

**CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(based on mass media reports)

**12.07. to 18.07.2021**

**№24**

**CARICC MEMBER STATES**

**REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN**

**12.07.2021** Police officers detained a 20-year-old local resident from whom **42.5 kg of marijuana** was confiscated during investigations in the village of Tasotkel in the city of Shu in the Zhambyl region.

[https://www.inform.kz/ru/42-5-kg-marihuany-iz-yali-u-20-letnego-zhitelya-shu\\_a3811857](https://www.inform.kz/ru/42-5-kg-marihuany-iz-yali-u-20-letnego-zhitelya-shu_a3811857)

**14.07.2021** Police officers detained two local residents during investigations in the city of Semey, East Kazakhstan region, from whom **4.9 kg of hashish and 3.1 kg of marijuana** were found and seized at their place of residence.

[https://www.inform.kz/ru/pochti-sem-kg-narkotikov-iz-yali-u-zhitelya-semeya\\_a3812784](https://www.inform.kz/ru/pochti-sem-kg-narkotikov-iz-yali-u-zhitelya-semeya_a3812784)

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**12.07.2021** Police officers detained a local resident in the course of investigations in the city of Vladikavkaz of the Republic of North Ossetia-Alania, near the bus station No. 1, from whom **500 g of methylephedrone** were seized.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/24991164>

**13.07.2021** Police officers detained a 63-year-old local resident who was growing **452 hemp bushes** on the territory of her household in a vegetable garden during search operations in the village of Ogudnevo, located in the Shchelkovsky district of the Moscow region. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/25003522>

**14.07.2021** Police officers carry out operational-search measures in the Saratov region, detain two residents who are in the basement of a private household and equipped a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs. During the search, **4 kg of synthetic drugs** were found. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/25020806>

**15.07.2021** Police officers during investigations in the city of Kubinka, located in the Odintsovo urban district of the Moscow region, detained a resident of the city of Moscow, from whom **1.5 kg of mephedrone** was found and seized in his bag. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/25030927>

**16.07.2021** Police officers detained a 22-year-old local man during investigations in the city of Vidnoye, Moscow Region, who was found to possess and seized **2 kg of methylephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/25048556>

**16.07.2021** Police officers detained two local residents during investigations in the city of Nizhny Novgorod, who were found to possess and seized **300 g of heroin**. The detainees

planned to sell drugs on the territory of the Nizhny Novgorod district of the regional center by means of the equipment of cache-stashes.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/25045145>

## REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**15.07.2021** 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" in the homesteads of residents of Bukhara, Surkhandarya and Samarkand regions seized **198 opium poppy plants, 530 g of hashish and 128 g of opium.**

<https://iiv.uz/ru/news/>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### ALBANIA

**13.07.2021** Police officers in the port of Durres, during an inspection of a container with bananas arriving from Ecuador, found and seized **14 kg of cocaine.** On this fact, two citizens were detained, involved in this cargo.

[https://abcnews.al/police-operation-in-durres-cocaine-found-in-a-banana-container-2-arrested/?utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=police-operation-in-durres-cocaine-found-in-a-banana-container-2-arrested](https://abcnews.al/police-operation-in-durres-cocaine-found-in-a-banana-container-2-arrested/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=police-operation-in-durres-cocaine-found-in-a-banana-container-2-arrested)

### BENIN

**13.07.2021** During a joint operation of the Benin Police, the Spanish Civil Guard and the Spanish Tax Administration in the port of Cotonou, during the inspection of a container with sugar arriving from Brazil in transit through the port of Las Palmas (Spain), **145 kg of cocaine** were found and seized. As a result of the investigation, 10 people were detained. These are mainly African executives from the Mediterranean Shipping Company and the terminal at the port of Cotonou.

<https://diariodeavisos.elespanol.com/canariasenred/escandalo-en-el-puerto-de-las-palmas-ejecutivos-de-msc-y-bollore-detenidos-por-traficar-cocaina-en-el-puerto/>

### GREAT BRITAIN

**12.07.2021** Officials of the National Crime Agency at a terminal under the Channel Tunnel in Coquel, France, stopped a truck driven by a 37-year-old Serbian citizen. A search of the truck found and seized **40 kg of cocaine** in packages placed in boxes on top of the goods. A truck driver was detained on this fact.

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/lorry-driver-charged-following-40-kilo-cocaine-haul>

**14.07.2021** Police officers, together with Dutch police in the port of Dublin, during an inspection of a container of charcoal arriving from South America, found and seized **cocaine worth 34 million euros.** The drug disguise process involved mixing pure cocaine with coal dust, black paint, and an odor blocker. Then blocks were formed from it, which looked like coal, and hidden in bags. Drug traffickers use this method because the shape and color of the drugs are similar, making it difficult to identify cocaine. This process also removes the smell of cocaine, which prevents sniffer dogs from detecting the drug.

<https://www.rte.ie/news/ireland/2021/0714/1235070-cocaine-seizure/>

## INDIA

**12.07.2021** Tax Intelligence Agency officers at Kochi International Airport, Kerala, detained a 32-year-old Tanzanian citizen who was found and seized **4.6 kg of heroin** during a luggage search.

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/kerala/2021/jul/12/tanzanian-held-with-nearly-5-kg-of-heroin-at-kochi-airport-second-such-seizure-in-a-month-2329011.html>

**17.07.2021** Police officers near the Pakistani-Indian border in Tarn Taran district, Punjab state, detained two local residents who seized **4.6 kg of heroin**.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/chandigarh-news>

**18.07.2021** Police officers in Kolkata, West Bengal, stopped a motorcycle driven by a local resident. During the search of the motorcycle, **5.1 kg of heroin** were found and seized.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kolkata-police-stf-arrests-drug-peddler-heroin-worth-26-crore-seized/article35390882.ece>

## IRAN

**18.07.2021** From 10 to 16 July, the Iranian Anti-Narcotics Police seized **18.388 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 182 kg of heroin, 13.3 tons of opium, 2.5 tons of hashish, 273 kg of methamphetamine, 2 tons of other types of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.**<sup>1</sup>

## CANADA

**16.07.2021** Police officers in Winnipeg, Manitoba, detained a 43-year-old man and a 31-year-old woman who were found and seized **1 kg of methamphetamine and 1 kg of cannabis** at their place of residence. <https://www.chrisd.ca/2021/07/20/winnipeg-drug-seizure-charges-rcmp/>

## COSTA RICA

**17.07.2021** Drug Control Police officers at the Moin Port of Limón, while inspecting a container of ceramics from Colombia, found and seized **4.3 tons of cocaine**.

<https://www.nacion.com/sucesos/narcotrafico/narcos-colombianos-intentaron-meter-43-toneladas/2TEGN6GICFHG7OKAKQTR2SXWLA/story/>

## THE NETHERLANDS

**14.07.2021** Customs officers in the port of Rotterdam, while inspecting a container of mashed banana from Ecuador, found and seized **3 tons of cocaine** worth 225 million euros. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/07/16/douane-onderschept-3001-kilo-cocaine>

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

**16.07.2021** Customs officers in the port of Rotterdam, during an inspection of a container of pineapple arriving from Costa Rica, found and seized **1.5 tons of cocaine** worth 115 million euros.

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/07/16/douane-onderschept-1543-kilo-cocaine-tussen-fruit>

## PANAMA

**13.07.2021** Officials of the National Aviation Service in the port of Cristobal, during an inspection of a container bound for Belgium, found and seized **300 kg of cocaine**.

<http://www.aeronaval.gob.pa/default.asp?aid=noticias&n=articulos-noticias-2021-20210713.html>

## PUERTO RICO

**14.07.2021** The US Border Patrol and the Puerto Rico Joint Police Force seized **155.4 kg of cocaine**, which was being smuggled through Cabo Rojo on the southwest coast of the island. The estimated value of the seized cocaine is \$ 4.6 million.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/us-border-patrol-fura-seize-cocaine-haul-worth-46-million-near-cabo>

## USA

**13.07.2021** Agents of the Border Patrol sector of El Centro, California, stopped an Acura TSX vehicle driven by a 62-year-old US citizen. During the search of the trunk of the car, **44 kg of methamphetamine** worth \$ 271,000 were found and seized.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/el-centro-border-patrol-agents-seize-meth-checkpoint>

**14.07.2021** US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at Laredo Port of Entry, Texas, stopped a Freightliner from Mexico. During inspection of the trailer found and seized **1.6 tons of methamphetamine** worth \$ 74 million. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-laredo-port-entry-seize-narcotics-worth-over-75-million>

**15.07.2021** US Customs and Border Protection officers at the port of entry of Laredo, Texas, stopped a truck arriving from Mexico. During the inspection of the truck, **2.5 kg of heroin** worth \$ 129,000 were found and seized inside the toy cars.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-laredo-port-entry-seize-narcotics-worth-over-75-million>

**18.07.2021** Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) officers in the Bronx area of New York City have detained a group of drug traffickers. During a search at the place of residence of the detainees, **40 kg of heroin and fentanyl** were found and seized. <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/covid-19-heroin-seized-in-dollar5m-nyc-drug-bust/ar-AAMeK6J>

## UKRAINE

**16.07.2021** Police officers detained a 30-year-old local resident during search operations in the Lviv region, who seized **300 g of methamphetamine, 300 g of PVP and 300 MDMA tablets**.

<https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochyni/MDMA-rVP-ta-metamfetamin-na-pivmiljona-griven-policejski-zatrimali-rozpovsyudzhuva-cha-narkotikiv-u-lvovi/>



**18.07.2021** Police officers during investigations in the Kherson region detained a group of people who were growing hemp among the flooded areas on the left bank of the Dnieper River using all the necessary technologies. To care for the plants, the group members used a walk-behind tractor and a portable motorized pumping station, as well as various fertilizers to accelerate plant growth. During the inspection, **1768 hemp bushes and 15 kg of dried hemp** were found, ready for sale at a cost of 10 million hryvnia.

<https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/na-xersonshhini-policzejski-viyavili-plantacziyu-konopli-vartistyu-ponad-10-miljoniv-griven/>

## ECUADOR

**12.07.2021** Police officers in the city of Quito intercepted **30 kg of cocaine** that were to be shipped from Quito to the Netherlands. The drugs were disguised in double bottom flower boxes. On this fact, two men involved in this crime were detained.

<https://quenoticias.com/noticias/policia-antinarcoticos-cocaina-camuflados-cajas-flores-paises-bajos-quito/>