Kenworth truck carrying acrylic paint. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-world-trade-bridge-seize-narcotics-worth-over-24-million>

THAILAND

05.03.2021 An army patrol in the border district of Chiang Dao, Chiang Mai province, spotted two men each carrying a bag. Upon seeing the patrol, the men dropped the bags and fled into the night. Upon arrival at the scene, the patrol found two bags with **60 kg of heroin**.
<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2078835/>

TURKEY

04.03.2021 Police officers in the Tuzla district of Istanbul stopped a truck with **308 kg of heroin** worth 47 million liras inside. The driver was detained and investigation is underway. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/over-300-kilograms-of-heroin-seized-in-istanbul/2164521>

05.03.2021 A vehicle driven by commander of the Ziyaret border outpost was stopped in Hatay province, town of Antakya. The vehicle inspection resulted in the seizure of **82 kg of marijuana** and 20 000 Turkish Liras. <https://anfenglish.com/news/turkish-lieutenant-caught-with-82-kilos-of-marijuana-on-syrian-border-50437>

JAMAICA

03.03.2021 Narcotics Police officers at Kingston Freeport Terminal Limited (KFTL) found **136 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of a container holding a cargo of rice and logs. The container arrived from Guyana. <https://guyanatimesgy.com/over-300lbs-of-cocaine-found-in-jamaica-among-rice-logs-shipped-from-guyana/>