

CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

(based on mass media reports)

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CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

06.07.2021 In the Jalilabad region on the Azerbaijani-Iranian border, five unknown persons violated the state border, crossing from the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Republic of Azerbaijan. Despite the demand to stop and warning shots into the air from the border guards, the violators did not obey the order, resisted and opened fire on the border guards from automatic weapons. During the shootout, one of the intruders was killed, and the rest fled towards Iran. **6 kg of heroin** and other types of drugs were found at the scene.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210706/427398553/Perestrelka-na-granitse-narkokurery-ispolzovali-avtomaty-i-sbezhal-i-v-Iran.html>

08.07.2021 Police officers detained a local resident engaged in the cultivation of cannabis during the investigations in the Khachmaz region. During the inspection of the personal plot of the house, **5175 hemp bushes and 48 kg of marijuana** were found.

<https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210708/427423165/V-Khachmaze-popalsya-konoplevod-s-neskolkim-tonnami-produktsii.html>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

05.07.2021 Inspectors of the traffic police of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Moscow region at a stationary post located on the M-4 "Don" highway, stopped a car driven by a 27-year-old resident of the Lipetsk region. During a search of the car's interior, **2 kg of methylephedrone** were found.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/24911998>

07.07.2021 Employees of the department for the control of drug trafficking during the investigations in the Bryukhovetsky district of the Krasnodar Territory detained a 60-year-old local resident who grew **2000 hemp bushes** on the territory of his household in the garden. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/24938352>

07.07.2021 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Tambov detained two citizens of neighboring states, from whom, during a search in a rented apartment, **2.3 kg of heroin** were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/24930002>

08.07.2021 Police officers stopped a car driven by a 29-year-old resident of Moscow during investigations in the city of Serpukhov, Moscow Region. During a search of the car, **1 kg of mephedrone** was found and seized in the luggage compartment.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/24957267>



08.07.2021 Police officers detained a 43-year-old local man during search operations in the city of Kaluga, Kaluga Region, from whom **2.3 kg of marijuana** were found and seized at his place of residence. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/24953994>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

05.07.2021 Employees of the Department for Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan during the anti-drug operation "Koradori-2021" seized **122 cannabis plants** on the household plots of residents of the Khorezm, Surkhandarya and Samarkand regions. <https://iiv.uz/ru/news/>

07.07.2021 Officers of the Department of Internal Affairs of the Urgut district of the Samarkand region during the investigations in the village of Pochvon detained a local resident, from whom **15 kg of marijuana** were seized at his place of residence. <https://iiv.uz/ru/news/samarqandda-profilaktika-inspektori-15-kgdan-ortiq-giyohvandlik-moddalarini-aniqladi>

10.07.2021 Officers of the Department of Internal Affairs of the Khorezm region during the conduct of investigations activities in the city of Urgench of the Khorezm region, detained a local resident, who seized **1.2 kg of opium**. <https://iiv.uz/ru/news/12-kg-opiy-30-ming-aqsh-dollariga-baholangandi>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

09.07.2021 Police officers in the city of Sydney stopped a car inside which there were two local men. During the search of the car, **17 kg of cocaine and 8 kg of methamphetamine** worth \$ 9.3 million were found and seized. <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9774735/Two-men-dramatically-arrested-Sydney-police-9-3million-haul-cocaine-ice.html>

BRAZIL

05.07.2021 Officials of the Federal Tax Service in the port of Natal during an inspection of a container with fruit, heading to the Netherlands, found **500 kg of cocaine**. <https://g1.globo.com/rn/rio-grande-do-norte/noticia/2021/07/05/receita-federal-apreende-meia-tonelada-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-natal.ghtml>

GERMANY

08.07.2021 Customs officials in Essen, West Germany, during an inspection of a container of glue that arrived from Brazil, found **451 kg of cocaine** worth 31 million euros. <https://www.presseportal.de/blaulicht/pm/116257/4964227>

INDIA

05.07.2021 Police officers in the city of Delhi detained a 19-year-old local resident, who seized **1.8 kg of opium**. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/gurugram-news/19yearold-opium-smuggler-held-near-kherki-daula-toll-101625506271013.html>

10.07.2021 Police officers in the city of Delhi detained a group of people involved in drug trafficking and smuggling. Narcotic drugs and precursors were smuggled through the Iranian port of Chabahar in Mumbai Maharashtra through the port of Jawaharlal Nehru. Then the drugs were sent for processing to a factory near Shivpuri in Madhya Pradesh and, with the help of experts from among Afghan citizens, the drugs were processed into heroin. After that, drugs were distributed in the cities of Delhi, Punjab, Haryana. During the operation, police officers seized **354 kg of heroin and 100 liters of precursors**. There is also an Afghan citizen among the detainees. The organizer of this criminal group is Navprit Singh, located in Portugal. <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/rs-2-500-crore-worth-heroin-seized-near-delhi-this-is-what-it-looks-like-2483649>

IRAN

10.07.2021 From 03 to 09 July, the Iranian Anti-Narcotics Police seized **21.666 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 1.5 tons of heroin, 14.8 tons of opium, 1.8 tons of hashish, 655 kg of methamphetamine, 2.8 tons of other types of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances**.¹

COLOMBIA

09.07.2021 National Police officers in the port of Barranquilla, during an inspection of a container of charcoal bound for France, found **1 ton of cocaine**. <https://www.elheraldo.co/judicial/policia-incauta-mas-de-una-tonelada-de-cocaina-en-el-puerto-de-barranquilla-832160>

UAE

07.07.2021 Customs officers at Dubai International Airport detained an Afghan citizen who was found to carry **3.7 kg of heroin** in his luggage. The drugs were hidden inside metal parts under the lining of the suitcase. <https://gulfnews.com/uae/crime/traveller-caught-in-dubai-with-37kg-of-heroin-hidden-in-baggage-1.80484808>

PAKISTAN

06.07.2021 Coast Guard officers in the city of Gwadar, located in the southwestern province of Baluchistan, found **93 kg of heroin** hidden near New Town Road. The seized drugs were intended to be transported abroad by sea. <https://dailytimes.com.pk/786027/coast-guards-recover-93kgs-of-heroin-from-gwadar/>

SINGAPORE

05.07.2021 A 65-year-old man and a 55-year-old woman were detained by officers from the Central Narcotics Bureau near Tampines Street, who were found and seized **1 kg of heroin** and \$ 7,000 cashes. <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/almost-1kg-of-heroin-and-over-50000-in-cash-seized-in-drug-bust-in-tampines>

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

USA

06.07.2021 Border Patrol agents working east of Rio Grande City, Texas, spotted eight people swam across the Rio Grande River and loaded their bags into a white car. When the agents approached the vehicle, the subjects fled towards Mexico. The agents found **243kg of marijuana** inside the vehicle, with an estimated retail value of \$ 428,000. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/laredo-sector-border-patrol-stops-multiple-narcotics-smuggling-attempts>

08.07.2021 Police officers in Los Angeles, California, in the Antelope Valley, found **372,000 marijuana plants and 15.1 tons of harvested marijuana** worth 1.1 billion dollars. This seizure is the largest in Los Angeles County history. On this fact, 131 people involved in the cultivation and sale of drugs were detained. They also seized 65 cars, \$ 28,000 in cash and 33 firearms. https://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2021/07/08/Los-Angeles-County-makes-record-1-billion-pot-seizure/8941625713124/?ur3=1

THAILAND

06.07.2021 Customs officers inspected a shipment of acrylic paint bound for Australia and found 315 kg of heroin. The drugs were hidden in shrink wrap inside the paint. The total cost of the seized drugs was \$ 29 million. https://www.whig.com/ap/international/thailand-seizes-315-kilograms-of-heroin-bound-for-australia/article_d93b7555-a2da-5641-9730-dc50c2b73b85.html

09.07.2021 Police officers in the Sayburi district of Pattani province detained a local woman who was storing **277 kg of crystalline methamphetamine** in her home. <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2146251/>

TURKEY

09.07.2021 Customs officers, during a joint operation with the Narcotics Crimes Unit of the Police Department in the port of Iskenderun, during an inspection of a cargo ship arriving from the port of Mersin, found and seized **176 kg of cocaine**. <https://news2sea.com/176-kilograms-of-cocaine-seized-on-a-ship-in-iskenderun-bay/>

UKRAINE

05.07.2021 Police officers detained a foreign citizen during investigations in the city of Kiev, who seized **350 g** of cocaine worth 35,000 US dollars. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/u-stoliczi-slidchi-povidomili-inozemczyu-pro-pidozru-za-zbut-kokajinu/>

08.07.2021 Police officers in the course of operational-search activities in the city of Krivoy Rog, Dnipropetrovsk region, detained a 28-year-old local resident, who found and seized **9 kg of cannabis and 1 kg of methamphetamine** in his rented apartment. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/u-krivomu-rozi-policzejski-viluchili-u-miscevogo-zhitelya-narkotichni-ta-psixotropni-rechovini-na-2-5-mln-griven/>

09.07.2021 Police officers during investigations in the Kryvoy Rog district of the Dnipropetrovsk region, detained a 35-year-old local resident who grew hemp in his garden



plot. During the search, **300 hemp bushes and 8 kg of cannabis** were found.
<https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/na-dnipropetrovshhini-policzejski-viluchili-v-inozemczya-narkotiki-na-sumu-ponad-trox-miljoniv-griven/>

ECUADOR

05.07.2021 Police officers in the port of Guayaquil, while inspecting a container of canned tuna heading to Belgium, found and seized **500 kg of cocaine**.
<https://www.policia.gob.ec/operacion-antidrogas-tauro-dejo-como-resultado-la-aprehension-de-media-tonelada-de-cocaina/>