

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

(based on mass media reports)

16.04. to 24.04.2022

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In the period from 16 to 24 April 2022, based on information from mass media law enforcement bodies and security agencies of CARICC Member States seized **368 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 20.8 kg, cocaine – 40 kg, cannabis group drugs - 273.4 kg and synthetic drugs - 34.4 kg.**

Seizures of drugs in the CARICC member states from April 16 to April 24 2022, based on information from the media

Type of drugs (kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	18,8	2					
Cocaine				40			
Cannabis group	267,2		4	2,2			
Synthetic drugs	6,3	3,2		24,9			858 tablets
Total	292,3	5,2	4	67,1			

In other countries, during the specified period, 10 tons 293 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances were seized from illicit trafficking, including: heroin – 302 kg, cocaine – 6 t 872 kg, cannabis group – 2 t 14 kg and synthetic drugs – 1 t 105 kg.

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC

18.04.2022 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Salyan region detained a local man who built two greenhouses for growing hemp in the courtyard of his house. During the search, 1068 hemp bushes with a total weight of 250 kg were found and seized. <https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/593848>

19.04.2022 Employees of the State Border Service on the territory of the frontier post of the Horadiz border detachment in the vicinity of the village of Boyuk Bakhmanli, when examining the territory in the bushes, found a white bundle containing **6.5 kg of marijuana, 1 kg of heroin and 780 tablets of methadone.** <https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/594372>

20.04.2022 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the city of Ganja detained a previously convicted local resident, who was seized **258 g of heroin.** <https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/594525>



21.04.2022 Police officers in the city of Masalli stopped a Ford car, inside of which there were two residents of the Aghjabadi region. During the search of the car, **17.6 kg of heroin, 6.3 kg of methamphetamine, 10.7 kg of marijuana** and **600 methadone tablets** were found and seized. <https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/595170>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

18.04.2022 Police officers in the city of Nur-Sultan on the Karaganda highway on the outskirts of the city detained a man who was engaged in laying synthetic drugs. During a search of the area, **1.2 kg of mephedrone** was found and seized under a tree. The detainee brought drugs from Almaty and planned to sell them in Nur-Sultan. <https://ru.sputnik.kz/20220418/v-stolichnoy-lesopolose-zaderzhali-muzhchinu-s-narkotikami-na-25-mln-tenge-24289407.html>

18.04.2022 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Kyzylorda detained a local resident who equipped a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs in an apartment. During the search, **2 kg of synthetic drugs** and laboratory equipment were found and seized. The detainee sold drugs through messengers, received payment exclusively in cryptocurrency, in the hope that it would be more difficult to track cash flows this way. https://www.inform.kz/ru/podpol-noe-proizvodstvo-sintetiki-likvidirovali-v-kyzylorde_a3924209

19.04.2022 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Pavlodar region detained two men who were engaged in the transportation and sale of drugs. During a personal search, **2 kg of heroin** was found and seized from the detainees. The detainees supplied drugs from Nur-Sultan to Pavlodar and Ekibastuz, leaving them in hiding places in the cities. <https://ru.sputnik.kz/20220419/narkodiler-s-2-kg-geroina-zaderzhan-v-pavlodare-24312558.html>

REPUBLIC OF KYRGYZSTAN

17.04.2022 Employees of the State Committee for National Security in the city of Bishkek found and seized two sawn-off shotguns of 32 and 12 calibers, 11 metal shells, 3 stun grenades and **3 kg of marijuana** inside the construction waste. Investigative and operational measures aimed at establishing the persons involved in the discovered objects are being carried out. https://24.kg/proisshestvija/231122_vbishkeke_vyiyavlen_shron_ognestrelnogo_orujiya_inarkotikov/

18.04.2022 Border guards in the Turbaza area of the Aksy district of the Jalal-Abad region saw two men who were near the border. Seeing the servicemen, they disappeared deep into the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Inspecting the border section, the border guards found a package with **1 kg of hashish**. https://24.kg/proisshestvija/231140_vdjatal-abade_pogranichniki_presekli_nezakonnyiy_provoz_narkotikov/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

18.04.2022 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the city of Nagan, Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Okrug, detained a 35-year-old local resident, who was found to have **910 g of methylephedron** at his place of residence. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/29622063>



18.04.2022 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the city of Orekhovo-Zuevo, Moscow Region, stopped a car driven by a previously convicted resident of the Vladimir Region. During a search of the car, **2 kg of mephedrone** was found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/29614214>

19.04.2022 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the Simferopol region detained a 31-year-old local resident, who was found and seized from the potent substances' **tramadol and pregabalin** with a total weight of **1 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/29626064>

19.04.2022 Customs officers, together with the Federal Security Service of Russia, in the port of Lesnoy in the city of St. Petersburg, during the inspection of a container that arrived from Ecuador on a Belgian ship, found and seized **40 kg of cocaine** from under the casing of the hidden cavity of the refrigeration unit of the container. <https://sztu.customs.gov.ru/news/document/335201>

19.04.2022 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the city of Zheleznogorsk, Krasnoyarsk Territory, detained a 43-year-old local resident who installed a greenhouse in a rented apartment with equipment to maintain the required level of humidity and grow hemp. During the search, **13 hemp bushes** and **2.2 kg of cannabis** were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/29643127>

21.04.2022 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Podolsk detained a 42-year-old local resident who equipped a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs in a rented garage. During the search, **14 kg of mephedrone** and laboratory equipment were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/29716265>

21.04.2022 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Kamensky district of the Rostov region detained two local residents who had equipped a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs at their place of residence. During the search, **7 kg of mephedrone** and laboratory equipment were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/29734950>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

20.04.2022 Employees of the Department of Internal Affairs in the Samarkand region detained four local residents, who seized **760 tablets of Regapen and 98 tablets of Lyrica**. In total, 858 tablets of potent substances were seized from illegal circulation. <https://iiv.uz/news/samarqandda-narkotik-dori-vositalari-savdosi-bilan-shugullanuvchi-shaxslar-qolga-olindi>

OTHER COUNTRIES

CANADA

21.04.2022 Police officers in Fredericton, New Brunswick stopped a car with two local residents inside. During a search of the car, **5.5 kg of methamphetamine** and **500 g of cocaine** were found and seized. <https://globalnews.ca/news/8775632/fredericton-largest-drug-bust/>

ECUADOR

16.04.2022 Police officers in the city of Quito during the inspection of a container of bananas bound for Belgium found and seized **2 tons of cocaine**.

<https://www.abc.com.py/internacionales/2022/04/17/ecuador-decomisa-mas-de-dos-toneladas-de-cocaina-con-destino-a-belgica/>

INDIA

21.04.2022 Employees of the Department of Tax Intelligence in the port of Dindayal, Gujarat state, during the inspection of a container that arrived from Iran, **260 kg of heroin** were found and seized inside bags of gypsum powder. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/260kg-heroin-found-in-gypsum-powder-container-shipped-to-gujarat-from-iran-101650565908250.html>

23.04.2022 Police officers in the city of Moreh, Manipur state, detained three local residents who seized **3.2 kg of heroin**. <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/three-women-held-on-charges-of-drug-trafficking-in-manipur/article65347669.ece>

23.04.2022 Police officers at the MGBS metro station, Odisha state, detained two local men who were seized **14 kg of marijuana**. The detainees intended to transport drugs from Odisha to Hyderabad. <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/two-held-14kg-ganja-seized/article65348809.ece>

JORDAN

18.04.2022 Customs officials at the Karameh checkpoint, Jordan's border with Iraq, stopped the truck. During a search of the truck inside the exhaust pipe, covered with a metal plate, **21 kg of heroin and 2 kg of methamphetamine** were found and seized. <https://english.alaraby.co.uk/news/jordan-thwarts-attempt-smuggle-heroin-crystal-meth>

MOROCCO

18.04.2022 Police officers at a warehouse located in the town of Mellussa near the northern city of Tangier found and seized **2 tons of cannabis**. <https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=949042>

MEXICO

21.04.2022 Members of the Mexican Navy, about 500 km southeast of the port of Manzanillo, intercepted a boat with four men inside. During the search of the boat, **1.7 tons of cocaine** were found and seized. <https://mexiconewsdaily.com/news/navy-captures-smugglers-cocaine-manzanillo/>

NIGERIA

24.04.2022 Officers from the National Narcotics Enforcement Administration at Lagos International Airport detained four men who were found to have **1 kg of cocaine** in their luggage inside tea bags and seized. <https://independent.ng/ndlea-seizes-cocaine-hidden-in-teabags/>

PAKISTAN

18.04.2022 Police officers at the Piri Zakori Bridge in Peshawar stopped a car with two Lahore residents inside. During the search of the car, **18 kg of heroin** were found and seized. <https://dailytimes.com.pk/921480/excise-dept-recovers-18kg-heroin-arrests-two-smugglers/>

SAUDI ARABIA

18.04.2022 Officials from Tax and Customs Office at the port of Hadithah at the northern border crossing from Jordan near the city of Al Qurayyat prevented an attempt to smuggle more than **141,000 Captagon tablets**. A huge stash of drugs was found hidden in the luggage of two travelers who had come to the Kingdom by road. <https://www.zawya.com/en/legal/crime-and-security/huge-cache-of-captagon-pills-seized-at-northern-haditha-port-vddxqxl>

SPAIN

17.04.2022 In a joint operation with agents from the National Police and the Guardia Civil, officials of the Customs Supervision Service of the Tax Administration intercepted a fishing boat with more than **2.9 tons of cocaine** hidden in one of its fuel tanks in the waters south of the Canary Islands, arresting five crew members. [https://sede.agenciatributaria.gob.es/Sede/en_gb/notas-prensa/notas-prensa/Interceptado en aguas al sur de Canarias un pesquero cargado con tres toneladas de cocaina.html](https://sede.agenciatributaria.gob.es/Sede/en_gb/notas-prensa/notas-prensa/Interceptado%20en%20aguas%20al%20sur%20de%20Canarias%20un%20pesquero%20cargado%20con%20tres%20toneladas%20de%20cocaina.html)

TURKEY

16.04.2022 Police officers in the port of Mersin, during the inspection of a container that arrived from Ecuador, found and seized **258 kg of cocaine** inside boxes of bananas. <https://www.news2sea.com/258-kilos-of-drugs-seized-in-mersin-port/>

UAE

18.04.2022 Police officers in the city of Dubai detained 10 residents for smuggling **1,056 kg of crystal methamphetamine**, which has a market value of AED 68.6 million. The drugs were hidden inside 264 commercial solar panels. <https://www.khaleejtimes.com/crime/dubai-police-seize-drugs-worth-dh68-million-hidden-in-solar-panels>

USA

17.04.2022 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers stopped a Mazda vehicle at the Falfurrias Port of Entry, Texas. During the search of the car, **13 kg of cocaine** were found and seized. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/nearly-11m-worth-narcotics-seized-over-weekend>

23.04.2022 Police officers in the Hayward, California area have identified a large laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs. During the search, **41 kg of fentanyl** were found and seized. One man was detained on this fact and investigations are underway to identify other persons involved. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/fentanyl-california-92-pounds-seized/>