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CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

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CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

22.03.2021 Police officers detained a group of people involved in transportation and sale of drugs during an investigation in the Kostanay region. They seized **10 kg of hashish**.
<https://polisia.kz/ru/krupnyj-kanal-postavki-narkotikov-presekli-kostanajskie-operativniki/>

28.03.2021 Police officers detained two men who had set up a laboratory for production of synthetic drug mephedrone in their home in the Medeu district of Almaty in the course of an investigation. During inspection they seized **10 kg of mephedrone**.
<https://polisia.kz/ru/krupnaya-narkolaboratoriya-likvidirovana-politsiej-almaty/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

23.03.2021 Employees of the SBNON Department of MVD KR during an investigation in the Chui region detained a 49-year-old man and seized **115 g of hashish**.
<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/mass-media/all-news/item/12444-sbnon-mvd-kr-likvidirovan-kanal-perevozki-narkotikov-iz-kazakhstan-v-kyrgyzstan>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

22.03.2021 Employees of the Department for Drug Control of the Russian MVD in the Republic of Dagestan during an investigation in the village of Krivaya Balka detained a 25-year-old woman and seized **500 g of mephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23540970>

24.03.2021 Employees of the Department for Drug Control of the Russian MVD detained three men aged 22 to 27 in Solnechnogorsk, Moscow region, in the course of an investigation. The detainees set up a laboratory for production of mephedrone in a rented garage. During a search they seized **6.5 kg of mephedrone**.
<https://мвд.рф/news/item/23562487>

24.03.2021 Employees of the department for drug control of MVD of Russia for the Udmurt Republic detained two men in the city of Izhevsk who had **587 g of heroin**.
<https://мвд.рф/news/item/23562378>

24.03.2021 Employees of the Department for Drug Control of the Russian MVD in the course of an investigation in Ivanovo region detained a 25-year-old man and seized **500 g of heroin**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23574863>

25.03.2021 Employees of the department for drug control of MVD of Russia for the Nizhegorod region during an investigation in the city of Nizhny Novgorod detained a man born in 1988 and seized **105 cannabis plants and 1 kg of marijuana**.
<https://мвд.рф/news/item/23585916>

25.03.2021 Employees of the Department for Drug Control of the Russian MVD in the Kemerovo region in the course of investigations in the city of Kemerovo detained a 40-year-old woman in possession of **500 g of heroin**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23578889>

26.03.2021 Employees of the Department for Drug Control of the Russian MVD in the Chelyabinsk region in the course of investigations in the city of Chelyabinsk arrested a man born in 1990 and seized **1 kg of heroin**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23594162>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

22.03.2021 Employees of the Railway Transport Security Department of MVD of Uzbekistan detained a man born in 1996 at the Uzbekistan freight station in the Tashkent region and seized **467 g of marijuana**. <https://iiv.uz/ru/news/iiv-transportda-xtbb-xodimlari-tomonidan-tozalash-antiterror-tadbiri-davomida-giyohvandlik-moddalari-aniqlandi>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AFGHANISTAN

28.03.2021 Counter Narcotics Police of Afghanistan from 21 to 27 March seized more than **1.723 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 8.1 kg of heroin, 383.1 kg of hashish, 1.3 tons of cannabis and 15.8 kg of methamphetamine**.¹

HONG KONG

26.03.2021 Police officers in Tuyen Mun district detained a 40-year-old man and seized **555 g of methamphetamine, 638 g of heroin and 36 g of cannabis** at his place of residence.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3127116/police-seize-hk15-million-worth-suspected-illegal>

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

22.03.2021 National Narcotics Control Directorate (DNCD) stopped a truck in the city of Santo Domingo. An inspection of the truck revealed **257 kg of cocaine**.

<https://www.dncd.gob.do/index.php/noticias1/noticias/item/971-incautan-257-paquetes-presumiblemente-cocaina-en-puerto-caucedo>

INDIA

24.03.2021 Police officers in Kochi, Kerala, apprehended four men with **1 kg of heroin**.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/police-to-crack-down-on-synthetic-drugs/article34144947.ece>

27.03.2021 Police officers in Bangalore, Karnataka, stopped a truck with three men. Inspection of the truck resulted in the seizure of **500 kg of marijuana**.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/bangalore/500-kg-of-marijuana-seized-in-bengaluru-three-arrested/article34173683.ece>

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

SPAIN

28.03.2021 Spanish customs officials intercepted the Panama-flagged fishing vessel Albatross in Atlantic waters south of the Canary Islands. An inspection of the vessel revealed **18 tons of hashish**. Three Ukrainian citizens were detained. <https://www.explica.co/three-arrested-and-seized-18-tons-of-hashish-in-a-panamanian-flagged-fishing-vessel-in-the-south-of-the-canary-islands.html>

COLOMBIA

22.03.2021 Police officers at the port of Buenaventura inspected a container with construction materials arriving from Ecuador and found **931 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.policia.gov.co/noticia/incautamos-cerca-tonelada-cocaina-puerto-buenaventura>

MOROCCO

25.03.2021 Members of the Judicial Police (DGSN) in the town of Kenitra in rural Haddadah discovered **9 tons of cannabis** during a search of a container manufacturing facility. Four men were detained in connection. <https://northafricapost.com/48558-kenitra-international-drug-trafficking-operation-foiled-nearly-9-tons-of-cannabis-seized.html>

THE NETHERLANDS

24.03.2021 Customs officers in the port of Rotterdam detained three men in the course of an operation and seized **26 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/03/26/douane-onderschept-26-kilo-cocaine-drie-aanhoudingen>

PAKISTAN

25.03.2021 Customs officials at Jinnah International Airport in Karachi detained two Nigerian nationals arriving from Nigeria via Qatar who were attempting to smuggle **2.4 kg of cocaine** through the country. <https://nation.com.pk/25-Mar-2021/2-nigerians-arrested-for-smuggling-cocaine-in-swallowed-capsules>

25.03.2021 ANF officers during search operations in Mirpur-Khas city of Sindh province, detained a man and seized **496 kg of hashish and 24 kg of heroin** his place of residence. <https://nation.com.pk/25-Mar-2021/huge-quantity-of-narcotics-arms-seized-in-mirpurkhas>

KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

24.03.2021 Employees of the General Directorate of Narcotics Control (GDNC) at the Islamic port of Jeddah prevented an attempt to smuggle **10 million amphetamine pills** hidden in a shipment of tires. Three Turkish citizens were detained. <https://www.saudi gazette.com.sa/article/604759/SAUDI-ARABIA/GDNC-foils-smuggling-of-10948000-Amphetamine-pills>

USA

25.03.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers stopped a truck at a checkpoint in El Paso, Texas. An inspection of the truck revealed **35 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-have-busy-week-seizing-drugs-currency-and-arresting>

25.03.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers stopped a 2010 Ford Escape driven by a 34-year-old woman at the Hidalgo, Texas border crossing. An inspection of the vehicle revealed **51 kg of methamphetamine**. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-field-operations-hidalgo-international-bridge-intercepts-22-million>

27.03.2021 Officers from the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division in an operation near Sherwood Forest arrested a 49-year-old man and seized **18 kg of heroin** worth 1.3 million dollars. https://www.kpvi.com/news/national_news/baton-rouge-deputies-confiscate-1-3-million-worth-of-heroin-and-other-narcotics-in-major/article_1006b050-f559-5a16-8371-e2672ecd830b.html

27.03.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers stopped a 2014 Ford F350 truck at a port of entry in Laredo, Texas, at a checkpoint. An inspection of the vehicle revealed **166 kg of methamphetamine**. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-world-trade-bridge-seize-narcotics-worth-over-7-million>

THAILAND

24.03.2021 Police officers in the city of Mukdahan, on the banks of the Mekong River near the border with Laos found and seized **21 kg of methamphetamine** worth about 20 million baht. The case is being investigated to identify those involved. <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2088995/fleeing-smuggler-leaves-b20m-crystal-meth-on-river-bank>

TURKEY

23.03.2021 Police officers in northwestern Turkey detained a cargo ship in the customs zone of Kocaeli province. During an inspection of the container they found **3.8 tons of marijuana**. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/over-38-tons-of-marijuana-seized-in-northwestern-turkey/2185524>

25.03.2021 Turkish security forces in the southeastern province of Hakkari in Yuksekova district stopped a vehicle. An inspection of the vehicle discovered **401 kg of heroin**. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/over-400-kg-of-heroin-seized-in-se-turkey/2188044>

UKRAINE

28.03.2021 Employees of the Department for Combating Drug Crimes during an investigation in Kiev detained a man in possession of **3 kg of amphetamine**. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochyni/operativniki-naczpolicziji-zatrimali-kiyanina-ta-jogo-spilnika-yaki-organizovali-narkobiznes-na-teritoriji-stoliczi/>

FRANCE

22.03.2021 In a large-scale operation based on intelligence by the French Anti-Narcotics Office (OFAST) and the Dutch Police, in cooperation with the Maritime Analysis and Operations Center Against Drugs (MAOC-N), based in Lisbon, EUROPOL and responsible Brazilian authorities, under the procedure of Article 17 of the UN Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances in the Gulf of Guinea, the French navy's Dixmude crew intercepted the ship Najlan, with approval of Saint Kitts and Nevis, carrying **6 tons of cocaine**. <https://www.navalnews.com/naval-news/2021/03/record-drug-seizure-by-the-french-navy-in-the-gulf-of-guinea/>



ECUADOR

26.03.2021 Police officers at the port of Posorja found **1.2 tons of cocaine** during an inspection of a container of crates of bananas bound for the Netherlands. <https://www.la-razon.com/mundo/2021/03/26/ecuador-decomisa-12-toneladas-de-cocaina-que-iban-a-holanda/>