



CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

(based on mass media reports)

19.07. to 31.07.2021

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CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC

31.07.2021 During the criminal intelligence operations police officers apprehended a local resident in Baku who had been selling heroin. In the course of a search of the apprehended man's place of residence, **600 grams of heroin were found and seized.** <https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20210803/427614839/-Mat-i-syn-naladili-torgovlyu-narkotikami-v-Baku.html>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

31.07.2021 During the seven months of this year the officers of the Office for Combating Drug Crimes of Zhambyl Region Police Department detected 377 criminal drug crimes. Among them there are 74 facts of drug sales, 37 facts of storage in especially large scale, 10 cases of drugs smuggling, 14 cases of cultivation of narcotic plants, 1 case of violation of rules of treatment with narcotic, psychotropic or poisonous substances. 1 ton 22 kg of various narcotic substances were seized from illegal turnover, including **942 kg of marijuana, over 79 kg of hashish and 796 g of heroin.** <https://polisia.kz/ru/377-narkoprestuplenij-s-nachala-goda-vyyavili-v-zhambylskoj-oblasti/>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

27.07.2021 Police officers arrested a 36-year-old man who was cultivating cannabis at his place of residence during criminal intelligence operations. During the search **37 cannabis** plants with a total weight of **6 kg** were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/25188882>

27.07.2021 In the course of criminal intelligence operations in Smolensk region, police officers precluded the activities of a laboratory manufacturing precursors of narcotic drugs. The clandestine production functioned in the apartment of one of the multi-storey buildings in Desnogorsk. During the search of the premises police seized more than 200 liters of liquid used for the synthesis of the banned substance, as well as the finished product of 6.5 kg. In addition, various equipment was found that was allegedly used in the illegal activity. According to preliminary data, the laboratory was organized by two local residents. They had ordered the raw materials on a trading platform in the so-called shadow segment of the Internet and received them by courier delivery. The finished product was intended for further sale through an online store, the communication with the personnel of which was maintained through an instant messenger. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/25183154>



27.07.2021 In the course of criminal intelligence operations in the Orlov region, police officers apprehended a 25-year-old citizen of one of the neighboring republics. During a personal search, **355 grams** of heroin were found and seized from him. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/25176164>

28.07.2021 In the course of criminal intelligence operations in Krasnodar Territory, police officers stopped a car driven by a 25-year-old resident of Moscow Region at a Kushchevsky traffic police station. During the search of the car, **400 grams** of heroin was found on the back-passenger seat. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/25203926>

30.07.2021 Police officers arrested a young man born in 1997 and a girl born in 1999 suspected of organizing a drug laboratory and selling drugs in bulk quantities during an investigation in the village of Paromovo, Semyonovsky Region, Nizhny Novgorod Oblast. During the search of the residence were found and seized two polymer rolls with mephedrone, a total weight of **1.5 kg** and laboratory equipment - flasks, measuring cups, various chemical indicators, personal protective equipment and packaging material. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/25251832>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

30.07.2021 The officers of the Department of Internal Affairs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Tajikistan arrest three local residents in Dushanbe and seized **1990 MDMA tablets** and **345 grams of methamphetamine** from them during the criminal intelligence operations. The synthetic substances had been brought to the country from abroad. <https://www.asiaplustj.info/ru/news/tajikistan/laworder/20210730/v-dushanbe-zaderzhani-tri-gruppi-rasprostranitelei-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

29.07.2021 The officers of the criminal investigation department of the Chust region during the operational-investigative activities in Chust, Namangan region apprehended a 47-year-old local resident, from whom **763 grams of marijuana** were seized at his place of residence. <https://iiv.uz/ru/news/chust-tumanida-fuqaroning-uyidan-763-gr-marixuana-aniqlab-olindi>

ON OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

30.07.2021 Police officers in Sydney stopped a taxicab with a 23-year-old local passenger inside. A search of the vehicle revealed **2 kilograms of heroin**. <https://www.9news.com.au/national/sydney-man-arrested-after-heroin-allegedly-seized-in-taxi/a95c4602-473c-4638-879b-56a66fb15a10>

ALBANY

26.07.2021 Police officers at the port of Durrës, during an inspection of container of bananas arriving from Ecuador found and seized **6.5 kilograms of cocaine**. <https://exit.al/en/2021/07/24/albanian-police-seize-6-5-kg-of-cocaine-shipped-from-latin-america/>

ARMENIA

30.07.2021 Employees of the Anti-Smuggling Department of the State Revenue Committee of Armenia together with law enforcement agencies of Georgia and Ukraine conducted a special operation to apprehend people smuggling drugs from Iran to EU countries in transit through Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine. During the 20-day operation, a truck with 20 tons of refractory bricks arrived from the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Republic of Armenia. Under operational convoy by Armenian, Georgian, and then Ukrainian law enforcement officials, the truck proceeded through Armenia and Georgia to the port of Poti and from there by ship to the port of Chernomorsk in Ukraine, where, upon arrival, the truck headed for Kiev. Two Turkish citizens who were part of the group rented a warehouse in Kiev. It was to this warehouse that the goods were delivered, unloaded, and stored as a drug cache after customs clearance. During the search of the warehouse, **368 kilograms of heroin** were found and seized. The seized drugs were planned to be shipped in small consignments to European Union countries. The value of the drug found on the black market is about 45 million U.S. dollars. <https://news.am/eng/news/656040.html>

BRAZIL

26.07.2021 Federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) officers discovered **290 kilograms** of cocaine in the port of Santos during an inspection of a sugar ship bound for Nigeria. <https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2021/07/policia-federal-realiza-apreensao-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-santos>

HONGKONG

27.07.2021 Police officers in Hong Kong City apprehended a 57-year-old local man from whom **1.5 kg of heroin** was found and seized. During additional operational activities, **84 kg of heroin and amphetamine** were found at the detainee's place of residence. The total value of the seized drugs is estimated at HK\$ 436 million. <https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3142886/routine-police-identity-check-ends-seizure-hk76>

INDIA

26.07.2021 Police officers in Nuh district, Haryana state, stopped a truck with two locals inside. A search of the truck revealed and seized **265 kg of cannabis and 2 kg of opium**. <https://www.dailypioneer.com/2021/state-editions/haryana-police-seizes-505-kg----doda-post----265-kg----ganja-leaf---.html>

27.07.2021 Police officers in Dwarka, Gujarat state, apprehended two women who had been trafficking heroin to various cities in India for a long time. During a search of the detainees, **2 kilograms of heroin** were found in their possession. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/others/two-women-part-of-an-interstate-smuggling-racket-held-with-two-kilos-of-heroin-in-dwarka-101628188613908.html>

IRAN

31.07.2021 From July 24 to 30, the Anti-Drug Police of Iran seized **12.594 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances from illegal trafficking, including 123 kg of heroin, 10.4 tons of opium, 1.7 tons of hashish, 113 kg of methamphetamine and 135 kg of other types of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.**¹

IRELAND

29.07.2021 Police officers arrested a 24-year-old man in Dublin's Terenour station with **2,600 MDMA pills.**

<https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/courtandcrime/arid-40348619.html>

QATAR

26.07.2021 Air Cargo Customs agents at Doha Airport during an inspection of shipment of spare parts found **6.8 kilograms of marijuana** hidden inside the spare parts. The package came from an African country.

<https://thepeninsulaqatar.com/article/26/07/2021/Customs-thwart-attempt-to-smuggle-marijuana>

PARAGUAY

28.07.2021 Police officers in Fernando de la Mora found **3 tons of 416 kilograms of cocaine** in a warehouse that was ready to be exported. The seized drug was distributed in bread and placed in bags of sugar, ready to be transported in a large truck.

<http://www.mdi.gov.py/index.php/component/k2/item/13261-polic%C3%ADa-nacional-reporta-r%C3%A9cord-en-incautaci%C3%B3n-de-coca%C3%ADna>

ROMANIA

29.07.2021 Police officers in the district of Chiandje in Ilfov County found **503 kilograms of cocaine** worth 25 million euros in boxes of bananas in a fruit and vegetable warehouse. The investigation revealed that the amount of cocaine in question had reached Romanian territory in the form of about 20 tons of bananas arriving from Colombia via the port of Constanta.

https://www.nineoclock.ro/2021/07/29/over-half-a-ton-of-cocaine-discovered-in-banana-boxes-in-chiajna-warehouse/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=over-half-a-ton-of-cocaine-discovered-in-banana-boxes-in-chiajna-warehouse

SALVADOR

25.07.2021 Officers of the Salvadoran Ministry of Defense in the west of the country, near the coast of Acajutla, stopped a boat bound for Guatemala. Inside the boat were two Ecuadorians and a Colombian citizen. A search of the boat revealed **585 kilograms of**

¹ Data provided by the Islamic Republic of Iran Anti-Drug Police Liaison Officer.

cocaine worth \$14 million. <https://www.plenglish.com/index.php?SEO=salvadoran-authorities-seize-585-kg-of-cocaine&id=69868&o=rn>

USA

27.07.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the port of entry in Brownsville, Texas, stopped a Mercedes vehicle driven by a 36-year-old U.S. citizen. A search of the vehicle revealed and seized **10 kilograms of cocaine** valued at \$185,000. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/brownsville-cbp-officers-seize-185k-cocaine-gateway-bridge>

27.07.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers stopped a Chevrolet driven by a 24-year-old U.S. citizen at the port of entry in Hidalgo, Texas. A search of the vehicle revealed and seized **51 kilograms of methamphetamine** worth \$1.5 million. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-15-million-methamphetamine-anzalduas-international>

30.07.2021 Agents of the Border Patrol of Sector Rio Grande, Texas, apprehended a Mexican citizen from whom they seized four bags of **80 kilograms of marijuana** worth \$140,000. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/agents-rgv-seize-197k-worth-marijuana#>

30.07.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers stopped a Ford vehicle driven by a 31-year-old U.S. citizen at the port of entry in Eagle Pass, Texas. A search of the vehicle revealed and seized **11 kilograms of cocaine**. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seized-190k-hard-narcotics-eagle-pass-port-entry>

TURKEY

26.07.2021 Police officers apprehended four citizens engaged in drug smuggling in two separate operations in Van and Hakkari provinces. They seized **714 kilograms of heroin** from the suspects. <https://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/over-714-kg-of-heroin-seized-in-turkey-166548>

UKRAINE

26.07.2021 Police officers during the operational and investigative activities in the Kherson region on the territory of Chaplynsky territorial community found a **cannabis crop** of one hectare. In total, law enforcement officers seized **34700 bushes of narcotic plants**. The drug plantation was located on the territory of a ruined poultry farm near the village of Preobrazhenka. The plants, which are hybrid cannabinoid-enhanced cannabis, were sown with the help of special agricultural machinery. The cannabis was cultivated using drip irrigation, and the plants were also carefully treated against weeds. Four local residents were detained on this fact. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochyni/na-xersonshhini-policziya-yivavila-posiv-konopel-vartistyu-ponad-300-miljoniv-griven/>

29.07.2021 Police officers arrested a 23-year-old local resident who was selling narcotics in Kiev in the course of operational and investigative activities. During a search of his residence, **1 kg of amphetamine, 500 g of mephedrone and 200 MDMA tablets** were



found and seized. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/u-kiyanina-viluchili-narkotikiv-ta-psixotropiv-na-ponad-4-miljoni-griven/>

29.07.2021 Police officers in the course of investigative activities in Zhytomyr region apprehended three local residents who had set up a laboratory for the production of psychotropic substances in their home. During a search **2.5 tons of precursors and 5 kg of alpha-PVP** were found and seized. The laboratory had the capacity to manufacture about 50 kg of psychotropic substances per month.

<https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/stolichni-policzejski-likvidovali-narkolaboratoriyu-ta-viluchili-narkotiki-ta-psixotropi-na-ponad-70-miljoniv-griven/>

SOUTH AFRICA

30.07.2021 Drug Enforcement Officers at the Port of Durban found **1 ton of cocaine** worth R500 million during an inspection of a container of car spare parts.

<https://www.news24.com/witness/news/durban/half-a-billion-worth-of-drugs-seized-at-durban-harbour-20210808>