

CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY
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CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC

10.11.2021 Employees of the Astarra customs checkpoint during the inspection of a truck with raisins en route from Iran to Moldova via Azerbaijan found a cache in the fuel tank. During the inspection of the fuel tank **301.4 kg of heroin** was found and seized. <http://interfax.az/view/849909>

15.11.2021 Employees of the Bilasuvar customs post during the inspection of the truck "Scania" with liquid soap and diapers, traveling from Iran to Azerbaijan, found in a cache in the fuel tank 205 packages of **heroin totaling 218.3 kg**. <http://interfax.az/view/850318>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

11.11.2021 Employees of the Service for Combating Drug Trafficking of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic on the highway Bishkek - Osh stopped a Honda car, inside which there were two citizens. During the search of the car inside the trunk, **8 kg of hashish** were found and seized. https://24.kg/proisshestvija/213275_vosem_kilogrammova_gashisha_nashli_uvoditelya_Honda_ego_zaderjali/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

10.11.2021 Police officers in the city of Podolsk, Moscow Oblast, stopped a car driven by a 24-year-old resident of Moscow. During the search of the car, **20 kg of mephedrone** were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/26851220>

11.11.2021 During search operations in the Sovetsk-Gavansk district of Khabarovsk Krai police apprehended a local resident who had **20 kg of cannabis plants** seized at his place of residence. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/26861610>

12.11.2021 During search operations in Balashikha, Moscow region, police officers apprehended a 20-year-old local resident, from whom they seized **1 kg of mephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/26892104>

15.11.2021 During search operations in Rybnovskiy district of Ryazan region police officers apprehended a 36-year-old resident of the Vologda region, from whom they seized **2.5 kg of hashish**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/26932237>

16.11.2021 In the course of investigative actions in the Kirovskiy district of Perm, police officers apprehended three local residents who had been selling narcotic drugs for a long



time. During a personal search of the detainees **1.5 kg of methylephedrone** was found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/26925619>

17.11.2021 Traffic police officers, together with drug trafficking control officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Tula region, stopped a car driven by a previously repeatedly convicted resident of St. Petersburg born in 1987 in the city of Shchyokino. During the search of the car **3 kg of methylephedrone** were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/26972415>

17.11.2021 Police officers in the course of investigative activities in the city of St. Petersburg stopped a car driven by a 42-year-old resident of Petrozavodsk. During the search of the car in the trunk **2.2 kg of methylephedrone** were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/26952661>

17.11.2021 Police officers in the course of operational and investigative activities in the city of Cherkessk of the Karachay-Cherkessia Republic apprehended two foreign citizens, from whom **600 grams of heroin** were seized. The detainees were engaged in drug trafficking on the territory of different regions of the Russian Federation by remote method using the Internet. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/26983309>

19.11.2021 Police officers in the course of operational and investigative activities in the city of Novosibirsk apprehended a 35-year-old local resident who was engaged in the wholesale distribution of drugs in the Novosibirsk region. During the search of his car and residence, the detainee found and seized **8.6 kg of a-PVP**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/27008788>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

08.11.2021 Drug Control Agency officers apprehended two Afghan nationals with **15 kilograms of methamphetamine** in Jaihun District of Khatlon Province during search operations. <https://akn.tj/ru/2021/11/18/another-obvious-case-of-methamphetamine/>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

20.11.2021 Employees of the State Security Service in Surkhandarya region apprehended a 39-year-old local resident from whom **28.8 kg of opium and 2 kg of hashish** were seized. The drugs had been brought in by drug couriers from Afghanistan. <https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/operativniki-sgb-konfiskovali-neskolko-krupnykh-partiy-opiya-i-gashisha/>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BRAZIL

13.11.2021 Police officers in the city of Santos, São Paulo, stopped a truck with five men inside. A search of the truck inside the cooling engine behind a metal plate found and seized **13.9 kilograms of cocaine**. <https://g1.globo.com/sp/santos-regiao/noticia/2021/11/13/policia-civil-prende-quadrilha-com-13-tijolos-de-cocaina-em-santos-sp.ghtml>

14.11.2021 Federal police officers at the port of Barcarena, Para, while inspecting a container of 7,000 bottles of beer bound for Portugal, found and seized **440 kilograms of cocaine**. <https://g1.globo.com/pa/para/noticia/2021/11/14/mais-de-440-quilos-de-cocaina-sao-apreendidas-no-porto-de-belem.ghtml>

GREAT BRITAIN

09.11.2021 Police officers in Somerset County found and seized **46 kilograms of cocaine** at Avonmouth docks during an inspection of a ship with a cargo of fruit juice arriving from Brazil. <https://nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/cocaine-worth-4m-seized-in-joint-operation-at-avonmouth-docks>

HONGKONG

09.11.2021 Customs officers at Hong Kong International Airport during the inspection of an air cargo of tableware arriving from Thailand, detected and seized **2.2 kg of heroin**. Two men, who were the recipients of the shipment, were arrested. <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202111/11/P2021111100636.htm>

09.11.2021 Police officers in Hong Kong City stopped a van driven by a 44-year-old local man. During a search of the van, they found and seized **7.5 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine** worth \$783,000. https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3155647/hong-kong-police-seize-hk61-million-worth-crystal?module=perpetual_scroll&pgtype=article&campaign=3155647

GREECE

10.11.2021 Customs officers in northern Greece, at the port of Thessaloniki, during the inspection of a container of bananas arriving from Ecuador, found and seized **82 kg of cocaine** inside banana boxes. The drugs were destined for Bulgaria. <https://www.ekathimerini.com/news/1171523/thessaloniki-customs-officers-net-cocaine-haul/>

INDIA

13.11.2021 Customs officials at Indira Gandhi International Airport during a luggage check of two Ugandan citizens found and seized **12.9 kilograms of heroin** in a counterfeit luggage compartment. <https://www.news18.com/news/india/customs-seizes-heroin-worth-rs-90-cr-from-two-ugandan-women-at-delhi-airport-4440545.html>

18.11.2021 Police in Devbhumi-Dwaarka, Gujarat, apprehended three locals who had **24 kilograms of heroin** found and seized at their residence. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ahmedabad/ats-arrests-three-seizes-24kg-more-heroin-in-jamnagar/articleshow/87766890.cms>

20.11.2021 Narcotics Control Bureau officers in Bangalore, Karnataka, stopped a truckload of coconuts. During a search of the truck, **212 kg of marijuana** were found and seized. Two locals were apprehended in connection with the incident. <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/bangalore/drugs-network-chennai-bengaluru-andhra-pradesh-7633810/>

IRELAND

13.11.2021 Police officers stopped a car driven by a 50-year-old local man on Cork Mallow Road in North Cork. During a search of the vehicle, they found and seized **1.5 kg of cocaine** worth 100,000 euros. <https://www.corkbeo.ie/news/local-news/15kg-cocaine-seized-gardai-stop-22158238>

SPAIN

18.11.2021 Civil Guard officers, together with police at the port of Algeciras, during an inspection of a container arriving from Guatemala, found and seized **648 kilograms** of cocaine. <https://www.guardiacivil.es/es/prensa/noticias/8036.html>

CANADA

17.11.2021 Police in the town of Medicine Hat, Alberta, arrested a 24-year-old local man who was in possession of **1.9 kilograms of methamphetamine** at his residence. <https://globalnews.ca/news/8380611/medicine-hat-largest-drug-bust/>

COLUMBIA

08.11.2021 National police officers at the port of Barranquilla, during an inspection of the deck of a Panamanian-flagged cargo ship, found and seized **32.4 kilograms of cocaine**. https://caracol.com.co/emisora/2021/11/03/barranquilla/1635935196_563106.html

MALAYSIA

19.11.2021 Police officers in the city of Malacca during a special operation apprehended a 39-year-old citizen of Indonesia, who was a member of the drug syndicate "Abang 888". During a personal search, two bags with **40 kg of methamphetamine** were found. The drugs had been disguised as packets of tea to avoid detection. The syndicate is involved in cross-border drug smuggling, using Malacca as a transit point before taking the drugs out of the country by sea. <https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2021/11/22/cops-bust-039abang-888039-drug-syndicate-seize-meth-worth-rm144mil>

MYANMA

18.11.2021 Police officers in the northern Myanmar town of Mandalay stopped a diesel locomotive driven by a 25-year-old local man. A search of the locomotive revealed and seized **79 kilograms of heroin and 278,000 amphetamine** pills worth 2.4 billion kyats. <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/over-ks24-bn-worth-of-narcotic-drugs-seized-in-mandalay>

NIGERIA

15.11.2021 Officials of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) at the port of Apapa, during an inspection of the MV Karteria, which arrived from Brazil, found and seized **13.6 kilograms of cocaine**. Four individuals were apprehended and an investigation is underway. <https://punchng.com/ndlea-launches-fresh-raids-seizes-n4-9bn-cocaine-in-lagos-ports-others/>

16.11.2021 Officers from the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) at Murtala Mohammed International Airport apprehended Okafor Okwudili, a Nigerian living in Brazil, with **2.5 kilograms of cocaine** seized. <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/11/22/brazil-based-dealer-behind-cocaine-in-lagos-airport-toilet-nabbed/>

THE USA

15.11.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the port of entry in Laredo, Texas, stopped a truck with a shipment of fresh cauliflower arriving from Mexico. A search of the truck revealed and seized **1.1 tons of methamphetamine and 51 kilograms of cocaine** with a total value of \$53 million. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/laredo-cbp-officers-seize-narcotics-worth-over-532-million-world-trade>

17.11.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers stopped a vehicle driven by a 21-year-old U.S. citizen on the Brownsville International Bridge, Texas. A search of the vehicle revealed and seized **8 kilograms of cocaine** valued at \$137,000. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/brownsville-cbp-officers-seize-137k-cocaine-veterans-bridge>

18.11.2021 The National Air Security Service, in conjunction with the U.S. Coast Guard, stopped a fast craft in the eastern Caribbean Sea. A search of the vessel revealed and seized **2 tons of cocaine**. Two men were apprehended in connection with the incident. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/air-and-marine-operations-p-3-crew-and-partners-seized-over-4000#>

18.11.2021 U.S. law enforcement officers stopped a truck driven by a Mexican resident at the port of entry in Otay Mesa, California. A search of the truck revealed and seized **7.9 tons of methamphetamine and 176 kg of fentanyl**. This seizure is the largest seizure of methamphetamine at the border. <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-11-22/record-drug-seizure-otay-mesa-meth-fentanyl>

18.11.2021 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the port of entry in Calexico, California, stopped a truck driven by a 27-year-old Mexican national. A search of the truck revealed and seized **400 kilograms of methamphetamine** valued at \$1.5 million inside the front wall of the truck bed. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/calexico-cbp-officers-seize-close-half-ton-methamphetamine>

19.11.2021 Border Patrol agents in the El Paso sector of New Mexico stopped a Nissan with two Mexican nationals inside at the Alamogordo checkpoint on Highway 70. A search of the vehicle revealed and seized **28 kilograms of methamphetamine**. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/el-paso-sector-agents-seize-more-60-pounds-methamphetamine>

THAILAND

15.11.2021 An army patrol in the city of Chiang Mai killed a local man at a checkpoint in a shootout who was trying to transport **6 million methamphetamine pills** in his car. <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2215303/6-million-meth-pills-seized-troops-gun-down-suspect>

UKRAINE

10.11.2021 Police officers apprehended a group of eight people who were distributing drugs by "bookmarking" in the city of Krivoy Rog, Dnipropetrovsk region during the investigative activities. During the search of the place of residence of the detainees **2.3 kg of methadone** were found and seized. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/zarobyali-na-zakladkax-do-3-x-mln-grn-u-krivomu-rozi-policziya-zatrimala-organizatorku-ta-uchasnikiv-zlochinnoji-organizaczi/>

11.11.2021 Police officers apprehended a group of drug dealers in Chernihiv region in the course of investigative activities. During a search of the detainees' homes, 1.5 kg of cannabis, **1 kg of amphetamine and 250 MDMA tablets** were found and seized. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/policzejski-chernigivshhini-viluchili-u-chleniv-narkougrupovannya-zaboroneni-rechovini-na-miljon-griven/>

15.11.2021 Police officers in the course of operational and investigative activities in the Kiev region apprehended four local residents who rented a storage facility in the Kiev region, where they set up a modern drug laboratory under the guise of a furniture-making workshop. During the search they discovered and seized **20 kg of amphetamine, 5 kg of phenylpropene, 600 liters of various precursors** and laboratory equipment. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/na-kijivshhini-policzejski-pripinili-diyalnist-narkougrupovannya-yake-vigotovlyalo-ta-zbuvalo-amfetamin-ta-fenilnitropropen/>

PHILIPPINES

20.11.2021 National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) agents in Quezon City apprehended two local men who had **27,334 amphetamine pills** found and seized at their residence. <https://mb.com.ph/2021/11/22/nbi-nabs-2-suspects-p65-m-illegal-drugs-seized/>

FRANCE

11.11.2021 Officers from the National Crime Agency, in conjunction with Border Patrol, stopped a truck with a shipment of frozen onion rings at the entrance to the Channel Tunnel in the town of Coquel. A search of the truck revealed and seized **418 kilograms of cocaine**. The 30-year-old truck driver, who lives in Poland, was apprehended in connection with the incident. <https://inews.co.uk/news/418kg-cocaine-found-hidden-lorry-full-frozen-onion-rings-channel-tunnel-1300032>

SOUTH AFRICA

12.11.2021 Police officers in the city of Paxton apprehended a 37-year-old man who is the warden of the Paxton jail. During a search of the detainee's residence, **2.4 kg of methamphetamine and 1.5 kg of heroin** were found and seized. The case is under investigation. <https://witbanknews.co.za/183916/witbank-saps-confiscated-drugs-worth-r1-million-at-a-house-on-prison-grounds/>