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CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY (according to Media)

18.10. to 31.10.2021

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During the period from 18 to 31 October 2021, according to information from mass media, law enforcement bodies and law enforcement agencies of CARICC member states seized **372 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances from illicit traffic, including heroin - 1.5 kg, opium - 4.4 kg, cannabis group - 309.1 kg and synthetic drugs - 57 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

19.10.2021 Police officers stopped a vehicle driven by a 26-year-old local resident in the town of Nur-Sultan during a search operation. During a search of the vehicle, **1kg of mephedrone and 1kg of hashish were found and seized.**

https://www.inform.kz/ru/krupnyuyu-partiyu-mefedrona-i-gashisha-iz-yali-u-zhitelya-stolicy_a3850842

20.10.2021 Employees of the Zhambyl Regional Police Department's Drug Crime Control Department arrested five persons involved in drug trafficking during the "Karasora-2021" event and the regional operation "Reflex-2021" in Zhambyl Region. During a search of the detainees' residence, **30 kg of marijuana** were discovered and seized.

https://www.inform.kz/ru/v-zhambyl'skoy-oblasti-obezvrezhena-gruppa-sbyvavshaya-narkotiki-v-drugie-regiony_a3851543

21.10.2021 Police officers apprehended a 54-year-old local resident at Shu station in Zhambyl Oblast who seized **26.5kg of marijuana.** https://www.inform.kz/ru/na-stancii-shu-zaderzhan-muzhchina-s-26-kg-marihuany_a3852057

22.10.2021 Police officers arrested a 49-year-old local resident who seized **15.6kg of marijuana** from his residence in Semey, East Kazakhstan Oblast, in the course of investigations. https://www.inform.kz/ru/krupnyuyu-partiyu-narkotikov-iz-yali-v-semee_a3852144

25.10.2021 In the course of the republican operational preventive measure "Qarasora-2021" officers of the Zhambyl Regional Police Department for Combating Drug Crimes detained a 41-year-old resident of Taraz city 4 km away from the Shu-Merke highway while procuring narcotic substances. Four bags with **44 kg of marijuana** were seized during an inspection of the surrounding area. https://www.inform.kz/ru/45-kg-marihuany-iz-yali-policeyskie-u-tarazca_a3853062

28.10.2021 Police officers arrested a citizen of Kyrgyzstan and four citizens of Kazakhstan who had set up 2 drug laboratories for the production of synthetic drugs at their place of residence during the investigative activities in Almaty. During search operations **4 kg of mephedrone, 1 kg of hashish, 20 kg of precursors** and laboratory equipment were



discovered and seized. It was established that the drugs were sold via social messengers, by stashing them in caches and by non-contact methods. https://www.inform.kz/ru/zaderzhany-organizatory-narkolaboratoriy-v-almaty_a3855196

29.10.2021 Police officers arrested a 37-year-old resident of Turkestan Oblast and seized **20kg of marijuana** from him during a search operation at Shymkent station. https://www.inform.kz/ru/krupnyuyu-partiyu-narkotikov-iz-yali-transportnye-policeyskie-u-zhitelya-turkestanskoy-oblasti_a3855546

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

18.10.2021 Employees of the Service for Combating Drug Trafficking of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic stopped a truck driven by a citizen of Uzbekistan on the route "Islamic Republic of Iran - Turkmenistan - Uzbekistan - Kazakhstan - Kyrgyz Republic" on the territory of the customs terminal in Bishkek. During the search of the vehicle, 147 pieces of dummy apples made of Styrofoam and containing **methamphetamine** with a total weight of **10 kg** were found and seized inside the boxes with apples.

https://24.kg/proisshestviya/210772_narkogrupperovka_spryatala_10kilogrammova_metamfetamina_vmulyajah_yablok/

20.10.2021 Employees of the Drug Trafficking Combating Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic stopped a Daewoo car with three local residents inside, at the 5th kilometer of the Osh-Alai highway in Osh Oblast, in the course of investigative measures. During the search of the interior of the vehicle, **2kg of hashish** was found and seized.

https://24.kg/proisshestviya/211040_voshe_zaderjana_narkogrupperovka_zanimavshayasya_postavkami_afganskogo_charsa/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

18.10.2021 Police officers stopped a car driven by a local resident in the town of Tuapse, Krasnodar Territory, in the course of an investigation. During a search of the vehicle, **15 kg of methylephedrone** were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/26469095>

19.10.2021 During search operations in Krasnodar, police officers detained a 25-year-old local resident who had **1.1kg of mephedrone** found and seized at his place of residence.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/26515811>

20.10.2021 The officers of the Main Directorate for Drug Trafficking Control of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs stopped a car driven by a 30-year-old local resident in Moscow Region in the course of operational investigations. During a search of the vehicle, **10kg of hashish** was found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/26530369>

21.10.2021 Police officers in the course of intelligence activities in the Chelyabinsk region arrested a group of people who had set up a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs. During a search of the detainees' residence, three chemical reactors, laboratory equipment, **18 kg of mephedrone** and more than a tonne of chemical reagents for its production were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/26559709>



21.10.2021 Police officers apprehended two local residents with **7kg of marijuana** at Bataisk station in the Rostov region in the course of a search operation. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/26558385>

27.10.2021 Police officers arrested two local men who had set up a cannabis cultivation laboratory in a rented premise in the town of Vsevolozhsk, Leningrad Oblast, during an operational search operation. The laboratory was equipped with ultraviolet lamps, irrigation, heating and ventilation systems. During the search, **2.3 kg of marijuana and 406 cannabis plants** were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/26652675>

28.10.2021 Police officers apprehended two men who were selling synthetic drugs in the city of Novosibirsk in the course of a search operation. During a personal search, **3 kg of methylephedrone** were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/26663400>

29.10.2021 Police officers at Kazan police checkpoint stopped a car with two residents of Tver Oblast inside. During a search of the vehicle, **4.9 kg of alpha-piperoverone (PVP)** was found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/26688716>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

31.10.2021 Employees of the Department of the State Customs Committee in Tashkent province stopped a DAF truck, carrying a load of grapes, at the Oibek border and customs post, which was en route to Russia, transiting through Uzbekistan. During the search of the truck in the lower part of the trailer, where hidden holes were found filled with green glue containers using polyurethane foam, **149.7 kg of hashish, 4.4 kg of opium and 1.5 kg of heroin** were found and seized. <https://www.gazeta.uz/ru/2021/11/02/post-oybek/>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

29.10.2021 Australian Federal Police officers in Sydney have detained four men and recovered **6.2kg of cocaine and 1kg of heroin** from their homes. <https://thewest.com.au/news/four-sydney-men-allegedly-busted-with-375-million-worth-of-meth-c-4365061>

BRAZIL

25.10.2021 Federal Revenue Service officials at the port of Vila do Conde, during an inspection of a manganese container bound for the Netherlands, found and seized **453 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.gov.br/receitafederal/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2021/outubro/receita-federal-do-para-apreende-453-3-kg-cocaina-no-porto-de-vila-do-conde>

GERMANY

28.10.2021 Customs officers in north-west Germany, at the port of Jade-Weser, during an inspection of a container of bananas arriving from Colombia, discovered and seized **46kg of cocaine**. https://www.zoll.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/Rauschgift/2021/y61_kokain_zfah.html

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

18.10.2021 Officers from the National Narcotics Control Directorate (DNCD) at the port of Caucedo detected and seized **1 ton of cocaine** during an inspection of a vessel. <https://www.dncd.gob.do/index.php/noticias1/noticias/item/1143-cocaina-ocupada-en-caucedo-tuvo-un-peso-superior-a-una-tonelada>

26.10.2021 Officers from the National Narcotics Control Directorate (DNCD) at the port of Puerto de Janea, during an inspection of a container arriving from Colombia, discovered and seized **37kg of cocaine**. <https://www.dncd.gob.do/index.php/noticias1/noticias/item/1150-dncd-incauta-37-paquetes-presumiblemente-cocaina-en-puerto-de-haina>

INDIA

27.10.2021 Police officers in the state of West Bengal detained three local men who seized **36,000 methamphetamine tablets**. The drugs had been smuggled in from Bangladesh. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/party-drugs-worth-rs-2-crore-seized-in-south-bengal-101635348280171.html>

30.10.2021 Police in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, stopped a vehicle driven by a local resident. A search of the vehicle revealed and seized **70 kg of marijuana**. <https://www.republicworld.com/india-news/law-and-order/70-kg-of-ganja-seized-in-jharkhand.html>

30.10.2021 Police officials at Secunderabad railway station, Telangana, apprehended six men from whom **54 kg of marijuana** were seized. The detainees intended to transport the drugs to Mumbai city. <https://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/hyderabad/2021/oct/31/6-held-at-secunderabad-railway-station-for-transporting-54-kg-ganja-2377935.html>

SPAIN

28.10.2021 Officers from the Revenue Agency, together with the Guardia Civil, in the port of Valencia, during an inspection of a textile waste ship arriving from El Salvador, found and seized **700kg of cocaine**. <https://www.lasprovincias.es/sucesos/incautada-cocaina-puerto-valencia-20211028121342-nt.html>

LAOS

28.10.2021 Police officers in Bokeu province, bordering Thailand and Myanmar, stopped a truck carrying beer crates. A search of the truck revealed and seized **55 million methamphetamine tablets and 1.5 tons of crystalline methamphetamine**. This seizure is the largest seized shipment of methamphetamine in the history of East and South-East Asia. <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-59062134>

NIGERIA

30.10.2021 Customs officers at Lagos International Airport at the NAHCO export warehouse found and seized **1.2kg of cocaine, 1.4kg of heroin, 2.3kg of methamphetamine and 7.3kg of cannabis** inside a black soap shipment. The drugs were to be shipped to the UK. <https://prnigeria.com/2021/11/01/ndlea-seizes-london-bound/>

THE NETHERLANDS

25.10.2021 Customs officers at the port of Rotterdam, during an inspection of a ship arriving from Brazil, found and seized **529kg of cocaine** worth €40 million. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/10/26/ruim-500-kilo-verdovende-middelen-gevonden-in-rotterdamse-haven>

28.10.2021 Customs officers at the port of Rotterdam, during an inspection of a container of vegetable oil arriving from Curacao, discovered and seized **930kg of cocaine** worth €69 million. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/10/28/douane-onderschept-930-kilo-cocaine-tussen-frituurvet>

PANAMA

30.10.2021 The National Aviation Service, in conjunction with the Panama Prosecutor's Office, stopped a ship bound for the Netherlands at a Pacific port terminal. During a search of the ship, a container was found with **3.4 tons of cocaine** inside. <https://www.metrolibre.com/nacionales/216859-incautan-3400-paquetes-de-droga-en-terminal-portuaria-del-pac%C3%ADfco-paname%C3%B1o.html>

SERBIA

26.10.2021 Officers of the Border Police Directorate of the Ministry of the Interior in the village of Batrovci, Sremska region, stopped an Audi with two local residents inside. During a search of the vehicle, **6 kg of heroin** hidden in a specially made bunker in the back of the bumper was discovered and seized. <https://www.telegraf.rs/english/3409605-men-from-vranje-try-to-take-6-kilograms-of-heroin-out-of-serbia-they-got-caught-at-the-border>

THE USA

28.10.2021 Agents of the Border Patrol (RGC) of the Rio Grande Valley Sector seized **975 kg of marijuana** worth \$1.5 million from a tourist trailer in Roma, Texas. Ten persons were detained in connection with the seizure. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/rgv-border-patrol-and-local-authorities-seize-more-one-ton-marijuana>

30.10.2021 Border Patrol agents working east of Rio Grande City (RGC), Texas, spotted two men crossing the Rio Grande River loading bags into a vehicle. When agents approached the vehicle, the subjects fled in the direction of Mexico. Agents discovered bags containing **300 kg of marijuana** inside the vehicle, with an estimated retail value of \$540,000. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/rgv-agents-seize-nearly-700000-worth-marijuana>

28.10.2021 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers stopped a vehicle driven by a 44-year-old US citizen at Gateway International Bridge, Texas. During a search of the vehicle, **35kg of methamphetamine** was found and seized. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/brownsville-cbp-officers-seize-15-million-methamphetamine>

THAILAND

27.10.2021 Police in Chiang Mai province stopped a vehicle driven by a 52-year-old local man. During a search of the vehicle, **1.2 million methamphetamine tablets and 8kg of heroin** were found and seized. <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2204983/>

31.10.2021 Police officers in Nakhonratchasima province stopped three vans bound for Bangkok city. During a search of the vans, **1.8 tons of marijuana** worth 110 million baht were discovered and seized. All three drivers were detained in the case. <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2204959/1-8-tonnes-of-ganja-seized-in-korat>

TURKEY

26.10.2021 Police officers at the port of Mersin, during an inspection of a container of bananas arriving from South America, found and seized **60kg of cocaine**. <https://www.haberler.com/haberler-mersin-limaninda-60-kilo-kokain-ele-gecirildi-14486444-haberi/>

29.10.2021 Police officers in Konya province stopped a car driven by a man who used to work for the police. During a search of the vehicle, **25kg of heroin** was found and seized. <https://www.duvarenglish.com/turkish-police-officer-previously-awarded-for-nabbing-drug-dealers-arrested-for-drug-dealing-news-59389>

UKRAINE

26.10.2021 Police officers arrested a group of drug dealers in Ivano-Frankivsk region in the course of a search operation. During a search of the detainees' residence, **3 kg of amphetamine and 2 kg of cannabis** were found and seized. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/policzejski-zatrimali-organizatora-ta-uchasnikiv-narkougrupovannya-na-prikarpatti/>

26.10.2021 Police officers detained four people who were selling narcotic drugs through online shops during an investigation in Kiev region. During a search of the detainees' homes, **10 kg of cannabis and 100 MDMA tablets** were found and seized. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/operativniki-naczpolicziji-pripinili-diyalnist-narkolaboratoriji-ta-zatrimali-chleniv-narkougrupovannya/>

29.10.2021 Police officers arrested a 38-year-old local resident who had set up a cannabis laboratory in his home during an investigation in Zaporizhzhia region. The laboratory was equipped with additional lighting, drip irrigation and ventilation systems. During the search, **100 cannabis plants** were found and seized. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/u-zaporizhzhii-spivrobotniki-policziji-vikrili-narkolaboratoriyu/>

ECUADOR

18.10.2021 Police officers, together with the Ecuadorian Navy, in the port of Manta, during an inspection of a vessel called El Buen Amigo, found and seized **1.3 tons of cocaine** in the engine room of the vessel. <https://www.armada.mil.ec/?p=56384>