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## CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

(based on mass media reports)

**08-14.03.2021**

**№10**

### CARICC MEMBER STATES

#### REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

**10.03.2021** Police officers detained a man in the Gakhsk district of Baku and seized 163 g of marijuana. In the course of additional investigation was detained an accomplice to the crime who illegally stored **10 kg of marijuana** at his place of residence in the Alibeyli village of Gakh district. A criminal case was initiated and investigation is underway.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210310/426414955/azerbaijan-narkotiki-zaderzhanie.html>

**11.03.2021** State Border Service officers stopped a car with three residents of Baku at the Beylagan section of the state border. During inspection of the vehicle they found and seized **17 kg of opium and 400 psychotropic pills.**

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210311/426433562/azerbaijan-granica-iran-narkotiki.html>

#### KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

**14.03.2021** In the course of investigation in Bishkek, officers of the SBNON MVD KR detained a 28-year-old woman who was distributing drugs through Internet resources and via messenger "Telegram". During a search of the detainee's residence, they found and seized smoking equipment in the form of light bulbs, straws and bubliks (a device for using smoking mixtures) and **new psychoactive substances (NPS) weighing 41 g.**

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/mass-media/all-news/item/12399-sbnon-mvd-kr-likvidirovan-ustojchiviy-kanal-sbyta-novykh-psikhoaktivnykh-veshchestv>

**14.03.2021** Officers of the National Security Committee discovered a dead drop of weapons and narcotics in the Batken region in the course of investigation. They seized a smooth-bore shotgun, 37 cartridges of 5.45 and 7.62 mm calibre and a roll with **250 g of marijuana.** Investigation is underway to identify involved persons.

[https://24.kg/proisshestviya/186384\\_narkotiki\\_orujie\\_boepripsyi\\_vbatkene\\_nashli\\_shron/](https://24.kg/proisshestviya/186384_narkotiki_orujie_boepripsyi_vbatkene_nashli_shron/)

#### RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**09.03.2021** Employees of MVD of Russia department "Ulug-Khemsy" during investigation in woodland of the village Chodura Republic of Tuva detained three men with plastic bags, in which were found and seized **14 kg of marijuana.** <https://мвд.пф/news/item/23366269>

**09.03.2021** Employees of the Department for Drug Control of the MVD of Russia in the Kemerovo region in the course of investigation in the Zavodsky district of Kemerovo in a garage box found a drug laboratory. During a search they seized **3 kg of mephedrone, 7 kg of marijuana** and a variety of chemicals. Computer equipment, communications devices, packaging material and other items were also confiscated.

<https://мвд.пф/news/item/23367482>

**09.03.2021** Two men were detained by officers of the Drug Control Department of the Bryansk city UMVD in the Volodarsky district of the city of Bryansk. During an inspection of their homes, they found and seized **300 g of heroin**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23375521>

**11.03.2021** In the course of investigation in the city of Pyt-Yakh a Toyota Camry with two men inside was stopped by officers of UNK UMVD of Russia for the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug - Yugra. During an inspection of the car they found and seized **4 kg of a-PVP (a-pyrrolidinovalerophenone)**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23393655>

**11.03.2021** Employees of Drug Control Department of MVD of Russia for Novorossiysk detained a 25-year-old man and seized **500 g of N-methylephedrone**. The detainee was planning to sell drugs by depositing in a dead drop. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23402518>

**11.03.2021** Police officers detained a man with 30 g of heroin in Kaluga region in the course of investigation. Also in the course of search of the detainee's car they found and seized 16 rolls with 630 g of heroin. The total weight of the seized **heroin** amounted to **660 g**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23395687>

**12.03.2021** Police officers detained a 35-year-old man in Mytishi, Moscow region, during and investigation and seized **1.7 kg of heroin**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23417501>

## REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**14.03.2021** Customs officers at the Ayritom border customs post in Surkhandarya region on the border with the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan detained two citizens who intended to smuggle **heroin**, which was soaked into the inner lining of their jackets. It was also found that an old carpet that was among the personal belongings of one of the detainees had also been soaked in heroin. Total weight of drugs seized reached **1 kg 785 g**. <https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/kontrabandisty-propitali-narkotikami-kover-i-svoi-kurtki-oni-pytalis-vvezti-v-uzbekistan-krupnyu-pa/>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### AFGHANISTAN

**12.03.2021** Afghanistan Counter Narcotics Police in the period from 6 to 12 March seized more than **6.991 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 6.4 kg of heroin, 26.6 kg of opium, 73.8 kg of hashish, 3.9 tons of cannabis, 12 g of methamphetamine and 2.9 tons of tramadol (tablets)**<sup>1</sup>

### BRAZIL

**09.03.2021** Federal Revenue Service (IRS) officers, together with the Federal Police (PF), stopped a truck with seven people inside at the port of Santos. During a search of the truck, they seized **1 t 111 kg of cocaine**, weapons and ammunition. <https://g1.globo.com/sp/santos-regiao/porto-mar/noticia/2021/03/09/pf-prende-sete-pessoas-com-pistolas-fuzil-e-mais-de-11-toneladas-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-santos-sp.ghtml>

<sup>1</sup> Data provided by liaison officer of the Ministry of Interior Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan at CARICC.

**11.03.2021** Federal Revenue Service (IRS) officers at the Port of Santos inspected a container of aluminum oxide destined for France and found and seized **440 kg of cocaine**. <https://g1.globo.com/sp/santos-regiao/porto-mar/noticia/2021/03/11/receita-federal-localiza-440-kg-de-cocaina-em-carga-de-oxido-de-aluminio-no-porto-de-santos-sp.ghtml>

## GUYANA

**11.03.2021** Employees of Cheddi Jagan International Airport, in the city of Timekhri during inspection of cargo depot "Amerijet Cargo Shed" instead of bones in salted fish in pencil-shaped packages found and seized **3.3 kg of cocaine**. Two men were detained in connection. <https://newsroom.gy/2021/03/11/duo-remanded-for-cocaine-found-in-salted-fish/>

## HONG KONG

**09.03.2021** Customs officers in Hong Kong during inspection of a container with a cargo of child seats arriving from Cambodia found and seized **51.5 kg of methamphetamine** worth 32 million Hong Kong dollars. Two men were detained in connection with the seizure. <https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3124712/round-clock-surveillance-hong-kong-customs-pays-hk32>

**11.03.2021** Hong Kong police officers stopped a cab with two men and a woman inside in To Kwa Wan district. A search of the vehicle revealed and seized 800 sheets of paper soaked in liquid cocaine. The sheets of paper were hidden between layers of cardboard. Total weight of **cocaine** seized amounted to **8 kg**. A subsequent search of the apartment of the detainees revealed three bags containing **42 kg of ketamine** worth 25 million Hong Kong dollars. <https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3124993/sheets-paper-soaked-8kg-liquid-cocaine-among-drugs>

## IRAN

**12.03.2021** Iranian Anti-Narcotics Police in the period from 5 to 12 March seized **13.019 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 196 kg of heroin, 9.257 tons of opium, 2.9 tons of hashish, 33 kg of methamphetamine, 551 kg of morphine, 53 kg of other types of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.**<sup>2</sup>

## COSTA RICA

**09.03.2021** Drug Control Police (PCDCR) officers at APM Terminals Pier in Moines de Limón during an inspection of a cargo of pineapple bound for the Netherlands found and seized **27 kg of cocaine**. <https://amprensa.com/2021/03/incautan-en-apm-terminals-carga-de-cocaina-que-iba-para-holanda-oculta-en-caja-de-pina/>

**12.03.2021** Drug Control Police (PCDCR) officers at APM Terminals Pier in Moines de Limón, while inspecting a container of bananas bound for Belgium, found and seized **253 kg of cocaine** at the bottom of a container. <https://www.facebook.com/seguridadcrc/videos/vb.232619856751475/877214826453721/?type=2&theater>

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

## COLOMBIA

**11.03.2021** Anti-Narcotics Directorate officers at the port of Cartagena found **712 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of the tank of a three-phase oil separator bound for Mexico.  
<https://www.policia.gov.co/noticia/frustramos-ingeniosa-modalidad-trafficar-drogas-ilicitas>

## MEXICO

**11.03.2021** Customs officials at the Port of Lazaro Cardenas, during an inspection of a container on ship Pace, found and seized **334 kg of cocaine**.  
<https://primeraplana.mx/archivos/800666>

## THE NETHERLANDS

**10.03.2021** Customs officers at the port of Rotterdam, during an inspection of a container of bananas arriving from Colombia, detected and seized **585 kg of cocaine**. The container in question was destined for export to Germany.  
<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/03/10/douane-vindt-585-kilo-cocaine-tussen-bananen>

## PAKISTAN

**11.03.2021** Customs officers at the Torkham border crossing stopped a truck coming from Afghanistan. During an inspection of the truck in hidden compartments of the body they found and seized **10 kg of heroin**. The driver of the truck, an Afghan resident, was detained.  
<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/802884-heroin-seized-at-torkham-border>

## PANAMA

**08.03.2021** National Aviation Service (SENAN) officers at Port Rodman discovered and seized 30 packages containing **1.5 tons of cocaine** while inspecting a container of wood arriving from Costa Rica.  
<http://www.aeronaval.gob.pa/default.asp?aid=noticias&n=articulos-noticias-2021-20210308a.html>

**09.03.2021** National Police (PNP) officers at the Port of Cristobal found and seized **50 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of a container arriving from Venezuela.  
<https://theworldnews.net/pa-news/droga-encontrada-en-colon-valorada-en-3-millones-de-dolares>

**14.03.2021** Agents of the National Police (PNP) at the port of Cristobal during an inspection of a container of drugs bound for Spain detected and seized **540 kg of cocaine**.  
[https://www.tvn-2.com/nacionales/Ubican-paquetes-dentro-contenedor-Espana\\_0\\_5806669283.html](https://www.tvn-2.com/nacionales/Ubican-paquetes-dentro-contenedor-Espana_0_5806669283.html)

## USA

**10.03.2021** Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents in the Bronx section of New York City, New York, apprehended a group of drug traffickers in New York City. A total of **120 kg of cocaine** was seized from the detainees in a series of operations.  
<https://www.dea.gov/press-releases/2021/03/15/law-enforcement-arrested-three-defendants-and-seized-approximately-120>

**11.03.2021** Border Patrol agents in El Centro, California, stopped a Mercury Grand Marquis at a checkpoint and searched the vehicle and seized **1 kg of methamphetamine**.  
<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/border-patrol-agents-seize-meth>



**11.03.2021** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Otay Mesa, California, checkpoint stopped a truck with a load of fresh spinach. Inspection of the truck revealed and seized **263 kg of methamphetamine** wrapped in paper with images of spinach. The shipment is valued at 1.3 million dollars. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/over-13-million-worth-narcotics-seized-otay-mesa>

**12.03.2021** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials at the Port of Buffalo, N.Y., found and seized **300 kg of marijuana** while inspecting a truckload of plastic bottles. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/another-1-million-marijuana-seized-port-buffalo>

**16.03.2021** Border Patrol agents in El Centro, California, stopped a Honda Accord at a checkpoint and searched the vehicle and seized **3.5 kg of methamphetamine**. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/border-patrol-agents-halt-meth-smuggling-attempt-through-checkpoint>

## TURKEY

**12.03.2021** Police officers seized **482 kg of heroin and 65 kg of methamphetamine** in the southeastern province of Hakkari, in the rural area of Yuksekova district, during a special operation to counter terrorist financing. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/turkey-nearly-500-kg-of-heroin-drugs-seized/2173197>

## UKRAINE

**12.03.2021** Employees of the Department for Combating Drug Crimes during investigation in Kharkiv region detained a 34-year-old man, who on the balcony of his apartment set up a laboratory for growing elite varieties of cannabis in flower pots. A search of the apartment resulted in the seizure of **8 cannabis bushes**. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/policziya-xarkova-pripinila-diyalnist-grupi-osib-yaki-vigotovlyali-i-rozpovsyudzhuvali-narkotiki/>

**14.03.2021** Employees of the Security Service Department detained two men in the course of investigation in Kharkiv region. During a search of the apartment of the detainees, they found and seized **20 kg of amphetamine**, automatic weapons, grenades and explosives. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/u-xarkovi-policzejski-viyavili-u-grupi-osib-blizko-20-kilogramiv-amfetaminu/>

## URUGUAY

**11.03.2021** Officers of the National Customs Directorate at the port of Montevideo during a search of a truck found and seized **953 kg of cocaine** inside crates. <https://www.aduanas.gub.uy/innovaportal/v/22699/6/innova.front/la-dna-participa-en-el-procedimiento-por-el-cual-se-incautaron-953-kilos-de-cocaina.html>

## FRANCE

**08.03.2021** Officers of the Anti-Drug Office (OFAST) at the port of Le Havre, while inspecting a container of coffee arriving from Guatemala, found **600 kg of cocaine** worth 20 million euros. Under the supervision of French police as part of a controlled delivery, the container with the cargo was taken to a shipping company located several kilometers from the port of Le Havre. Police officers followed the container and apprehended three men as



the container was broken into. <https://www.leparisien.fr/faits-divers/droque-plus-de-20-millions-d-euros-de-cocaine-saisis-au-havre-08-03-2021-8427680.php>

## SRI LANKA

**10.03.2021** During an investigation in the Deiyandara area of Matara province, police officers stopped a car with a 29-year-old man and a 38-year-old woman inside. During a search of the car they found and seized **74 kg 975 g of heroin.**

[http://www.colombopage.com/archive\\_21A/Mar10\\_1615400672CH.php](http://www.colombopage.com/archive_21A/Mar10_1615400672CH.php)