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CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

(based on mass media reports)

10.05. to 23.05.2021

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In the period from 10 May to 23 May 2021, based on information from mass media law enforcement bodies and security agencies of CARICC Member States seized **1 ton 622 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 1 ton 500 kg, opium - 9 kg cannabis group drugs - 84.9 kg and synthetic drugs - 18.2 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

11.05.2021 Police officers detained a local man in the Jalilabad district during search operations and found **3 kg of marijuana** in the basement of his house.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210511/426931320/azerbaijan-narkotiki-zaderzhanie-izjatie.html>

16.05.2021 Employees of the State Border Service at the border guard detachments "Goradiz" of Fizuli district and "Goytepe" of Jalilabad district prevented smuggling of **18.3 kg of drugs and 19.7 thousand pills of psychotropic substance** from Iran to Azerbaijan. As a result, five smugglers were detained, and investigative actions are underway to identify other persons involved in smuggling.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210517/426975907/pogranichniki-perexvatili-20-kilogrammiv-kontrabandy.html>

16.05.2021 Police officers detained a local resident in Baku in the course of investigations and search operations and seized **500 g of heroin** during a personal search.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210517/426976449/bakinskie-policejskie-izjali-tjazhelij-narkotiki.html>

20.05.2021 Employees of the State Customs Committee at the Astara customs post on the Azerbaijan-Iran border during inspection of a transit truck carrying watermelons from Iran found 303 packages containing **244.6 kg of heroin** in a cavity between a wall of the trailer and a improvised shield. Ukraine was the final destination of the shipment.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210520/427004690/uspeshnaja-operacija-tamozhnja-perexvatila-200-kilogrammiv-narkotikov.html>

21.05.2021 State Border Service officers together with officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs detained a local resident in the village of Kyurdili in the Neftchala district during an operation in which they seized **3 kg of heroin and 9 kg of opium**. Two men involved in transporting seized drugs were detained during additional operations in Beylagan district.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210521/427013745/-Pogranichniki-s-pomoschyu-politsii-i-spetssluzhby-izjali-20-kilogrammiv-narkotikov.html>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

11.05.2021 Employees of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking in Karaganda region of MIA RK in the course of investigations in the city of Karaganda detained a 36-year-old man and seized **7 kg of marijuana**.



https://www.inform.kz/ru/narkokur-era-s-sem-yu-kg-gashisha-zaderzhali-v-karagande_a3787040

19.05.2021 Employees of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of the North Kazakhstan region of MIA RK in the course of investigations in Petropavlovsk arrested a 19-year-old man who had **340 g of synthetic drug "alpha-PvP"** at his place of residence. https://www.inform.kz/ru/1700-doz-sintetiki-iz-yali-u-studenta-kolledzha-v-sko_a3789983

19.05.2021 Police officers during investigations in the city of Ekibastuz, Pavlodar region, stopped a Toyota car driven by a 25-year-old local resident. During inspection of the car they found **12 kg of marijuana**. https://www.inform.kz/ru/osobo-krupnyuyu-partiyu-narkotikov-iz-yali-v-ekibastuze_a3789721

21.05.2021 Police officers stopped a Mazda car driven by a 55-year-old resident of Turkestan region in the city of Taraz, Zhambyl region, in the course of investigations. During inspection of the vehicle they found **6.6 kg of marijuana**. https://www.inform.kz/ru/krupnyuyu-partiyu-geroina-nashli-zhambylskie-policeyskie-u-zhitelya-turkestana_a3790974

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

13.05.2021 In the course of investigations in the Osh region GKNB officers stopped a truck with two Kyrgyz nationals inside. During a search of the truck in specially equipped caches inside wooden pallets they found and seized **440 kg of heroin**. <https://svodka.akipress.org/news:1703375?from=svodka&place=newstopic>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

12.05.2021 Officers of the Department for Drug Control of the Interior Ministry of Russia in Lukhovitsy urban district of Moscow region detained four citizens of Ukraine who had set up a laboratory for production of mephedrone. In a rented building of a former car service located on Timiryazeva street police found and seized **5.5 kg of mephedrone** and precursor chemicals. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/24186365>

14.05.2021 During an investigation in Surgut, officers of UMVD of Russia in the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug - Yugra detained a 43-year-old foreign citizen who had **3.8 kg of methylephedrone** at his place of residence. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/24209287>

15.05.2021 Employees of the General Directorate for Drug Control of the Russian Interior Ministry in the course of investigations in the city of Ryazan detained a previously convicted man and seized **643 g of heroin**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/24221857>

16.05.2021 In the course of investigations in the city of Ussuriysk, Primorsky Krai, police officers detained two local residents who had set up a laboratory for production of synthetic drugs at their place of residence. During a search they found and seized **1.5 kg of methylephedrone and 3 kg of various chemicals**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/24244283>

18.05.2021 Police officers detained a 30-year-old local resident and seized **180 g of heroin** during investigations in the Korenovsky district of Krasnodar Krai.



<https://мвд.рф/news/item/24263985>

18.05.2021 Police officers during investigations in the town of Khimki, Moscow region detained a 41-year-old local resident and seized **1 kg of marijuana**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/24260824>

19.05.2021 Police officers detained a group of persons engaged in cultivation and sale of marijuana in the Polesk district of Kaliningrad region during an investigation. During searches of the place of residence of the detainees they found **30 kg of marijuana** and more than 1 million rubles in cash. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/24278214>

20.05.2021 Police officers in the course of investigations in Samara region detained a 29-year-old foreign citizen from a neighboring republic, who indicated the location of a dead drop he had previously made, located in front of a residential building. A search revealed **1.8 kg of heroin**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/24304222>

20.05.2021 Employees of the Federal Customs Service of Russia, together with the Federal Security Service of Russia, the Interior Ministry of Russia, and the State Committee on National Security of the Kyrgyz Republic have conducted a number of successful operations to counter transit of smuggled consignments of heroin from the "golden crescent" countries (Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan) to Western Europe through the territory of Eurasian Economic Union states. As a result of the measures taken, activities of an international criminal group, whose members intended to smuggle heroin in shipments of 200 kg to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, were foiled. A logistics scheme was uncovered and the first four shipments were prevented. Drugs were concealed in specially equipped caches inside wooden pallets. **810 kg of heroin** were seized. Perpetrators, accomplices and organizers of the smuggling channel who are foreign nationals, including citizens of the European Union, were detained.

<https://customs.gov.ru/press/federal/document/285722>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

16.05.2021 In the course of investigations in the city of Dushanbe, officers of the Drug Control Agency detained a 39-year-old man with 983 g of methamphetamine. In the course of further investigative activities, his accomplice, a 43-year-old man, was detained and 6.2 kg of methamphetamine were seized at his place of residence. The total weight of **methamphetamine** seized was **7.1 kg**.

<https://www.asiaplustj.info/ru/news/tajikistan/laworder/20210519/narkopolitseiskie-tadzhikistana-konfiskovali-svishe-7-kilogramm-metamfetamina>

19.05.2021 Employees of the Drug Control Agency in the course of investigations in the Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast's Shugnon district detained a 24-year-old local resident in an attempt to smuggle drugs and seized a bag with **25 kg of hashish**.

<https://www.asiaplustj.info/ru/news/tajikistan/laworder/20210519/narkopolitseiskie-tadzhikistana-konfiskovali-svishe-7-kilogramm-metamfetamina>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

16.05.2021 Employees of the Department for Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking of the Interior Ministry of the Republic of Uzbekistan seized **6 826 opium poppy plants, 10**

cannabis plants and 20 g of marijuana from gardens of residents of the Ferghana, Andijan and Samarkand regions during the anti-drug operation "Korodori-2021".

<https://iiv.uz/ru/news/toshloq-tumanida-oz-uyida-5700-tup-giyohvand-osimligini-etishtirayotgan-ayol-qolga-olindi>

21.05.2021 Employees of the Tashkent region GUV D detained a local resident with **348 g of hashish** during search operations in the city of Tashkent.

<https://iiv.uz/ru/news/toshkent-viloyati-iibb-tezkor-xodimlari-tomonidan-poytaxtda-gashish-giyohvandlik-moddasini-olib-yurgan-shaxs-ushlandi>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

17.05.2021 Australian Border Force (ABF) officers at the port of Botany, NSW, while inspecting a shipment of electrical equipment arriving from Thailand, found **316 kg of methamphetamine** worth 94.5 million US dollars.

<https://newsroom.abf.gov.au/releases/06ec0c67-fc1b-4d43-8322-e6c8217dc0e4>

BRAZIL

10.05.2021 Employees of the Federal Revenue Service (IRS) at the port of Paranagua during an inspection of a container bound for Germany found **42 kg of cocaine** in the engine compartment of a refrigerated container.

<https://www.gov.br/receitafederal/pt-br/acao-a-informacao/acoes-e-programas/acoes-da-receita-federal/noticias/2021/maio/9a-regiao-fiscal/receita-federal-apreende-42-kg-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-paranagua>

12.05.2021 Federal Revenue Service (IRS) officials at the Port of Santos found **120 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of a container with a shipment of coffee bound for England.

<https://g1.globo.com/sp/santos-regiao/porto-mar/noticia/2021/05/11/mais-de-124-kg-de-cocaina-sao-encontrados-em-conteiner-carregado-com-cafe-a-granel-no-porto-de-santos.ghtml>

13.05.2021 Federal Revenue Service (IRS) officials at the Port of Santos inspected a container of frozen meat bound for the Netherlands and found **67 kg of cocaine** inside the structure of a refrigerated container.

<https://www.gov.br/receitafederal/pt-br/acao-a-informacao/acoes-e-programas/acoes-da-receita-federal/noticias/2021/maio/8a-regiao-fiscal/receita-federal-apreende-67-kg-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-santos>

15.05.2021 Federal Revenue Service (IRS) officers in the port of Santos, during an inspection of a ship bound for Spain, found **98 kg of cocaine** in a compartment known as a "sea chest" on the hull of the ship.

<https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2021/05/policia-federal-realiza-apreensao-de-entorpecente-em-casco-de-navio>

VENEZUELA

10.05.2021 Police officers at Simon Bolivar International Airport in Caracas found **124 kg of cocaine** in the fuselage of a TAP air Portugal cargo aircraft flying to Portugal.

[https://zephyrnet.com/es/La-polic%C3%ADa-encuentra-drogas-a-bordo-del-grifo-del-Airbus-A330neo-en-Venezuela./](https://zephyrnet.com/es/La-polic%C3%ADa-encuentra-drogas-a-bordo-del-grifo-del-Airbus-A330neo-en-Venezuela/)

INDIA

14.05.2021 Police in Delhi City detained an Afghan couple who were transporting **125 kg of heroin** in a car. According to detainees, they purchased drugs in Wazirabad village in north Delhi and intended to transport them to Punjab state.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/others/125kg-heroin-worth-860-crore-seized-from-afghan-couple-101620500049277.html>

19.05.2021 Police officers in the city of Imphal, Manipur, stopped a car with two citizens inside. An inspection of the vehicle revealed **58 kg of opium**.

<https://www.pothashang.in/2021/05/19/58-kg-opium-recovered/>

20.05.2021 Police in Amritsar, Punjab, apprehended a man and found and seized **1.6 kg of heroin and 580 g of opium** from his residence.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/chandigarh-news/woman-among-3-held-with-1-6-kg-of-heroin-rs-50-lakh-101621452937173.html>

IRAN

22.05.2021 From 14 to 21 May, the Iranian Anti-Narcotics Police seized **13.395 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 128 kg of heroin, 11.098 tons of opium, 1.488 tons of hashish, 563 kg of methamphetamine and 118 kg of other types of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.**¹

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

16.05.2021 National Narcotics Control Directorate (DNCD) officials at the port of Caucedo, Santo Domingo district, during an inspection of a container of dog food bound for Europe, found **450 kg of cocaine**.

<https://www.dncd.gob.do/index.php/noticias1/noticias/item/1022-ocupan-450-paquetes-presumiblemente-cocaina-en-puerto-caucedo>

CANADA

12.05.2021 Police officers in Edmonton, Alberta, detained two citizens in possession of a loaded pistol, a rifle, **4.6 kg of methamphetamine, 521 g of fentanyl** and 13 000 US dollars in cash at their residence.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/2-arrested-after-edmonton-drug-bust-nets-300k-in-meth-fentanyl-1.6032794>

KOSOVO

17.05.2021 Police officers in conjunction with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) intercepted a shipment of meat from the port of Durres, Albania. During inspection of the shipment they found and seized **400 kg of cocaine**. The shipment came from Brazil, it had been under law enforcement surveillance for two months.

<https://www.gazetaexpress.com/400-kg-of-cocaine-seized-in-kosovo/>

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

THE NETHERLANDS

10.05.2021 Customs officers at the port of IJmuiden found **15 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of a maritime vessel arriving from Colombia. <https://www.fiod.nl/15-kilo-cocaine-onderschept-in-haven-van-ijmuiden/>

ROMANIA

20.05.2021 Police officers at the Black Sea port of Constanta, during an inspection of a container of building materials arriving from Iran, found **1.4 tons of heroin** inside marble tiles. Destination of the cargo was Western Europe. <https://balkaninsight.com/2021/05/20/romania-seizes-1-4-tons-of-heroin-bound-for-western-europe/>

KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

16.05.2021 Customs officials at the port of Jeddah, during an inspection of a truck entering the country, found **2 312 000 tablets of Captagon**, a synthetic amphetamine, inside the floor. Four foreign nationals were detained in connection with the incident. <https://www.thenationalnews.com/gulf/saudi-arabia/watch-saudi-customs-officials-seize-2-3-million-captagon-pills-1.1223727>

USA

19.05.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers stopped a Ford vehicle driven by a 23-year-old U.S. citizen at the port of entry in Brownsville, Texas. An inspection of the vehicle revealed and seized **4 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/brownsville-cbp-officers-seize-156k-worth-cocaine-two-seizures>

19.05.2021 U.S. Border Patrol agents (RGC) near Rio Grande, Texas, found traces of a group of individuals headed north of the Rio Grande. During a search agents located an abandoned truck. An inspection of the truck revealed **195 kg of marijuana** valued at 345 000 dollars. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/rgv-border-patrol-agents-seize-over-900-pounds-abandoned-marijuana>

21.05.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers stopped a truck carrying watermelon at the port of entry in Otay Mesa, California. An inspection of the truck revealed **498 kg of methamphetamine** inside plastic containers. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/second-large-meth-seizure-otay-mesa-commercial-facility-week>

21.05.2021 U.S. Border Patrol agents near Hidalgo, Texas, discovered an artificial tunnel leading to a drainage system. During a search of the tunnel, two Mexican nationals were apprehended and **61 kg of marijuana** valued at 100 000 dollars were seized. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/rgv-border-patrol-agents-find-marijuana-tunnel>

23.05.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers stopped a Volkswagen vehicle driven by a 28-year-old U.S. citizen at the port of entry in Farr Ryons, Texas. An inspection of the vehicle revealed and seized **25 kg of heroin** valued at 1.5 million dollars inside a vehicle's tire. <https://www.newsmax.com/us/cbp-border-drugs/2021/05/20/id/1022171/>

TURKEY

16.05.2021 Customs officials at the port of Iskenderun, Hatay province, during an inspection of containers en route to the United Arab Emirates, found **6.2 million Captagon tablets weighing 1 072 kg** and worth 37 million dollars. It was the largest seizure of Captagon in Turkey.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/turkey-seizes-over-62m-captagon-drug-pills/2243760>

UKRAINE

19.05.2021 During search operations in Donetsk region, police officers detained a 28-year-old man and discovered **300 g of alpha-PVP, 21 MDMA tablets, and 35 g of amphetamine** at his place of residence. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/detektivipolicziji-donechchini-vikrili-narkodilka-z-psixotropami-na-majzhe-200-tisyach-griven/>

20.05.2021 Police officers during investigations in the city of Krivoy Rog, Dnepropetrovsk region detained a 50-year-old man who set up a laboratory for production of synthetic drugs at his residence. During a search they found and seized **3 kg of marijuana, 1 kg of methamphetamine, precursors** and glass flasks.

<https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/u-krivomu-rozi-policzejski-pripinili-diyalnist-narkolaboratoriji-z-vigotvlennya-metamfetaminu/>

21.05.2021 Police officers during investigations in Krivoy Rog, Dnepropetrovsk region detained a 42-year-old man and seized **4 kg of cannabis** worth 400 000 hryvnia at his place of residence. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/na-dnipropetrovshhini-policzejski-viluchili-u-narkozbuvacha-kanabis-vartistyu-ponad-400-tisyach-griven/>

ECUADOR

18.05.2021 National police officers in the Guayaquil district stopped a truck that intended to enter Guayaquil's main seaport. An inspection of the truck revealed **701 kg of cocaine**.

<https://www.policia.gob.ec/importante-operativo-antidrogas-se-ejecuto-en-el-dmg/>

RSA

11.05.2021 Customs officers at the Lebombo border post stopped a Toyota vehicle driven by a 63-year-old citizen of Mozambique. During inspection of the vehicle they found **136 kg of heroin and 19 kg of methamphetamine** inside a cargo of charcoal.

<https://lowvelder.co.za/728666/155kg-of-drugs-seized-at-border/>