

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

(based on mass media reports)

01.05. to 15.05.2022

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In the period from 01 to 15 May 2022, based on information from mass media law enforcement bodies and security agencies of CARICC Member States seized **348 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 8.9 kg, opium – 4.6 kg, cannabis group drugs - 61.8 kg and synthetic drugs – 272.8 kg.**

Seizures of drugs in the CARICC member states from 01 to 15 May 2022, based on information from the media

Type of drugs (kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	6,1			1,9			0,957
Opium	0,104						4,5
Cannabis group	31,8	25		3,3			1,7
Synthetic drugs	6	260		6,8			
Total	44	285		12			7,2

In other countries, during the specified period, 4 tons 291 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances were seized from illicit trafficking, including: heroin – 75.4 kg, opium – 7.3 kg, cocaine – 3 t 801 kg, cannabis group – 25 kg and synthetic drugs – 382 kg and psychotropic substances – 11 million 474 thousand tablets.

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC

05.05.2022 Police officers in the Beylagan region stopped a car with two men inside. During the search of the car, **22 kg of marijuana, 4 kg of heroin, 6 kg of methamphetamine** and **1,600 methadone tablets** were found and seized. <https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/600048>

11.05.2022 Employees of the State Border Service on the territory of the Goytepe border detachment of the Jalilabad district detained two citizens, who were seized **9.8 kg of marijuana and 2990 psychotropic pills.** <https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/601752>

11.05.2022 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the Gobustan region detained two residents of Baku, who were confiscated **2.1 kg of heroin.** <https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/601630>

12.05.2022 Police officers together with employees of the Customs Committee in the course of investigations in the city of Baku detained four local residents, who were found and seized **760 tablets of methadone, 104 g of opium and 68 g of methamphetamine** at their place of residence. <https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/602163>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

03.05.2022 Divisions for combating drug crime of the Ministries of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation carried out a special operation on the territory of the two countries. As a result, the transnational channel for the supply of synthetic drugs sent by mail was blocked. As a result of simultaneous events in the cities of Omsk and Taraz, the police detained the main sender of synthetic drugs in the Russian Federation and their recipient in Kazakhstan. During searches at the place of residence of the defendants, large drug laboratories were discovered. The detained resident of Omsk made and sent to the countries of Central Asia, including Kazakhstan, "synthetics" by mail. At the same time, he used fake documents and disguised the parcels under the guise of various goods, for example, machine oils, household chemicals. In total, the police seized more than **260 kg of synthetic drugs** worth 9 million US dollars.

https://www.inform.kz/ru/transnacional-nyy-kanal-postavki-sintetiki-likvidirovan-mvd-kazahstana-i-rossii_a3929122

03.05.2022 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Shymkent detained a local resident, who was found and seized **22 kg of marijuana** at his place of residence.

<https://24.kz/ru/news/incidents/item/542026-22-kg-marikhuany-izyali-u-zhitelya-shymkenta>

11.05.2022 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Kostanay detained a 35-year-old local resident, who seized **1 kg of marijuana**. During additional activities, a 39-year-old local resident was detained, from whom **2 kg of marijuana** was found and seized at her place of residence. <https://alau.kz/bole-treh-kilogramm-ov-narkotikov-izjato-v-kostanae/>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

04.05.2022 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Volokolamsk, Moscow Region, detained two local men, who were found and seized **680 g of mephedrone** at their place of residence. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/29968506>

05.05.2022 Police officers in the city of Domodedovo, Moscow Region, stopped a car with three residents of the Oryol Region inside. During the search of the car, **1 kg of mephedrone** was found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/29992329>

06.05.2022 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the Kaluga region detained two local residents, who were found and seized **2.3 kg of methylephedron** at their place of residence. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/30007547>

06.05.2022 Police officers at a stationary traffic police post located at 216 km of the Kursk-Voronezh highway in the Voronezh region stopped a car driven by a 57-year-old resident of St. Petersburg. During a search of the car, **500 g of methylephedron** were found and seized inside the luggage. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/30018158>



11.05.2022 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Vladikavkaz of the Republic of North Ossetia-Alania detained a 29-year-old citizen of one of the countries of Central Asia, who was found to have **1 kg of heroin** at his place of residence. The detainee was selling heroin through the production of hiding places in the city.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/30067686>

12.05.2022 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Orenburg detained a 41-year-old local resident at the time of organizing a cache of drugs. During a search of caches in the forest, **1.5 kg of methylephedron** were found and seized.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/30080839>

13.05.2022 Police officers in the course of conducting operational-search activities in the Kaluga region detained a local resident, who was confiscated **900 g of heroin**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/30094750>

13.05.2022 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Novouralsk, Sverdlovsk region, detained a 31-year-old local resident who was involved in the sale of drugs in a non-contact way through caches-bookmarks. During a search at the detainee's place of residence, **2 kg of hashish, 500 g of mephedrone and 350 g of methylephedron** were found and seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/30104885>

15.05.2022 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the Rossoshanskaya district of the Voronezh region detained a 53-year-old local resident, who was found and seized **1.3 kg of marijuana** at his place of residence. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/30121956>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

01.05.2022 Employees of the State Security Service in the Urgut district of the Samarkand region detained two local residents who were found and seized **957 g of heroin, 2.6 kg of opium and 758 g of marijuana** at their place of residence.

<https://daryo.uz/2022/05/01/dxx-samarqandda-5-kiloga-yaqin-giyohvand-moddalar-aylanmasiga-chek-qoydi/>

02.05.2022 Employees of the State Customs Committee at the international checkpoint "Bekabad-Railway" in the Bekabad district of the Tashkent region, during the inspection of a freight train that arrived from Tajikistan, found a plastic bag with **1.9 kg of opium**.

<https://daryo.uz/2022/05/02/toshkent-viloyatida-tojikistondan-kirib-kelgan-yuk-poyezdi-tagiga-yashirilgan-narkotik-topildi-video/>

09.05.2022 Employees of the Department of Internal Affairs of the Andijan region in the Khojaabad district detained two citizens who were seized **1 kg of hashish**. According to law enforcement agencies, drugs were smuggled from Kyrgyzstan to Uzbekistan.

<https://dmp.unodc.org/node/1333958>

OTHER COUNTRIES

ARGENTINA

02.05.2022 Soldiers of the Argentine Naval Prefecture in the port of Zarate, Buenos Aires, while checking a container of chia beans bound for Belgium, hid three black bags containing



78 kg of cocaine among bags of chia beans. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/zarate-prefectura-decomiso-mas-de-78-kilos-de-cocaina-que-iban-ocultos-en-la-carga-de-un>

BRAZIL

07.05.2022 Officers of the Federal Police at the port of Rio Grande, during an inspection of a ship bound for Spain, found and seized two bags of **136 kg of cocaine** loaded in a compartment of the ship's hull below the waterline, technically called a "sea box".
<https://g1.globo.com/rs/rio-grande-do-sul/noticia/2022/05/07/policia-federal-apreende-cocaina-em-navio-estrangeiro-atracado-no-porto-de-rio-grande-video.ghtml>

COSTA RICA

02.05.2022 Narcotics Control Police at Moin Dock, while checking a container of scrap metal bound for the Netherlands, found and seized **906 kg** of \$30 million worth of **cocaine** inside two crates with two metal linings. <https://www.nacion.com/sucesos/narcotrafico/pcd-intercepta-906-kilos-de-cocaina-que-iban-hacia/JOVPZOLAMVABDCND3G66B5UEHM/story/>

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

12.05.2022 Employees of the National Drug Control Administration in the port of Caucedo, during the inspection of a container bound for Belgium, found and seized **223 kg of cocaine**. <https://dncd.gob.do/index.php/noticias1/noticias/item/1336-dncd-frustra-envio-de-223-paquetes-presumiblemente-cocaina-a-belgica>

ECUADOR

07.05.2022 Employees of the National Drug Enforcement Administration in the port of Guayaquil, during the inspection of a ship preparing to sail from the seaport, found **10 kg of cocaine** disguised in the ship's electrical system.
<https://www.eluniverso.com/noticias/seguridad/hallan-droga-en-el-sistema-electrico-de-un-buque-que-salia-de-guayaquil-nota/>

GEORGIA

02.05.2022 Police officers on the territory of the Vakhtangisi border checkpoint detained two Azerbaijani citizens, who were seized **10 kg of heroin**. <https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/598882>

INDIA

04.05.2022 Customs officers at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad detained a Tanzanian who wanted to smuggle **1.3 kg of heroin** by intracavitary route. The detainee arrived from Johannesburg. <https://www.thenewsminute.com/article/heroin-worth-rs-12-crore-seize-hyderabad-airport-163597>

05.05.2022 Police officers in Bishnupur district, Manipur state, detained two local men who were seized **7.3 kg of opium**. <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/738-kg-of-opium-seized-in-manipur-two-arrested/article65380988.ece>



11.05.2022 Tax Intelligence Agency officers at Indira Gandhi International Airport, while checking air cargo from a trolley bag arriving from Uganda, found and seized **62 kg of heroin** inside 126 bags of hollow metal tubes.

<https://pib.gov.in/Pressreleaseshare.aspx?PRID=1824432>

11.05.2022 Police officers in the city of Imphal, Manipur state, stopped a Honda car with two local residents inside. During the search of the car, **2.1 kg of heroin** was found and seized. <https://www.eastmojo.com/manipur/2022/05/11/manipur-3-including-head-constable-held-drugs-worth-rs-31-cr-seized/>

INDONESIA

10.05.2022 Indonesian Navy officials found four black bags containing **179 kg of cocaine** near the port of Merak on the island of Java. The incident is under investigation to identify the persons involved. <https://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/indonesian-sailors-seize-82m-cocaine-floating-off-port-84612924>

MALTA

10.05.2022 Customs officers at the port of Freeport, while checking a container of bananas that arrived from Colombia, found and seized **1.5 tons of cocaine** worth 300 million euros. The cargo was intended for shipment to Slovenia.

<https://www.maltatoday.com.mt/news/national/116725/watch-record-300-million-cocaine-bust-in-15-tonne-seizure-at-freeport#.YoIUzPNByUm>

PORTUGAL

03.05.2022 Customs officers at the port of Setúbal, while checking a container that arrived from South America, found and seized **250 kg of cocaine** inside pineapple boxes.

https://info.portaldasfinancas.gov.pt/pt/destaques/Paginas/AT_NEWS_14_22_Apreensao_Cocaina_Alfandega_Setubal.aspx

SAUDI ARABIA

10.05.2022 Officers of the Drug control department in the city of Jufa prevented an attempt to smuggle **11 million amphetamine tablets and 25 kg of hashish** into the country. On this fact, two citizens were detained. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2080036/saudi-arabia>

SWITZERLAND

05.05.2022 Police officers in the city of Fribourg have received information from workers at a Nestle factory about a white powder found in bags of coffee beans arriving from Brazil. During the check, **500 kg of cocaine** worth 50 million swiss francs were found and seized.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/may/05/swiss-police-seize-cocaine-nespresso-factory>

TAILAND

11.05.2022 Police officers during a special operation in two southern provinces detained seven members of an organized criminal group involved in drug smuggling from Thailand to



Malaysia and further to Australia. As a result, **382 kg of crystal methamphetamine and 474,000 methamphetamine tablets** were seized from illicit trafficking.

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2308338/transnational-drug-ring-busted-police-say>

USA

02.05.2022 US Customs and Border Protection officers at the Port of Entry in El Paso, Texas stopped a vehicle driven by a 19-year-old US citizen. During the search of the car, **11 kg of cocaine** were found and seized. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/el-paso-area-cbp-officers-seize-narcotics-and-arrest-30-fugitives>

12.05.2022 U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at the Port of Entry of Del Rio, Texas stopped a passenger vehicle. During the search of the car, **8.5 cocaine** was found and seized. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-narcotics-worth-over-145k-del-rio-port-entry>