

WEEKLY SUMMARY ON THE FACTS OF THE SEIZURE OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND THEIR PRECURSORS

(based on mass media reports)

04.04. to 15.04.2022

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In the period from 4 to 15 April 2022, based on information from mass media law enforcement bodies and security agencies of CARICC Member States seized **477 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 60.4 kg, opium – 84 kg cannabis group drugs - 174.1 kg and synthetic drugs - 158.6 kg.**

Seizures of drugs in the CARICC member states from April 4 to April 15, 2022 based on information from the media

Type of drugs (kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	60,2			0,225			
Opium					79		5
Cannabis group	51,6	42,5	54,5	11,4	13		1
Synthetic drugs	20,6			138			
Total	132,4	42,5	54,5	149,6	92		6

In other countries, during the specified period, 17 tons 223 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances were seized from illicit trafficking, including: heroin – 28 kg, opium – 1 kg, cocaine – 16 t 274 kg, cannabis group – 227 kg and synthetic drugs – 693.2 kg.

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC

05.04.2022 Employees of the State Border Service on the territory of the border outpost of the border detachment "Horadiz" near the village of Shikhalyagaly, Jabrayil region, noticed six armed persons who violated the state border from the Iranian side. While trying to escape, the violators opened fire on the border guards. One of the criminals was neutralized, the rest fled, taking advantage of the darkness and dense vegetation on the territory. The identity of the neutralized violator was established - he turned out to be Iranian citizen Behnam Balai, born in 1996, with him a Kalashnikov assault rifle and three packages with **32 kg 270 g of drugs** were found. During a search operation using unmanned aerial vehicles, an Iranian citizen, Mohammed Zarehi Tagi, was found hiding in the reeds. Activities to locate and capture other violators continue.

<https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/589615>

12.04.2022 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Nasimi district of Baku city detained four men, who seized **2 kg of heroin** and **11 kg of marijuana**.

<https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/591722>

13.04.2022 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the Masally region stopped a car with two local men inside. During the search of the car, **50 kg of heroin, 20 kg of methamphetamine** and **1,427 psychotropic pills** were found and seized in the luggage. The detainees were engaged in drug smuggling for a long time and were members of the international drug network. <https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/592096>

13.04.2022 Servicemen of the State Border Service on the territory of the border outpost of the Goytepe border detachment, located near the village of Abdinli, Yardimli district, found two bags containing **8.2 kg of heroin, 8.4 kg of marijuana, 600 g of methamphetamine** and **3189 methadone tablets**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/592315>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

04.04.2022 Police officers, in the course of conducting operational-search activities in the city of Nur-Sultan, liquidated the activities of an organized criminal group that supplied and sold drugs to the city of Nur-Sultan. As a result, the organizer and the main supplier of drugs from the southern regions were detained, from whom 28 kg of hashish were found and confiscated in the passenger compartment of the car inside the bag. Further, operational-search activities were carried out to establish all possible criminal connections of the defendant, during which four more members of the organized criminal group were detained. The criminal group included natives of the Kostanay region, and the main supplier was a native of the Zhambyl region. During a search at the place of residence of the detainees, another 9 kg of hashish was found and confiscated. In total, **37 kg of hashish** were confiscated from illegal circulation from members of an organized criminal group. <https://www.ktk.kz/ru/newsfeed/article/2022/04/01/208055/>

13.04.2022 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Shu, Zhambyl region, detained a 52-year-old local resident, who was found and seized **5.5 kg of marijuana** at his place of residence. <https://polisia.kz/ru/do-7-let-tyur-my-grozit-zhitelyu-shu-za-hranenie-narkotikov-v-osobo-krupnom-razmere/>

REPUBLIC OF KYRGYZSTAN

04.04.2022 Employees of the Service for combating drug trafficking in the city of Osh detained two employees of the Department of Internal Affairs of the city of Osh, who seized 1 kg of hashish. In the course of carrying out additional measures to detain other persons involved, in the Batken region, the head of the SBNON department for Osh region was detained, from whom 30 kg of hashish were seized. The total weight of the seized **hashish** was **31 kg**.

https://24.kg/proisshestvija/229596_zanezakonnyiy_oborot_narkotikov_vgorodeosh_zaderjali_dvuh_militsioner_ov/

https://24.kg/proisshestvija/229610_vbatkene_militsionera_zaderjali_zanezakonnyiy_oborot_narkotikov/

09.04.2022 Border guards at the Ken Bulun checkpoint stopped a DAF XF510 truck driven by a 38-year-old citizen of Kyrgyzstan. During the inspection of the truck trailer, two caches with **23.5 kg of hashish** were found in the floor lining in front of the trailer.

https://24.kg/proisshestvija/230223_nagranitse_skazahstanom_pogranichni_ki_zaderjali_23kilogramma_narkotikov/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

04.04.2022 Police officers in the course of operational-search activities in the Bryansk region detained two citizens of neighboring countries, who were found to have **225 g of heroin**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/29369565>

07.04.2022 Police officers in the course of investigations in the village of Raevskaya Republic of Bashkortostan detained three local residents, who were found and seized **1 kg of mephedrone** at their place of residence. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/29427370>

07.04.2022 Police officers at the 412th km of the Orel-Tambov highway in the Tambov region stopped a car driven by a 34-year-old resident of St. Petersburg. During the inspection of the interior of the car, **29.8 kg of N-methylephedron** were found and seized. The detainee purchased a particularly large batch of methylephedron remotely via the Internet in the Kursk region and transported drugs in transit through the Tambov region to the Novosibirsk region. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/29416387>

07.04.2022 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Yekaterinburg detained a 33-year-old local resident who was engaged in the manufacture and sale of drugs in a rented premise. During the search, **26 kg of mephedrone** and equipment for the manufacture of narcotic drugs were found and seized. The detainee was involved in the sale of drugs through underground online stores. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/29440105>

08.04.2022 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of St. Petersburg detained a 41-year-old local resident who equipped a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs in a rented apartment. During the search, **1.2 kg of mephedrone**, laboratory equipment and **100 liters of precursors** were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/29492935>

13.04.2022 Employees of the Main Directorate for Transport of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, stopped the supply channel of N-methylephedron and its derivatives to the territory of the Far East and Eastern Siberia. As a result of operational-search activities in the city of Khabarovsk, a married couple was detained, from whom 800 g of methylephedron were seized. In the course of further investigations, the organizer of the supply of synthetic drugs was detained. It turned out to be a resident of the Moscow region. He was detained at Khabarovsk International Airport while transporting 6 kg of methylephedron. The detainee hid drugs in water filters and transported them by air from the capital region to Khabarovsk. There he was engaged in the packaging of narcotic drugs and their contactless sale. In the course of further activities, three more members of the organized group were detained. In total, police officers seized about **80 kg of methylephedron** from illegal circulation in the republics of Bashkortostan, Yakutia, the Khabarovsk and Kamchatka territories, as well as the Magadan and Novosibirsk regions. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/29532141>

13.04.2022 Police officers in the village of Khorum-Dag, Republic of Tuva, detained a 35-year-old local resident, who seized **8.1 kg of marijuana**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/29537299>



14.04.2022 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Vladimir region detained three local residents, who were found and seized at their place of residence items used for packaging, a navigator, bank cards, **3 kg of hashish, 200 g of cocaine and 340 g of marijuana.** <https://мвд.рф/news/item/29564002>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

05.04.2022 Employees of the Department of Internal Affairs in the course of investigations in the Hamadoni district of the Khatlon region detained two citizens of Afghanistan, who were seized **79 kg of opium and 13 kg of hashish.**

<https://www.asiaplustj.info/ru/news/tajikistan/laworder/20220406/na-tadzhiksko-afganskoi-granitse-zaderzhano-92-kilogramma-narkotikov>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

14.04.2022 Employees of the Department for Combating Organized Crime in the city of Samarkand detained three local residents who were found to have **5 kg of opium and 1 kg of hashish** seized at their place of residence. <https://iiv.uz/news/samargandda-6-kgdan-ortiq-opiy-va-gashish-giyohvandlik-moddalari-aylanmasiga-chek-qoyildi>

14.04.2022 Employees of the State Customs Committee in the city of Jizzakh detained two citizens who were found and seized 150 units of the potent Tropicamide drug in their car. <https://customs.uz/ru/news/view/7924>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AFGHANISTAN

06.04.2022 Officers from the anti-narcotics department in Balkh province detained two local residents who were equipping a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs. During the search, laboratory equipment, **22 kg of hashish, 150 g of methamphetamine and 319 psychotropic pills** were found and seized.

<https://pajhwok.com/2022/04/06/tablet-k-factory-destroyed-in-mazar-i-sharif/>

BRAZIL

04.04.2022 The Federal Tax Service in the port of Itaguay, during the inspection of a container bound for Europe, found and seized **337 kg of cocaine.**

<https://www.gov.br/receitafederal/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2022/abril/receita-federal-apreende-337kg-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-itaguai-rj>

07.04.2022 Employees of the Federal Tax Service in the port of Santos, during the inspection of a container bound for Germany, found and seized **790 kg of cocaine** among a batch of coffee beans. <https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2022/04/policia-federal-e-receita-federal-efetuam-operacao-conjunta-no-porto-de-santos>

COLOMBIA

12.04.2022 Employees of the Specialized Directorate for Combating Illicit Trafficking, together with the US DEA agency, stopped a truck in the port area of Cartagena. During a

search of the truck, **1.9 tons of cocaine** were found and seized, which were disguised between boxes of export bananas. <https://www.fiscalia.gov.co/colombia/noticias/incautadas-cerca-de-dos-toneladas-de-cocaina-que-el-clan-del-golfo-pretendia-enviar-a-paises-bajos/>

13.04.2022 Officers of the National Police in the port of Santa Marta, during the inspection of a container with bananas, found and seized **110 kg of cocaine** inside the door of the container.

<https://web.eventossantamarta.com/2022/04/12/el-colmo-escondian-droga-en-supuestos-guineos-verde-de-plastico-en-el-puerto-de-santa-marta/>

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

05.04.2022 Employees of the National Drug Control Administration in the port of Caucedo, during the inspection of a container bound for the Netherlands, found and seized **1.1 tons of cocaine**. <https://www.dncd.gob.do/index.php/noticias1/noticias/item/1285-cargamento-ocupado-en-caucedo-positivo-a-cocaina>

ECUADOR

04.04.2022 Police officers in the city of Guayaquil stopped a truck heading to the port. During a search of the truck inside the banana boxes, **3 tons of cocaine** were found and seized. The cargo was intended for shipment to the Netherlands.

<https://elmercurio.com.ec/2022/04/02/incautan-tres-toneladas-de-cocaina-camuflada-en-cajas-de-banano-que-tenian-como-destino-paises-bajos/>

GREAT BRITAIN

04.04.2022 Border Patrol, together with the police at the port of Southampton, found and seized **3.7 tons of cocaine** with a street value of 302 million pounds during the inspection of a container that arrived from Colombia inside pallets of bananas. Home Secretary Priti Patel said "it was the largest cocaine seizure in the UK since 2015".

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-hampshire-60995125>

INDIA

04.04.2022 Officials from the Tax Intelligence Directorate at Calcutta International Airport detained two Kenyans and a Malawian who were found to have **16.1 kg of heroin** inside their luggage. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/dri-seizes-113cr-drugs-at-airport-three-held/articleshow/90629704.cms>

09.04.2022 Police officers in the city of Imphal, Manipur state, detained a 46-year-old local resident, who seized **1.2 kg of opium**. <http://e-pao.net/GP.asp?src=27..100422.apr22>

14.04.2022 Officers from the Narcotics Control Bureau at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport in Mumbai detained a South African citizen who was found to have **3.9 kg of heroin** inside his luggage. <https://www.aninews.in/news/national/general-news/mumbai-ncb-seizes-heroin-worth-rs-24-crore-from-south-african-national20220414115133/>

MALAYSIA

14.04.2022 Police officers in the state of Selangor have arrested six drug dealers. During a search at the place of residence of the detainees, **7 kg of heroin, 2.1 kg of methamphetamine** and **3,000 Erimin tablets** were found and seized. <https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2022/04/18/kl-cops-nab-six-seize-almost-rm400000-worth-of-drugs>

MALTA

08.04.2022 Customs officers at the port of Freeport during the inspection of a container of bananas that arrived from Colombia found and seized **800 kg of cocaine**. The cargo was en route from the port of Turbo in Colombia to the port of Mersin in Turkey with a refrigerated cargo of 1,200 boxes of bananas. <https://www.independent.com.mt/articles/2022-04-08/local-news/Record-breaking-800kg-of-cocaine-intercepted-by-Malta-Customs-at-Freeport-6736242062>

MEXICO

14.04.2022 Members of the Mexican Air Force in the state of Sonora intercepted a plane bound for the United States. During the search of the aircraft, **276 kg of methamphetamine** and **49 kg of fentanyl** were found and seized. <https://insightcrime.org/news/sonora-growing-air-corridor-synthetic-drugs-us-mexico-border/>

NIGERIA

10.04.2022 Employees of the Drug Enforcement Agency at Lagos International Airport detained a 52-year-old man who was found to have **13.2 kg of cocaine** inside his luggage and seized. The detainee returned from Sao Paulo, Brazil via Doha aboard a Qatar Airways flight. <https://english.news.cn/africa/20220410/aafa8bf5d1244421b1abdc93e89312f6/c.html>

PANAMA

14.04.2022 Police officers at the port of Colon, while checking a container bound for the Netherlands, found and seized **1.1 tons of cocaine**. <https://www.critica.com.pa/sucesos/decomisan-1111-paquetes-de-droga-iban-ocultos-en-un-contenedor-627262>

PORTUGAL

07.04.2022 Employees of the Tax and Customs Administration in the port of Setubal during the inspection of a container with bananas that arrived from South America found and seized 10 packed sports bags, which contained cocaine weighing more than **320 kg**. https://info.portaldasfinancas.gov.pt/pt/destaques/Paginas/Comunicado_AT_Cocaina_Setubal_05042022.aspx

SPAIN

13.04.2022 Security forces and the Spanish tax authorities seized a fishing boat south of the Canary Islands, carrying more than **2.9 tons of cocaine**, with a market value of 90 million euros. <https://www.dw.com/en/spain-fishing-boat-with-3-metric-tons-of-cocaine-seized/a-61499965>

TURKEY

12.04.2022 Customs officers at the Gurbulak customs post stopped a passenger bus from Iran. During the inspection of the bus, **345 kg of liquid methamphetamine** was found and seized in the fuel tank. <https://raillynews.com/2022/04/345-kilos-of-drugs-were-seized-at-the-customs-gate-of-gurbulak/>

USA

07.04.2022 Officers of the US Drug Enforcement Administration in Phoenix, Arizona detained a 22-year-old local resident who was found to have **20 kg of methamphetamine, 3 kg of cocaine, 1 kg of powdered fentanyl, 1 kg of heroin** and **150,000 fentanyl tablets**. <https://www.justice.gov/usao-az/pr/phoenix-man-charged-after-150000-suspected-fentanyl-pills-and-other-drugs-seized>

08.04.2022 U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at the Paso del Norte, Texas, port of entry stopped a vehicle driven by a 24-year-old U.S. citizen. During the search of the car, **8 kg of cocaine** were found and seized. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-123-pounds-drugs-el-paso-area-ports-entry>

11.04.2022 US Customs and Border Protection officials at the Columbus, New Mexico, port of entry stopped a truck arriving from Mexico. During the search of the truck, **205 kg of marijuana** were found and seized. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-cocaine-heroin-and-marijuana-el-paso-area-ports>

11.04.2022 US Customs and Border Protection officials at the port of entry of Laredo, Texas, stopped a truck arriving from Mexico. During the search of the truck, **193 kg of cocaine** were found and seized. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-32-million-cocaine-laredo-s-world-trade-bridge>