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CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

(based on mass media reports)

12-18.04.2021

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In the period from 12 to 18 April 2021 based on information from mass media law enforcement agencies and law enforcement bodies of CARICC Member States seized **312.9 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 235 kg, opium - 11.8 kg, cannabis group drugs - 20.9 kg, synthetic drugs - 43.4 kg and 15 thousand psychotropic pills.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

13.04.2021 Customs officers at the Astara customs post located on the Azerbaijan-Iran border during inspection of a transit truck transporting potatoes discovered 577 bags of potatoes, inside which there were 962 convolutions with heroin packed in such a way as to resemble potato tubers. Seized **heroin** amounted to **213 kg**.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210413/426691919/azerbaijan-iran-ukraine-narkotiki-kartofel.html>

16.04.2021 Employees of the General Directorate for Combating Drugs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Azerbaijan in the course of investigations in the city of Sumgait and Absheron district arrested 3 men and seized **18 kg of heroin, 10 kg of opium and 15 thousand psychotropic pills** at place of residence.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210416/426716862/azerbaijan-narkotiki-zaderzhanie.html>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

12.04.2021 Employees of the Department of Penal and Correctional System in the West Kazakhstan region together with the Department of the National Security Committee of Kazakhstan stopped a group of persons who intended to organize a channel for the sale of drugs intended for transfer to correctional institutions of the penitentiary system (KUIS). As a result of the operation two men were detained and **15 kg of marijuana** were seized.

https://www.inform.kz/ru/mezhregional-nyy-kanal-peredachi-narkotikov-v-tyur-mu-raskryt-v-rk_a3775346

14.04.2021 Police officers in the city of Nur-Sultan, during investigations stopped "Reno Sandero" car driven by a 32-year-old man. During a search of the car they found and seized **2 kg of hashish**.

https://www.inform.kz/ru/sbytchika-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov-zaderzhali-policeyskie-nur-sultana_a3776300

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

12.04.2021 Employees of UMVD of Russia in the Leninsky urban district of Moscow region in the course of investigations in the village Lopatino detained two men and found and seized **250 g of heroin** during a personal search.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/23809715>

13.04.2021 Officers of the Department for Drug Control of GU MVD of Russia in Moscow region in the course of investigation in Moscow region detained five citizens of Ukraine. The

detainees set up a laboratory in a rented premises, where they used various chemicals to synthesize drugs. **33 kg of mephedrone** were seized during a search.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/23819759>

13.04.2021 Transport police officers in Leningrad region stopped a car driven by a 27-year-old man. During an inspection of the car they found and seized **2.5 kg of methamphetamine** in the glove compartment. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23824896>

14.04.2021 Employees of the General Directorate for Drug Control of the Russian MVD detained a man with **540 g of heroin** in the city of Moscow in the course of investigations. During additional actions during a search of the detainee's residence they found and seized **3.8 kg of heroin**, along with electronic scales and packaging material. The detainee received large amounts of drugs and then packaged it into smaller shipments for subsequent sale in a non-contact manner. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23845545>

15.04.2021 Employees of the Department for Drug Control of MVD of the Chuvash Republic in the course of investigations in the city of Novocheboksarsk detained a man in possession of **300 g of mephedrone**. During additional operational measures in the city of Perm where the detainee lived, they seized **5 kg of mephedrone**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/23861203>

16.04.2021 Employees of MU MVD of Russia "Balashikha" in Moscow region, as a result of investigation in Balashikha detained a 29-year-old woman. During a personal search in her backpack they seized **1.9 kg of methylephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23864432>

16.04.2021 Employees of the Department for Drug Control of MVD of Russia for the city of Rostov-on-Don detained a 23-year-old local resident. During a personal search of the detainee they found and seized **1 kg of amphetamine**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/23886593>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

15.04.2021 Employees of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of MVD of Uzbekistan during investigations in Chilazar district arrested two employees of a pharmacy, who intended to sell **1 134 tablets** of the potent substance "**Lirika**". They also seized 36 vials of Tropikamide, 138 tablets of Regapen, 165 tablets of Selophen and 57 tablets of Zardex. <https://iiv.uz/ru/news/kuchli-tasir-qiluvchi-moddalarning-qonunga-xilof-muomalasini-aniqlashga-garatilgan-tadbirlar-davom-etmoqda>

18.04.2021 Employees of the State Security Service in Syrdarya region stopped a vehicle traveling from Bekabad district to Bukinsk district of Tashkent region. During an inspection of the vehicle they found and seized **1.8 kg of amphetamine, 1.8 kg of opium and 3.9 kg of hashish**. <https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestiya/sgb-zaderzhala-na-granitse-neskolko-krupnykh-partiy-narkotikov-iz-tadzhikistana/>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BELGIUM

14.04.2021 Police officers in the city of Brussels at Zaventem airport detained two airport loaders who were engaged in drug trafficking. **70 kg of cocaine** and 200 thousand euros in

cash were found and seized during a search of the place of residence of the detainees. Six airport workers involved in drug trafficking were also detained in the case.

<https://www.vrt.be/vrtnws/nl/2021/04/13/twee-bagage-afhandelaars-opgepakt-met-70-kilogram-cocaine-op-luc/>

BRAZIL

16.04.2021 Federal Revenue Service (IRS) officers at the port of Santa Cruz de Tenerife, during an inspection of goods and wheeled cargo inside a Grimaldi ship bound for Belgium, found **78 kg of cocaine** inside a caterpillar tractor.

<https://www.infobae.com/america/agencias/2021/04/15/brasil-encuentran-78-kilos-de-cocaina-dentro-de-un-buque-en-el-puerto-de-santa-cruz-de-tenerife/>

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

12.04.2021 Officers of the National Narcotics Control Directorate (DNCD) at the port of Caucedo stopped a truck with two passengers inside. During an inspection of the truck they found **447 kg of cocaine** in a secret compartment equipped behind the seats. The detainees intended to load drugs inside a container bound for Europe.

<https://dominantoday.com/dr/local/2021/04/12/five-arrested-and-447-packages-of-cocaine-seized-in-multimodal-port-caucedo/>

INDIA

14.04.2021 Customs officials at Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi detained two Zambian nationals in an attempt to smuggle drugs and found and seized **14 kg of heroin** in their luggage. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/delhi-news/14kg-heroin-worth-98-crore-seized-in-massive-drug-haul-at-igi-airport-101618617695477.html>

17.04.2021 Police officers apprehended a criminal group of seven people engaged in drug trafficking in a series of operations in the city of Rewa, Madhya Pradesh. An operation resulted in the seizure of **686 kg of cannabis**. <https://www.dailypioneer.com/2021/state-editions/686-kg-of-cannabis-seized-seven-drug-peddlers-arrested.html>

17.04.2021 Officers of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in Ferozpur district of Punjab detained a Pakistani national and seized **20.5 kg of heroin**. <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/pak-national-arrested-for-drug-trafficking-in-ferozpur-area-2057-kg-heroin-seized/article34344887.ece>

SPAIN

14.04.2021 Police officers detained a diver and his accomplice at the port of Las Palmas in Gran Canaria attempting to unload four bales of **77 kg of hashish** on the dock. The diver collected the bales of ballast from the bottom of the dock after they had been dropped from a ship and then moved them underwater to the dock, where an accomplice was already waiting for him, who would lift the bales of drugs ashore and conceal it in his car. <https://www.canarianweekly.com/posts/diver-caught-recovering-kilos-hashish-seabed>

15.04.2021 Customs officials at the port of Algeciras, during an inspection of a vessel arriving from Casablanca, Morocco, found **7.1 tons of hashish**. Three Ukrainian citizens



were detained on board the vessel. <https://andaluciainformacion.es/campo-de-gibraltar/964238/hallan-mas-de-7-toneladas-de-hachis-en-un-remolcador-en-el-puerto-de-algeciras/>

MOROCCO

16.04.2021 Customs officials at the port of Casablanca made a major drug seizure during an inspection of export goods. Inspection of soap boxes revealed **10 tons of cannabis** carefully packaged inside goods. <https://www.leconomiste.com/flash-infos/port-de-casablanca-la-douane-intercepte-pres-de-10-tonnes-de-droque>

SINGAPORE

19.04.2021 The Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) arrested a 22-year-old man near Choa Chu Kang Avenue and seized **16 kg of heroin, 23 kg of cannabis and 2 kg of methamphetamine** from him at his residence. Drug consignment was worth 2.3 million Singapore dollars. <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/cnb-drugs-16kg-heroin-cannabis-ecstasy-ice-14651636>

SLOVENIA

16.04.2021 Criminal police officers in the northeastern Slovenian city of Murska Sobota completed an investigation that led to the arrest of four people accused of drug trafficking on Darknet. **400 kg of cocaine** were seized, one of the largest drug seizures in Slovenia. <https://english.sta.si/2891024/400-kilos-of-drugs-seized-as-four-dark-web-traffickers-busted>

USA

13.04.2021 Officers from the Orange County, California, Drug Enforcement Division stopped a Nissan with two passengers inside. During an inspection of the vehicle they found **7 kg of cocaine** in a concealed compartment underneath the vehicle. <https://www.orangetheleader.com/2021/04/13/seven-kilos-of-cocaine-found-during-traffic-stop/>

13.04.2021 Border Patrol agents in Yuma Sector, Arizona, stopped a Dodge vehicle with two passengers inside at a checkpoint on Highway 78. An inspection of the vehicle revealed the sleeve of a leather jacket hidden under the rear seat of the vehicle, inside which was a bag containing **3 kg of fentanyl** valued at 76 000 dollars. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/k9-sniffs-out-second-large-drug-seizure-within-week#>

14.04.2021 U.S. Office of Field Operations (OFO) officers stopped a Ford Ranger driven by a 22-year-old man on the Hidalgo International Bridge, Texas. An inspection of the vehicle revealed **51.7 kg of methamphetamine** concealed in the tires of the pickup truck. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-hidalgo-international-bridge-seize-over-2-million>

16.04.2021 Police officers in the North Charleston area of South Carolina found and seized **3.1 kg of MDMA, 887 g of marijuana, 230 g of cocaine** and 5 firearms during a house search. <https://www.counton2.com/news/local-news/charleston-county-news/ncpd-large-quantities-of-drugs-firearms-seized-from-north-charleston-home/>

19.04.2021 Border Patrol agents in San Clemente, California, stopped a Mercedes vehicle driven by a 22-year-old U.S. citizen. An inspection of the vehicle revealed **5 kg of heroin and 4 kg of cocaine** inside the trunk valued at 250 000 dollars.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/dangerous-drugs-seized-border-patrol>

PHILIPPINES

14.04.2021 Police officers in the Tierra Hermosa area engaged in a shootout during an operation to apprehend criminals, killing two suspected drug traffickers. **31 kg of methamphetamine** worth 10 million Philippine pesos, two .45-caliber pistols and 1.5 million Philippine pesos in cash were recovered at the scene.

<https://manilastandard.net/news/national/351869/p210m-shabu-seized-in-las-pi-as-buy-bust.html>

FRANCE

14.04.2021 Customs officers in the southeastern French city of Avignon stopped a truck with Moroccan plates and with two passengers inside. During an inspection of the truck they found balls of **cannabis resin (hashish)** imitating tomatoes inside boxes of tomatoes with a total weight of **3 tons**. <https://www.douane.gouv.fr/actualites/arles-saisie-de-3-tonnes-de-resine-de-cannabis-conditionnees-sous-forme-de-tomates>

CROATIA

14.04.2021 Police officers, together with the Customs Service, in the Dubrovnik-Neretva area at the port of Ploce, during an inspection of a container arriving from South America, found and seized **574 kg of cocaine**. <https://dubrovacko-neretvanska-policija.gov.hr/vijesti/u-luci-ploce-zaplijenjeno-preko-pola-tone-kokaina/14040>

SWEDEN

14.04.2021 Swedish customs officials in Gothenburg, Sweden, found **1.2 tons of cannabis** inside a container of marble slabs arriving from Morocco. Some of the marble slabs were slightly thicker than others, which aroused suspicion. Seizures were valued at 120 million Swedish krona.

<https://www.tullverket.se/nyheter/nyheter/marmorskivorinnehollrekordmycketcannabis.5.422c8052175b1d827697301.html>

JAMAICA

16.04.2021 Narcotics detectives with the Jamaica Customs Department at the Kingston Freeport Terminal during a container inspection found two bags with **55 kg of cocaine**.

<https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20210416/cocaine-valued-over-300-million-seized-major-drug-busts>