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CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

(based on mass media reports)

19-25.04.2021

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Between 19 and 25 April 2021 based on information from mass media, law enforcement agencies and law enforcement bodies of CARICC Member States seized **276 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 147.5 kg, opium - 3 kg, cannabis group - 111.5 kg and synthetic drugs - 14 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

22.04.2021 Customs officers at the Astara customs post on the Azerbaijan-Iran border checked a transit truck transporting apple from Iran and found **122 kg of heroin** in a door of the truck's trailer. An Iranian citizen was driving the vehicle. Russia was the final destination of the shipment.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210422/426764145/tamozhnja-narkotiki-iran-azerbaijan-russia.html>

23.04.2021 Police officers detained a local resident in Yasamal district of Baku in the course of investigation and seized **3 g of heroin**. In the course of additional measures, they seized **25 kg of marijuana** at the place of residence of the detainee.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210423/426776060/Spetsoperatsiya-v-Baku-izyato-40-kilogramm-ov-narkotikov.html>

24.04.2021 Police officers in Garadagh district of Baku detained a man and seized **16 kg of marijuana** at his place of residence.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210424/426785185/azerbaijan-baku-narkotiki-zaderzhanie.html>

24.04.2021 Customs officers at the Astara customs post, located on the Azerbaijan-Iran border, during inspection of a truck with furniture in the armrests of six chairs and two sofas found and seized **44 kg of hashish**.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210426/426792561/azerbaijan-russia-iran-narkotiki.html>

25.04.2021 Police officers detained two previously convicted men in Astara district in the course of investigation. **23.5 kg of heroin and 3 kg of opium** were found and seized from them at their residence.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210426/426797591/narkotiki-mvd.html>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

21.04.2021 Police officers in the city of Nur-Sultan during investigations stopped a "Nissan" car driven by a 37-year-old man. During a search of the car they found and seized **6 kg of hashish**. https://www.inform.kz/ru/popytku-sbyta-krupnoy-partii-narkotikov-presekli-v-stolice_a3779131

25.04.2021 Police officers detained a group of drug traffickers in the city of Almaty in the course of investigations. The detainees were depositing drugs into dead drops around the

city. During searches the police seized **10 kg of synthetic drugs** ready for sale from the detainees. <https://polisia.kz/ru/spetsoperatsiya-po-likvidatsii-opg-i-krupnogo-narkokanala-provedena-v-dvuh-regionah-strany/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

23.04.2021 Officers of SBNON MVD of the Kyrgyz Republic stopped a BMW car on Zhamgyrchinov street in Bishkek. During inspection of the car in the passenger compartment they found and seized 30 rolls with **hashish** totalling **8.2 kg**.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/mass-media/all-news/item/12692-operativniki-sbnon-mvd-perekhvatili-bolee-7-kg-narkoticheskogo-sredstva-qashish-prednaznachennye-dlya-sbyta>

28.04.2021 Officers of SBNON MVD of the Kyrgyz Republic in the course of investigations on the territory of the Leilek district of Batken region detained a man with **2 kg of heroin**. The detainee intended to transport drugs to the Republic of Kazakhstan.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/mass-media/all-news/item/12703-sbnon-mvd-kr-vyavlen-i-perekryt-mezhdunarodnyj-kanal-tranzita-tyazhelykh-narkotikov>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

24.04.2021 Employees of MVD of Russia department "Barun-Khemchiksky" in the Republic of Tuva during investigation near the village of Kyzyl-Mazhalyk detained a 21-year-old man with two plastic bags containing **12.2 kg of marijuana**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/24046689>

25.04.2021 Employees of the Department for Drug Control of the Russian GU MVD for the Novosibirsk region detained a 37-year-old man who had **4 kg of mephedrone** during an investigation in the city of Novosibirsk. The detainee received bulk quantities of drugs at specified locations, then cut it into smaller consignments and sold it in a non-contact manner. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/24039372>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

23.04.2021 Employees of Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of MVD of the Republic of Uzbekistan during investigation in Zangiata district of Tashkent region detained a 49-year-old man and seized **100 g of marijuana** at his place of residence.

<https://iiv.uz/ru/news/toshkent-viloyati-hududida-otkazilgan-tezkor-tadbir-natijalari-23-04-21>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AFGHANISTAN

23.04.2021 From 17 to 23 April, the Counter Narcotics Police of Afghanistan seized more than **190.4 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 11.3 kg of heroin, 38.4 kg of opium, 124.6 kg of hashish and 16 kg of methamphetamine. 137 kg of precursors were also confiscated.**¹

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

BRAZIL

19.04.2021 Employees of the Federal Revenue Service (IRS) at the port of Paranagua during inspection of containers with car parts bound for the Netherlands and Belgium, found **260 kg of cocaine**. <https://g1.globo.com/pr/parana/noticia/2021/04/19/agentes-apreendem-mais-de-260-quilos-de-cocaina-em-conteineres-com-destino-a-holanda-e-belgica-no-porto-de-paranagua.ghtml>

19.04.2021 Police officers in the municipality of Campo Verde, Mato Grosso, stopped a Toyota Hilux with two passengers inside. A search of the vehicle revealed **47 kg of cocaine** in the front bumper. <https://www.gov.br/prf/pt-br/noticias/estadauis/mato-grosso/prf-apreende-47-quilos-de-pasta-base-de-cocaina-em-campo-verde-mt>

GREECE

22.04.2021 Greek Anti-Drug Authority officers at the port of Piraeus, during an inspection of a container bound for Slovakia, found 129 nylon bags containing **4.3 tons of cannabis** in a secret compartment on the roof of the container. <https://www.ekathimerini.com/news/1159917/greek-authorities-seize-more-than-four-tons-of-narcotics/>

INDIA

20.04.2021 Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) officers at Tuticorin port, while inspecting a container with a cargo of wooden logs arriving from Panama, discovered 9 sacks hidden between rows of wooden logs. Upon opening the bags they found **303 kg of cocaine**. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1713306>

20.04.2021 Police officers in Udaipur, Rajasthan, apprehended five men and seized **45 kg of opium** at their residence. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/45kg-opium-worth-rs-56l-seized-5-held-in-chittorgarh/articleshow/82151514.cms>

24.04.2021 Police in the state of Punjab, on the Ambala-Chandigarh highway, detained three Nepalese nationals with **13 kg of heroin**. Drugs had been brought from Nepal. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/chandigarh-news/3-nepalese-nationals-held-with-13kg-heroin-in-mohali-s-lalru-101619205597466.html>

COLOMBIA

19.04.2021 Employees of the Anti-Narcotics Directorate, with the support of the Prosecutor General's Office and the Navy, detained a sailing vessel. An inspection of the vessel found **494 kg of cocaine**. Three men aboard the vessel were detained. <https://www.policia.gov.co/noticia/ni-lujo-logro-evitar-que-cayeran-494-kilos-cocaina-cartagena>

MALAYSIA

24.04.2021 Police officers in the city of Kuala Lumpur detained a 30-year-old man and seized **2.4 kg of cannabis**. During additional investigations they seized **25.6 kg of cannabis** at the detainee's place of residence. <https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2021/04/684989/couple-nabbed-drugs-worth-rm75000-seized>

THE NETHERLANDS

21.04.2021 Customs officers at the port of Rotterdam during an inspection of a container of frozen fish arriving from Ecuador found and seized **440 kg of cocaine** worth 33 million dollars inside container structure. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/04/20/douane-onderschept-440-kilo-cocaine-tussen-bevroren-vis>

23.04.2021 Customs officers at the port of Rotterdam during an inspection of a container of bananas arriving from Ecuador discovered and seized **1.1 tons of cocaine**. Seized substances were worth 82 million euros. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/04/23/douane-onderschept-1100-kilo-cocaine-tussen-bananen>

PAKISTAN

20.04.2021 Police officers in the city of Lahore detained two men who were transporting a large consignment of drugs in their car. An inspection of the car resulted in the discovery and seizure of **110 kg of hashish**. <https://arynews.tv/en/lahore-police-detain-suspects-drug/>

USA

21.04.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers stopped a Ford vehicle driven by a 24-year-old U.S. citizen at the port of entry in Brownsville, Texas. An inspection of the vehicle found and seized **19 kg of methamphetamine**. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/brownsville-cbp-officers-seize-13-million-worth-narcotics-four-seizures>

21.04.2021 U.S. Border Patrol agents in Camp Pendleton, California, stopped a van driven by a 28-year-old man. An inspection of the van revealed and seized **30 kg of methamphetamine** valued at 118 000 dollars. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/vehicle-stop-yields-66-pounds-meth>

25.04.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Field Operations officers in North Dakota stopped a truck with a shipment of straw at the Pembina Port of Entry. An inspection of the cargo found and seized **1.2 tons of marijuana**. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-over-45-million-marijuana-pembina-port-entry>

TANZANIA

25.04.2021 Drug Control and Enforcement Authority (DCEA), in conjunction with the Navy, seized a boat with seven people on board in the coastal waters of the port city of Kilwa Masoko in the Lindi region. During an inspection of the boat they found **1 ton of heroin**. <https://nation.africa/kenya/news/africa/7-arrested-over-one-tonne-of-heroin-seized-in-tanzania-3375854>

ECUADOR

23.04.2021 National police officers at the El Oro seaport during a container inspection found **115 kg of cocaine** in the container's cooling system. <https://www.tvc.com.ec/noticia/decomisan-droga-camuflada-en-paneles-de-refrigeracion-en-puerto-maritimo/>