

CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY
 (based on mass media reports)

01.08. to 15.08.2021

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In the period from 01 to 15 August 2021, based on information from mass media, law enforcement bodies and law enforcement agencies of CARICC member states seized **219 kg 600 g of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances** from illegal turnover, including: **heroin - 7.8 kg, cannabis group-23.2 kg and synthetic drugs-188.4 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

12.08.2021 Police officers during the operational and investigative activities in the Kyzylorda region, detained a 23-year-old resident of Atyrau, who equipped a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs in his rented apartment. During the search of the apartment, **352 grams** of mephedrone, chemicals, scales, foil rolls and packages were found and seized. The detainee was selling drugs through the Internet. https://www.inform.kz/ru/osobo-krupnuyu-partiyu-sintetiki-iz-yali-policeyskie-v-kyzylorde_a3823345

15.08.2021 During the investigative operations in Zhambyl region, police officers stopped a car with three residents of Korday village inside, on the Shu-Korday highway. During the search of the car, two bags of **marijuana** with a total weight of **16.5 kg** were found and seized. https://www.inform.kz/ru/16-kg-marihuany-iz-yali-u-treh-zhiteley-zhambylskoy-oblasti_a3824444

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

09.08.2021 Employees of the Service for Combating Drug Trafficking of the Interior Ministry of the Kyrgyz Republic in the course of operational and investigative activities in the Osh region detained a 52-year-old local resident, from whom they seized **5.1 kg of heroin**. <https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/mass-media/all-news/item/13419-operativnikami-sbnon-mvd-kr-vvyavlen-i-perekryt-kanal-sbyta-narkotikov-afganskogo-proiskhozhdeniya>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

09.08.2021 Police officers apprehended a 45-year-old woman who was selling heroin in Kaluzhskaya Oblast in the course of investigative activities. During a personal search of the detainee **192 grams of heroin** were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/25391130>

09.08.2021 Police officers apprehended a 40-year-old local resident who was growing cannabis on his garden plot during an investigation in the Nikolaevsky District of Khabarovsk Territory. During the inspection, **750 cannabis bushes** were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/25389633>

11.08.2021 Police officers detained a 23-year-old local resident who was selling narcotic drugs during an investigation in the town of Obninsk, Kaluzhskaya Oblast. During the search

of the detainee's residence, **5 kg of mephedrone, 897 g of amphetamine and 159 g of hashish** were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/25426889>

12.08.2021 Police officers in the course of operational and investigative activities in the city of Odintsovo, Moscow region, apprehended three local residents who, under the guise of pharmaceutical activities, were illegally selling substances dangerous to health in a pharmacy. During the search of the pharmacy **178 kg** of the highly potent substance **pregabalin** were found. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/25435532>

12.08.2021 Police officers in the course of investigative actions in the Samara region detained a 29-year-old native of one of the neighboring countries who was selling heroin. During a search of the detainee's place of residence, **2.6 kg of heroin** was found and seized, which was prepared for further sale through "packs" in the Samara region. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/25426633>

13.08.2021 During the investigative work in Korenovsky district of Krasnodar region police officers stopped a Volkswagen Passat car driven by a 39-year-old resident of Krasnodar. During the search of the car, **4.2 kg of methylephedrone** was found in the back seat. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/25451674>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

03.08.2021 The Drug Control Agency officers apprehended three local residents who were selling psychotropic substances under the guise of pharmaceutical activities in the city of Dushanbe during investigative actions. During the search **914 tablets of Alprazolam** were found and seized. <https://akn.tj/ru/2021/08/03/illegal-sale-of-psychotropic-drugs-was-revealed/>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

08.08.2021 The employees of the criminal investigation department of the Internal Affairs Department of the Jambay region apprehended a 26-year-old local resident who was growing cannabis on his garden plot in the Samarkand region during the investigative activities. During the inspection, **2,160 cannabis bushes** were found and seized. <https://iiv.uz/news/samarqandda-otkazilayotgan-jinoyatchilikka-qarshi-kurash-tezkor-profilaktik-oyligini-doirasida-kop-miqdorda-kannabis-osimligini-etishtirayotgan-shaxs-aniqlandi>

OTHER COUNTRIES

ALBANY

06.08.2021 Police officers at the port of Durrës, during an inspection of the seafood container arriving from Ecuador, found packages containing **7 kilograms of cocaine** inside the ventilation covers. <https://albaniandailynews.com/news/cocaine-found-once-again-in-durres-port-one-arrested>

BANGLADESH

05.08.2021 Border security forces in Dhaka near Cox's Bazar district seized **410,000 methamphetamine pills** worth 123 million Bangladeshi taka (\$1.5 million). The seized

pills were smuggled from Myanmar. Investigations are underway to identify those involved in the crime. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/asia-pacific/bangladesh-border-force-seizes-huge-quantity-of-narcotics/2325742>

BRAZIL

04.08.2021 Federal police officers at Fortaleza International Airport, Ceara, searched an executive jet from Turkey, carrying a Spanish passenger and four Turkish crew members. Twenty-four suitcases with **cocaine**, weighing a total of **1.3 tons**, were found and seized. The investigation revealed that the cocaine belonged to a Spanish passenger, who intended to transport the drugs to Belgium. <https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2021/08/pf-apreende-1-3-tonelada-de-cocaina-em-jato-executivo-no-aeroporto-de-fortaleza>

11.08.2021 Federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) officials at the port of Paranagua, during an inspection of a container bound for France, found **350 kilograms of cocaine** inside boxes. <https://www.gov.br/receitafederal/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2021/agosto/receita-federal-apreende-350-kg-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-paranagua>

GREAT BRITAIN

13.08.2021 Police in Aberdeen, north-east Scotland, have apprehended two Liverpool residents from whom they seized £75,000 worth of **heroin (weight unspecified)**. <https://www.eveningexpress.co.uk/fp/news/local/man-and-woman-accused-of-supplying-drugs-after-75000-heroin-seized-in-aberdeen/>

14.08.2021 Officers from the National Crime Agency (NCA) stopped a truck driven by a 64-year-old from Essex County, England, near the Channel Tunnel terminal. A search of the truck revealed **63kg of heroin and 32kg of cocaine** hidden in two pallets among a load of Belgian chocolates. <https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/co-tyrone-lorry-driver-charged-following-seizure-of-57m-worth-of-drugs-hidden-among-chocolates-40765361.html>

HONGKONG

05.08.2021 Police officers in Hong Kong City apprehended a 23-year-old local resident, from whom they found and seized 600 grams of heroin. During the additional operational activities at the place of residence of the detainee **24 kg of heroin** worth 28 million Hong Kong dollars were found. The detainee's father and sister, who had been selling drugs in the city, were also detained in the case. <https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3143970/hong-kong-police-arrest-father-and-two-daughters>

INDIA

10.08.2021 Customs officials at Delhi International Airport detained two Afghan nationals while attempting to smuggle **8 kilograms of heroin** hidden in 30 bottles of hair dye and two bottles of shampoo. <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/heroin-worth-rs-53-crore-hidden-in-shampoo-bottles-seized-at-delhi-airport-2507490>

12.08.2021 Police officers in Delhi stopped the car driven by a resident of Uttar Pradesh. During the search of the vehicle, **75 kg of marijuana** was found and seized. The drugs



had been brought from Uttar Pradesh to the capital for onward sale. <https://www.indiatoday.in/cities/delhi/story/delhi-police-busts-interstate-drug-racket-75-kg-of-marijuana-worth-rs-1-5-crore-seized-1840138-2021-08-12>

14.08.2021 Police officers in the district of Malda, West Bengal, detained four local men who were selling narcotic drugs. During an examination, **2.2 kg of amphetamine and 10 kg of heroin** were seized from the detainees. <https://www.republicworld.com/india-news/law-and-order/bengal-drugs-worth-rs-55-crore-seized-4-arrested.html>

IRELAND

05.08.2021 Staff from the National Bureau of Narcotics and Organized Crime in the county of Wexford, province of Lenster, stopped the truck and trailer arriving from continental Europe. During search of the truck, **heroin**, weighing a total of **88 kilograms**, was found on the low-bed trailer. The value of the heroin shipment was 12 million euros. <https://www.rte.ie/news/2021/0806/1239377-heroin-rosslare/>

13.08.2021 Staff from the National Bureau for Combating Drugs and Organized Crime in the city of Cavan detained a 27-year-old man from whom **2.5 kilograms of cannabis** worth 51,000 euros were seized. <https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/courtandcrime/arid-40358939.html>

SPAIN

13.08.2021 Agents of the National Police in the city of Valencia, in a cargo warehouse, during an inspection of a container arriving from Ecuador, found **1.1 tons of cocaine** in the ceiling and floor of the container itself. https://www.policia.es/es/comunicacion_prensa_detalle.php?ID=9522#

CAMBODIA

06.08.2021 Police officers in the Sen Sok district of Phnom Penh apprehended four local residents from whom they seized **3.4 kilograms of crystalline methamphetamine**. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/asiapacific/2021-08/06/c_1310111448.htm

CANADA

09.08.2021 Canada Border Services Agency officers stopped a truck driven by a 46-year-old Ontario man at the port of entry in Point Edward, Ontario. A search of the truck revealed and seized **83 kilograms of cocaine** worth \$7 million. <https://london.ctvnews.ca/about-83-kg-of-suspected-cocaine-seized-at-blue-water-bridge-1.5546421>

COLUMBIA

06.08.2021 Officers from the Drug Enforcement Administration in the city of Cartagena found and seized **250 kilograms of cocaine** during an inspection of a container with a shipment of ceramic tile adhesive bound for Honduras. <https://www.policia.gov.co/noticia/frustramos-envio-250-kilos-clorhidrato-cocaina-honduras>

MALAYSIA

15.08.2021 Police officers in the city of Kuala Lumpur, Ampang district, during the special operation apprehended 17 members of an organized criminal group. The operation resulted in the seizure of **100 kg of methamphetamine** worth 4 million ringgits. <https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2021/08/718736/police-bust-two-drug-syndicates-seize-drugs-worth-close-rm4-million>

NETHERLANDS

13.08.2021 Customs officials at the port of Rotterdam during an inspection of a container of banana pulp arriving from Costa Rica found **2.1 tons of cocaine** worth 157 million euros. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/08/13/douane-onderschept-2100-kilo-cocaine-tussen-bananenpulp>

PAKISTAN

10.08.2021 Police officers in the city of Lahore, near the bus station, stopped the car with two local residents inside. During the inspection of the vehicle, **93.6 kilograms** of opium were found and seized. <https://nation.com.pk/12-Aug-2021/anf-seizes-229kg-drugs-arrests-20-suspected-smugglers>

12.08.2021 Police officers in Punjab Province stopped a vehicle driven by a resident of Lahore. During search of the vehicle, **3.6 kg of heroin** was found and seized. <https://nation.com.pk/12-Aug-2021/anf-seizes-229kg-drugs-arrests-20-suspected-smugglers>

USA

04.08.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the port of entry in Brownsville, Texas, stopped a Chevrolet driven by a 56-year-old U.S. citizen. A search of the vehicle revealed and seized **15 kilograms of cocaine**. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/brownsville-cbp-officers-seize-645k-worth-narcotics-two-seizures>

06.08.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers stopped a truck driven by a 41-year-old Mexican national at the port of entry in Farr, Texas. A search of the truck revealed and seized **21 kilograms of cocaine**. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-over-750k-cocaine-pharr-international-bridge>

07.08.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers in Memphis, Tennessee, inspected a shipment of hammocks arriving from Mexico. A search inside the hammock handles revealed and seized **3.4 kilograms of cocaine**. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/memphis-seizes-cocaine-found-hammocks>

12.08.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the port of entry in Farr, Texas, stopped a tractor-trailer arriving from Mexico. A search of the tractor-trailer revealed and seized **118 kilograms of cocaine** concealed in the trailer. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-over-2-million-cocaine-pharr-international-bridge>



13.08.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers stopped a vehicle driven by a 22-year-old U.S. citizen at the port of entry in Paso del Norte, Texas. A search of the vehicle revealed and seized **16 kilograms of cocaine and 5.6 kilograms of fentanyl**. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/el-paso-area-cbp-officers-seize-over-25-million-worth-narcotics-and>

THAILAND

13.08.2021 The Pha Muang Task Force in Northern Thailand, in the city of Chiang Mai, detained two teenagers who were smuggling drugs from Myanmar. A search of the detainees revealed two backpacks containing **250,000 methamphetamine pills**. <https://www.chiangraitimes.com/thailand-national-news/northern-thailand/northern-thailand-task-force-captures-teenage-drug-runners/>

TONGA

06.08.2021 Police officers in the city of Neiafu, on Wavau beach, apprehended three foreign nationals with **2 kilograms of cocaine**. <https://matangitonga.to/2021/08/05/three-cocaine-vavau-arrests>

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

04.08.2021 Police officers in the city of Port of Spain stopped a vehicle with three local residents inside. During the inspection of the vehicle **109 kg of marijuana and 39 kg of cocaine** were found and seized with a total value of \$64 million Trinidadian dollars. <https://www.nationnews.com/2021/08/02/police-trinidad-seize-drugs-valued-tt64-million/>

UKRAINE

06.08.2021 During the investigation in Krivoy Rog, Dnipropetrovsk region, police officers found a greenhouse consisting of 6 sections with a total area of 2,700 square meters for growing cannabis on the territory of one of the households. During the inspection of the greenhouses they found **10 thousand cannabis bushes**. The drugs were distributed in wholesale and retail quantities both in Dnepropetrovsk region and in other regions of Ukraine. The value of drugs seized amounted to 130 million hryvnias. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochyni/u-krivomu-rozi-policziya-viyavila-plantacziyi-konopel-na-130-mln-grn/>

09.08.2021 Police officers together with officers of the Security Service of Ukraine in the course of operational and investigative activities in Odessa region, in the port of Yuzhny, during the inspection of a container of bananas, arriving from Ecuador, found and seized **60 kg of cocaine** worth 10 million U.S. dollars. Three people, citizens of Ukraine, Albania and Romania, were apprehended. In addition, it was found that the detainees were planning to smuggle the drugs to the European Union. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochyni/kontrabanda-kokajinu-na-10-mln-dol-ssha-v-odesi-zatrimali-trox-narkodilery/>

FRANCE

10.08.2021 Customs officers at the port of Loon-Plage, during the inspection of a container of bananas arriving from Colombia, discovered and seized **400 kg of cocaine**



worth 20 million euros. <https://www.francebleu.fr/infos/faits-divers-justice/plus-de-400-kilos-de-cocaine-saisis-dans-le-port-de-loon-plage-1628684113>

ECUADOR

03.08.2021 Police officers at the port of Guayaquil found **2 tons of cocaine** worth 125 million euros during an inspection of a container bound for Belgium. For this year alone, law enforcement officers seized 44 tons of drugs in Guayaquil.

<https://www.vrt.be/vrtnws/nl/2021/08/03/ecuador-neemt-ruim-2-ton-cocaine-in-beslag-bestemd-voor-belgie/>