

CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY (based on mass media reports)

03.01. to 09.01.2022

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CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC

05.01.2022 During the operational-search activities in the city of Ganja, police officers stopped a Ford car driven by a resident of Baku. During an inspection of the car, **1 kg of heroin** and **70 g of methamphetamine** were found and seized.

<https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/561169>

07.01.2022 Employees of the State Customs Committee in the city of Nakhchivan at the Shakhtakhti customs post stopped a truck carrying goods and carpets to Turkey, and from there to Germany. During the search of the truck, **47.3 kg of opium** were found and seized in 26 bags hidden in the armrests of six armchairs and a sofa.

<https://www.azernews.az/nation/187773.html>

08.01.2022 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the Masalli district of the village of Khirmandaly detained a man who was found and seized in a sports bag with **2 kg of heroin, 4.4 kg of methamphetamine and 75 methadone tablets**.

<https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/562299>

09.01.2022 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Lankaran region detained a local resident, who was seized **2.8 kg of heroin**.

<https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/563315>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

06.01.2022 Police officers in the city of Makhachkala detained two unemployed local residents born in 1988 and 1996, who were seized **1 kg of mephedrone**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/27817251>

06.01.2022 Employees of the Office for Drug Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Ryazan region, together with colleagues from the departments of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Moscow and Sovetsky districts of the city of Ryazan, liquidated an illegal online store selling various drugs, including cocaine and methadone.

As a result, two residents of Ryazan were detained, from whom **1.3 kg of marijuana, 550 g of methadone and 50 g of cocaine** were seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/27816562>

09.01.2022 Police officers in the Shebalinsky district of the Altai Territory stopped a car driven by a 25-year-old local resident. During an inspection of the car, **8.9 kg of marijuana** was found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/27836032>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

04.01.2022 Officers of the Department of Internal Affairs of the Kosonsoy region in the course of investigations in the Kosonsoy region detained a 58-year-old local resident, who seized **162 g of marijuana**. <https://iiv.uz/news/yostiq-ichidan-marixuana-topildi>

09.01.2022 Employees of the internal affairs department of the Bektemir district in the territory of the Bektemir district stopped a Spark car driven by a 41-year-old local resident. During the search of the car, **155 g of hashish** was found and seized. <https://iiv.uz/news/sharq-ypx-postida-giyohvandlik-vositalarini-saqlash-bilan-bogliq-fakt-aniqlandi>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

03.01.2022 Officers of the Australian Border Force in Brisbane, Queensland found and seized **50 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of a container. [https://www.abf.gov.au/newsroom-subsite/Pages/abf-ruins-\\$15-million-white-xmas.aspx#](https://www.abf.gov.au/newsroom-subsite/Pages/abf-ruins-$15-million-white-xmas.aspx#)

05.01.2022 Officers of the Western Australian Federal Police in the city of Maddington, during the inspection of a shipment of latex bed pillows, found and seized **99 kg of methamphetamine** worth \$100 million. On this fact, three local residents were detained. <https://www.abf.gov.au/newsroom-subsite/Pages/trio-charged-99kg-meth-stopped-reaching-wa-over-festive-period.aspx>

BRAZIL

04.01.2022 Employees of the Federal Revenue Service in the port of Santos, Sao Paulo, during the inspection of the container found and seized **59 kg of cocaine**. The drugs were hidden in the middle of the insulating layer of the empty container. <https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2022-1/01/policia-federal-realiza-apreensao-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-santos>

07.01.2022 Employees of the Federal Revenue Service in the port of Paranagua, Parana state, during the inspection of a container bound for Germany, found and seized **57 kg of cocaine**. <https://g1.globo.com/pr/parana/noticia/2022/01/07/receita-federal-apreende-57-kg-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-paranagua.ghtml>

GREAT BRITAIN

07.01.2022 Police officers in the Oldpark area of Belfast found an abandoned car. During an inspection of the car, **cocaine** (weight not specified) worth £100,000 was found and seized. <https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/police-seize-100000-worth-of-cocaine-in-north-belfast-vehicle-search-41219232.html>

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

07.01.2022 Employees of the National Drug Control Administration in the port of Caucedo, during the inspection of a container with bananas bound for Belgium, found and seized **1.2**

tons of cocaine. <https://agn.gt/contenedor-de-bananos-ocultaba-1-2-toneladas-cocaina-con-destino-belgica/>

INDIA

07.01.2022 Police officers in the state of Karnataka at the Hubballi railway station detained a citizen of Uganda, who was found to have **1 kg of methamphetamine** inside two boxes of Cerelac baby food and seized. <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/bangalore/karnataka-uganda-national-caught-carrying-1-5-crore-worth-drugs-in-cerelac-boxes-7712720/>

08.01.2022 Police officers in the suburb of Misrod, Madhya Pradesh, detained two local men who were seized **10 kg of marijuana**. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhopal/misrod-cops-arrest-two-drug-peddlers-seize-10kg-cannabis/articleshow/88765758.cms>

08.01.2022 Police officers in Bishnupur district, Manipur state stopped a truck driven by a 29-year-old local resident. During the search of the truck, **49.7 kg of opium** were found and seized. https://www.northeasttoday.in/2022/01/08/manipur-contraband-substances-worth-over-45-kgs-seized-from-bishnupur-1-held/?_cf_chl_f_tk=Qa8ZsMiQ2sBI80Vb.AE.V0Yb9aqYfIpvKyyy

IRLAND

08.01.2022 Officers from the National Narcotics and Organized Crime Bureau in Dublin stopped a car driven by a 30-year-old local resident. During the search of the car, **35 kg of cannabis** were found and seized. <https://www.sundayworld.com/crime/man-arrested-as-16m-worth-of-drugs-seized-in-operation-targeting-crime-gangs-41217654.html>

SPAIN

03.01.2022 The Internal Revenue Service and the Civil Guard, in a joint operation, seized **626 kg of cocaine** hidden in a container of rice from South America in the port of Valencia. <https://www.europapress.es/sociedad/sucesos-00649/noticia-intervenidos-puerto-valencia-626-kilos-cocaina-ocultos-contenedor-arroz-procedente-sudamerica-20220104110010.html>

COLOMBIA

06.01.2022 Police officers in the port of Buenaventura, while checking a container with bull skins, found and seized **1 ton of cocaine**. The drugs were laid out on plastic sheets glued to one side of the bullskins. The cargo was destined for the port of Burgas in Bulgaria, where it was to be received by members of the Balkan clan, who then distributed it to France, Germany and Italy. <https://www.elcolombiano.com/colombia/descubren-tonelada-de-coca-en-piel-de-vacas-LN16289417>

NETHERLANDS

03.01.2022 Customs officers in the port of Rotterdam, during the inspection of a container with bananas that arrived from Ecuador, found and seized **4.1 tons of cocaine**. On this fact, five citizens of Belgium and two citizens of Great Britain were detained. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2022/01/05/cocainevondst-in-rotterdamse-haven-leidt-tot-aanhoudingen-in-internationaal-drugsonderzoek>

NIGER

03.01.2022 Police officers in the city of Niamey stopped the car of the local mayor of the city. During a search of the car, **200 kg of cocaine** worth \$8.7 million were found and seized. On this fact, the mayor and his driver were detained.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/niger-police-seize-more-than-200-kg-cocaine-mayors-truck-2022-01-03/>

PAKISTAN

06.01.2022 Customs officers at the border crossing between Pakistan and Afghanistan in the city of Torkham stopped a truck bound for the city of Peshawar. During a search of the truck inside the fuel tank, **35 kg of heroin** and **17 kg of crystal methamphetamine** were found and seized. <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/922919-customs-seizes-narcotics-worth-rs1-340m>

07.01.2022 Police officers in the city of Lakki Marwat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, detained four men who were seized **3 kg of hashish** and **520 g of heroin**.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/923104-four-drug-traffickers-held-in-lakki-marwat>

USA

03.01.2022 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Los Indios International Bridge, Texas, stopped a vehicle driven by a 22-year-old US citizen. During a search of the car, **8 kg of methamphetamine** was found and seized.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/brownsville-cbp-officers-seize-358k-methamphetamine-los-indios-bridge>

04.01.2022 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the port of entry in Hidalgo, Texas stopped a vehicle driven by a 42-year-old US citizen. During the search of the car, **40.8 kg of methamphetamine** were found and seized.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-over-15-million-worth-drugs-hidalgo-port-entry>

07.01.2022 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the port of entry in Hidalgo, Texas stopped a vehicle driven by an 18-year-old US citizen. During the search of the car, **17 kg of cocaine** were found and seized.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-over-15-million-worth-drugs-hidalgo-port-entry>

UKRAINE

05.01.2022 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Kiev detained a group of 4 people who were engaged in the sale of cocaine in the city. During a search at the place of residence of the detainees, **1 kg of cocaine** was found and seized.

<https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochyni/policziya-kijeva-perekryla-kanal-postachannya-ta-zbutu-kokajinu-z-za-kordonu-do-stoliczi/>

06.01.2022 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the Lviv region detained a 25-year-old local resident who was involved in the sale of drugs. During a search



at the place of residence, **1 kg of mephedrone, 300 g of cannabis, 270 g of amphetamine and 450 MDMA tablets** were found and seized.

<https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochini/pravooxoronczi-lvivshhini-viluchili-u-narkodilera-narkotikiv-ta-psixotropiv-na-majzhe-dva-miljoni-griven/>

ECUADOR

03.01.2022 Police officers at the port of Guayaquil found and seized **800 kg of cocaine** while checking a container of banana flour bound for Spain. <https://www.policia.gob.ec/en-operacion-fin-de-ano-la-policia-decomisa-en-contenedor-que-tenia-como-destino-espana-cerca-de-800-kilos-de-cocaina/>