

WEEKLY SUMMARY
ON THE FACTS OF THE SEIZURES OF NARCOTIC DRUGS,
PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND THEIR PRECURSORS
 (according to the media)

29.08 till 04.09.2022

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In the period from August 29 to September 4, 2022, based on information from the media, law enforcement agencies and competent authorities of the CARICC member states seized **6399.38 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances from illegal circulation, including: heroin - 7.98 kg, opium - 494 kg, cannabis group - 5545.5 kg and synthetic drugs - 365 kg.**

Seizures of drugs in CARICC member states from August 29 to September 4, 2022 based on information from the media

N/d type (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	7			0,977			
Opium	6.48	450		12			25.448
Cannabis group	120.45	5317.1	38	120,3			69.9
Synthetic drugs	40			325			
Total	173.93	5767.1	38	325			95.35

In other countries of the world, during the specified period, **15 tons 480 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances were seized from illicit trafficking, including: cocaine - 3 tons 193 kg, cannabis group - 520 kg and synthetic drugs - 11 tons 760 kg.**

ON OTHER CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

29.08.2022 As a result of operations carried out by the staff of the Agdash District Police Department over the past 20 days, 11 suspects of cultivating narcotic plants, involvement in the illegal trafficking of hard drugs and psychotropic substances were detained and prosecuted. 50 **hemp** bushes with a total weight of **80 kg** were seized.
<https://ru.oxu.az/society/637303>

29.08.2022 As part of comprehensive operational and search activities to combat drug trafficking, employees of the Astara District Police Department detained a resident of the village of Arkivan, previously convicted Emil Zarbiev, suspected of growing hemp. In the courtyard of his house, **25 cannabis bushes** were found and seized. During a personal search and search in the house, about **6 kg of heroin, 6 kg of 481 g of opium, more than 1 kg of marijuana, 35 g of hashish resin, 31 g of methamphetamine**, packed

in separate bundles, as well as 68 tablets containing in their composition narcotic and potent substances, and electronic scales.

<https://ru.oxu.az/society/637318>

30.08.2022 On the basis of the information received, employees of the Gadabay District Police Department conducted an operation during which they detained Arzu Suleymanov, a resident of the village of Soyudlyu, suspected of cultivating narcotic plants. According to the Ganja regional group of the press service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the operatives found and seized **hemp bushes** with a total weight of about **8 kilograms** in the courtyard of his house. During interrogation, the detainee admitted that he had planted cannabis bushes in May of this year.

<https://ru.oxu.az/society/637660>

03.09.2022 Employees of the Barda District Police Department detained persons suspected of drug trafficking. According to the Barda regional group of the press service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, as a result of the operational measures, Shakhmaly Jafarov was detained, in whose house **5 kg 200 g of marijuana** were found.

<https://ru.oxu.az/society/639083>

04.09.2022 As a result of operational-search activities carried out by employees of the Bilasuvar district police department, five people suspected of drug trafficking were detained. In general, more than **1 kilogram** of the narcotic substance **heroin** was seized.

<https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/639401>

04.09.2022 Thanks to the raid carried out by the police of the Salyan District Police Department, Elmeddin Ismayilov, a resident of the village of Garachala, was detained, suspected of illegal activities. During an inspection of his place of residence in a greenhouse located in the courtyard of the house, **24.25 kg of marijuana** and **five hemp bushes** were found and confiscated as material evidence. During interrogation, the detainee confessed to cultivating drugs.

<https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/639385>

04.09.2022 Police officers detained a resident of the Shamkir region, suspected of illegal acquisition and possession of drugs. During a personal search, marijuana was found on him. More than **2 kg of marijuana** was found in V. Jafarov's house. During interrogation, the detainee stated that he grew hemp for personal use.

<https://ru.oxu.az/society/639604>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

29.08.2022 A suspect in the possession of synthetic drugs in an especially large amount was detained by the police of Kokshetau. The detainee was engaged in the packaging of psychotropic substances in a rented apartment. Subsequently, packaged drugs fell into the hands of pawnbrokers, and then they were already distributed on the territory of the regional center. During the search, the investigators found **18 plates of tramadol and 16 ampoules of tropicamide**. Here, law enforcement officers also found a white-beige powder weighing more than 200 grams. The seized substances were sent for examination.

https://www.kt.kz/rus/crime/_1377938814.html

31 .08.2022 In Zhambyl and Almaty regions, employees of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs carried out operations to seize drugs of the cannabis group. In the Shu district of the Zhambyl region, on the night of August 26-27, employees of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, together with their territorial unit near the village of Tasotkel, detained a local shepherd, a 39-year-old resident of the village of Konaeva, while collecting wild hemp. During the detention, more than **315 kilograms** of cut **hemp** prepared for drying were found. The results of the examination confirmed the preliminary findings of the police officers.

<https://tengrinews.kz/news/politseyskie-vyikosili-konoplyu-v-dvuh-regionah-476632/>

31.08.2022 In the Almaty region, in the Toraigyr area of the Kegen district, police officers, together with border guards, detained two residents of the village of Shelek. Four bags of dried marijuana, ready for sale, were confiscated from the detainees. The detainees indicated the place where hemp was harvested. It turned out to be quite a vast territory on the outskirts of the village of Algabas. The discovered hemp was mowed in the presence of the police, the prosecutor's office and the akimat. A total of **5 tons of hemp** was destroyed on commission.

<https://tengrinews.kz/news/politseyskie-vyikosili-konoplyu-v-dvuh-regionah-476632/>

01.09.2022 In the Kostanay region on August 31, at the 107th kilometer of the Kostanay-Auliyekol-Surgan highway, three bags with a plant origin substance were found in a Lada Largus car driven by a 46-year-old resident of the Karabalyk region. Subsequently, an expert examination established that the seized was dried **marijuana** weighing more than **100 kg**.

<https://liter.kz/v-kostanaiskoi-oblasti-u-muzhchiny-v-mashine-nashli-bolee-100-kg-narkotikov-1662017034/>

02.09.2022 Employees of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Zhambyl region, together with a mobile group formed as part of the Karasora special operation to patrol roads, stopped a car driven by a 46-year-old Almaty citizen for a scheduled inspection. During the inspection of the car, the presence of a narcotic substance was indicated by the search dog Baron under the back seat. To seize it, the police had to dismantle the seat, and only after that they managed to find a bundle with **600 g of hashish**.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/600-gr-gashisha-spyatannye-v-avto-nashla-sluzhebnyaya-sobaka/>

02.09.2022 A special operation, as a result of which the channel for the sale of narcotic drugs on an especially large scale, was liquidated, was carried out on the territory of Nur-Sultan. The 52-year-old cafe owner was detained on suspicion of selling drugs. It is reported that she sold hashish at her place under the code word "hot pies". During a search in the cafe and in the extension where the woman lived, 56 paper bundles with hashish were found, ready for sale. In addition, the police found 2.5 million tenge, which, as law enforcement officers assume, was earned on the sale of drugs. "The total weight of the seized drugs amounted to more than **1 kilogram of hashish**, which was prepared for sale. The suspect confessed and was placed in a temporary detention facility.

<https://www.nur.kz/incident/crime/1985977-gashish-prodavali-v-stolichnom-kafe-pod-kodovym-nazvaniem-goryachie-pirozhki/>

02.09.2022 During the pre-trial investigation under article 297 part 1 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan, it was established that a resident of Pavlodar in one of the shops of the city purchased poppies for 12,000 tenge per kilogram, from which he made acetylated opium at home for personal use and sale. Police officers seized 18 bags of poppy seeds in the store, each weighing 25 kg, for which a forensic medical examination was scheduled. In total, **450 kg of poppy** were seized.

https://ratel.kz/kaz/zhitel_pavlodara_izgotavlivaj_opij_na_domu

REPUBLIC OF KYRGYZSTAN

30.08.2022 In the territory of the Chui region, two Kyrgyzstanis were detained, from whom narcotic drugs were confiscated - **hashish** of Afghan origin with a total weight of **10 kilograms**. This was reported by the press center of the State Committee for National Security. It is specified that in the course of the operational work of the special services, it was established that a citizen of Kazakhstan, K.E.B. was supposed to receive a drug cargo in the border area in the Talas region. The drugs were supposed to be delivered to a neighboring country and sold there. "K.E.B. was detained while crossing the state border at the Chon-Kapka-road checkpoint. He was placed in the TDF SIZO of the State Committee for National Security for further investigative and operational activities. A complex of operational-search measures is being carried out to identify other organizers of the drug channel from among the citizens of Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan," the department noted.

https://24.kg/proisshestvija/243608_grajdantina_kazahstana_skrupnoy_partiej_narkotikov_zaderjali_vtalase/

02.09.2022 A local resident was detained in Toguz-Toro district with **13 kilograms of hashish and 15 kilograms of marijuana**. "On August 22, SBNON officers in the Jalal-Abad region received information that a certain man A. was involved in drug crimes in the Osh region and Osh. The 48-year-old suspect was detained by operatives in the field at the time of drug procurement. The detainee was found to have 13 kilograms 16 grams of hashish. During a further search, 15 kilograms 13 grams of marijuana were also found in his house.

https://24.kg/proisshestvija/243896_vtoguz-torouskom_rayone_zaderjan_mujchina_s28kilogrammami_narkotikov/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

29.08.2022 In mid-August, traffic police officers in the Oktyabrsky district of the regional center stopped a Nissan car driven by a 39-year-old resident of Achinsk. In the interior of the vehicle, two packages with substances were found, which were seized and sent for research. According to the conclusion of the examination, the car contained drugs cocaine weighing 0.502 g and marijuana weighing 5.8 g. By a court decision, the man was placed under administrative arrest for 15 days, during which the police continued to check his involvement in drug crimes.

During the operational-search activities, police officers found that a resident of Achinsk is a wholesale pawnbroker. He received drugs through the online store in which he was employed, placed them in caches for subsequent distribution to retail couriers. Operatives set up hiding places, from where they seized 14 bundles of drugs with a total weight of 520.87 g. During a search at the place of residence of the suspect, employees of the UNK GU MVD for the Krasnoyarsk Territory found and seized packages of **drugs** with a total weight of more than **36 kg**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/32085112/>

29.08.2022 In the course of serving on the section of the Rostov-Semikarakorsk-Volgodonsk highway, inspectors from the Donskoy separate battalion of the traffic police of the traffic police No. 1 of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Rostov Region stopped a Lada Priora car to check documents. The police inspected the vehicle and carried out a personal search of the citizens. As a result, a polymer bag with a white powdery substance was found in one of the passengers. During the inspection of the vehicle in the luggage compartment, the police found another 93 zip bags and 4 plastic bags with a powdered substance, as well as scales and empty plastic packaging bags. An investigative team was called to the scene for further investigation. The detected substances were seized and sent for examination, which established that they are narcotic drugs. The total weight of seized **synthetic drugs was 122 grams**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/32080533/>

29.08.2022 As a result of operational measures, officers of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Melenkovsky district of the Vladimir region detained a 39-year-old resident of Moscow, suspected of drug trafficking.

During the inspection of a private house, the police found more than **120 plant bushes**, plastic bags with parts of dry plants, as well as containers with loose plant contents that have a characteristic smell and color. A study conducted by the ECC of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Vladimir Region found that there was **hemp** in the pots, and the seized dry mass was **marijuana** with a total weight of more than **1.5 kg**.

The investigators found out that the man, who regularly came from the capital to the region, planted narcotic plants and created conditions for their growth: he installed special lighting equipment, organized a ventilation system, and fertilized the soil. He dried the bushes that reached the desired degree of growth and processed them into marijuana.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/32092626/>

29.08.2022 "Employees of the Department for Drug Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Republic of Karelia, with the support of the special forces unit "Grom",

liquidated a laboratory where synthetic drugs were produced, intended for sale in the territory of the North-Western Federal District.

According to preliminary information, illegal activities were organized by two local residents. As a result of operational-search activities, the suspects were detained. During searches in a rented house, police officers found and seized laboratory equipment, personal protective equipment, electronic scales, barrels and canisters with drug-containing liquid with a total weight of over **300 kilograms**. According to the expert's conclusion, the seized liquid substances in the dry residue amount to **44 kilograms of precursors** of various types and **46 kilograms of mephedrone**. This is the largest consignment of drugs seized by the police of the Republic of Karelia from illegal circulation.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/32083846/>

29.08.2022 In Yekaterinburg, officers of the drug control group of police department No. 10 of the Zheleznodorozhny district, during a complex of operational-search measures, identified and detained two citizens born in 1973 and 1988, who are suspected of selling drugs on a large scale. The women were detained and taken to the territorial police department for a personal search, identification of places for storing and selling drugs, as well as withdrawing them from illegal circulation. The investigative team seized the bundle and sent it for examination. The analysis showed that it contained a narcotic drug - heroin, with a total weight of about 100 grams, which is a large size. Further, during a personal search in the presence of attesting witnesses, a cell phone containing the coordinates of the place of purchase of the "master treasure" was seized from the bag of the second detainee. The police also searched her home. During the inspection, "bookmarks" already packaged and ready for sale, as well as packaging materials and electronic scales, were found. The study showed that the confiscated in the apartment is also a narcotic drug - heroin with a total weight of about 10 grams. A total of **110 grams of heroin** were seized.

<http://ural-news.net/incident/2022/08/29/333581.html>

30.08.2022 Novosibirsk police officers, together with employees of the regional FSB of Russia, detained two local residents who are charged with illegal trafficking in synthetic drugs, the press service of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the region reports.

"The operatives found that two residents of the Novosibirsk region, a man and a woman aged 32 and 35, were picking up wholesale bookmarks of narcotic drugs prepared for sale at designated places, then packing them into smaller batches for further sale," the report says. The attackers were detained by police at the entrance of one of the houses in the Zheleznodorozhny district of Novosibirsk. During the personal search of the suspect, a postal parcel was found - a box with a coffee machine, in which there was a cache with a narcotic drug weighing more than 1 kg.

Then the police seized another parcel, which contained a similar coffee machine with a narcotic substance.

"The results of a study conducted at the Forensic Center of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Novosibirsk Region showed that the confiscated drugs are drugs of synthetic origin - **mephedrone and a-pvp** with a total weight of more than **1.5 kg**," the report says.

<https://www.interfax-russia.ru/siberia/news/dve-kofemashiny-s-1-5-kg-sinteticheskogo-narkotika-izyali-v-novosibirske>

30.08.2022 Employees of the drug trafficking control department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Bryansk region seized a large batch of a synthetic banned substance from visiting drug couriers. In the process of operational measures, the police stopped a car in the Bryansk region, in the cabin of which there were two 20-year-old boys - a Muscovite and a visitor from neighboring countries.

During the inspection, the police found packages with a suspicious substance weighing almost 2 kilograms in the car. According to the results of the investigations, the employees of the Forensic Center of the Ministry of Internal Affairs concluded that the seized substance was **mephedrone** with a total weight of **1990 grams**. According to the investigation, the detainees were wholesale pawnbrokers and were transporting another batch of drugs to the Bryansk region for transfer to smaller dealers and subsequent sale in the region.

<https://www.mkbryansk.ru/incident/2022/08/30/v-bryanske-izyali-krupnyu-partiyu-narkotikov-u-priezzhikh-narkodilerov.html>

30.08.2022 Employees of the drug control department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Republic of Adygea, in cooperation with the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia and the specialized unit of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Takhtamukaysky district, implemented a set of measures to document the illegal activities of a 36-year-old previously repeatedly convicted resident of the Rostov region, involved in illegal transactions with prohibited substances.

When carrying out joint operational activities, drug police officers found 20 sealed bags with an unknown powdery substance in the cabin of a foreign car.

Forensic experts of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Republic of Adygea conducted the necessary research and concluded that the seized substance was **mephedrone**. The weight of the party was about **10 kilograms**.

<https://мвд.пф/news/item/32108468/>

30.08.2022 Employees of the Department for Drug Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia "Shchelkovskoye" as a result of operational-search activities in the cottage village of the village of Medvezhy Ozero, o. Shchelkovo detained a 33-year-old previously convicted resident of Moscow, suspected of selling drugs.

During the search of the detainee's car, 5 polymer bundles were found and seized, as well as 4 bags and a glass container with a powdery substance. The results of a chemical study showed that their content is a derivative of a narcotic drug - **N-methylephedron**. The total weight of the seized amounted to more than **700 grams**.

<https://мвд.пф/news/item/32102776/>

30.08.2022 The head of the Ostrovsky Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, Artem Sultanov, during an inspection of the territory under his jurisdiction, drew attention to a car parked on the side of the Kostroma-Sharya-Kirov-Perm federal highway.

During the conversation, the driver and passenger were noticeably nervous and tried to leave. This behavior seemed suspicious to the policeman, and he called the investigative team. During a personal search and examination of the car, the police found and seized several bundles. According to the examination, inside were **methadone, mephedrone** and **"salt"** weighing more than **250 grams**.

<https://мвд.пф/news/item/32107111/>

31.08.2022 As a result of operational-search activities in a forest near the Northern Highway, employees of the POC of the MU of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia "Ramenskoye" detained a resident of Noginsk, suspected of selling drugs.

During the search of the woman, 7 bundles with a total weight of about **700 grams** were found and seized. According to the results of a chemical study of three of them, it was established that the contents in the packages are a derivative of the narcotic drug **amphetamine**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/32130224/>

31.08.2022 As part of the operational and preventive measure "Poppy-2022", employees of the POC OMVD of Russia in the Korenovsky district, together with representatives of the Cossacks and municipal authorities, conducted raids aimed at identifying and destroying centers of growth of drug-containing plants. Hemp thickets were found on the outskirts of the city of Korenovsk in the area of a sugar factory and in a field on the territory of the Zhurovsky rural settlement. In total, more than **3,500 cannabis bushes** were destroyed on an area of more than 1,500 square meters.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/32119439/>

31.08.2022 During the three days of the next stage of the operation "Poppy-2022", the police in Yevpatoriya documented and seized more than **500 grams** of drugs of plant origin (**marijuana**) from illegal circulation. So, on the territory of two households in the village of Zaozernoje, 13 polymer bundles with hemp were found and seized, with a total weight of more than 400 grams. In addition, the district police commissioner in the household plot of a resident of the same village documented the fact of growing 25 hemp bushes, "the press service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Republic of Kazakhstan reported. Also in Yevpatoria, during a personal search by inspectors of the patrol police service, a local resident was found to have a narcotic substance "marijuana", weighing about 7 grams. Necessary examinations were carried out on all the facts of seizure of narcotic substances and criminal cases were initiated.

<https://kianews24.ru/news/v-evpatorii-za-tri-dnya-operacii-mak-2022/>

31.08.2022 In August of this year, employees of the Drug Control Department of Police Department No. 21 of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs for the city of Togliatti received operational information that a 24-year-old man was distributing drugs by placing them in hiding places in the courtyards of residential buildings on the territory of Tolyatti. In the course of carrying out operational activities, police officers, with the power support of the soldiers of the Grom special forces, near a residential building on the street. Polyakov, detained a man. During the search, in the presence of understandable people, a bundle with a powdery substance was found and seized from his clothes. During the inspection of an apartment located in the Avtozavodsky district of Tolyatti, rented by the detainee, the police found and seized one bag of polymeric material with a powdery substance in the ventilation hood, and plastic bags with a light-colored substance in the kitchen table. According to a study conducted in the Forensic Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the city of Togliatti, it was found that all seized packages contain a substance that is a narcotic - **heroin**, with a total weight of over **555 grams**, which corresponds to a particularly large size, and **methadone** - with a total weight of **243.40 grams**.

<https://samaratoday.ru/news/419493>

01.09.2022 In the Kirovsky district, police detained a suspect in the illegal cultivation of narcotic plants. Employees of the drug control unit of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Kirovsky District during an inspection of the area near the village. Zhuravki found and seized 23 cannabis bushes in the field, with signs of cultivation. According to the conclusion of the forensic examination, the seized bushes are narcotic plants of the **hemp** genus with a total weight of more than **1 kilogram**.

<https://gorod24.online/simferopol/news/264806->

sotrudniki_podrazdeleniya_okon_kirovskogo_rayona_vyiyavili_fakt_hraneniya_narkotikov.html

01.09.2022 Employees of the drug control department of the mineral water police stopped the fact of illegal sale of a prohibited substance. Earlier, the police received information that a local resident was going to sell a large batch of a synthetic drug in the city, which was confirmed during a "test purchase".

The examination showed that the bulk substance contained in the polymer bag is **mephedrone** with a total weight of more than **470 grams**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/32154795/>

01.09.2022 During the operational-search activities, the police department in the Ust-Kubinsky district established that a resident of the village of Ustye, born in 1991. carries out storage of a narcotic drug of plant origin.

Officers of the Criminal Investigation Department detained the suspect at the place of residence. During the inspection of the house and the adjoining area, the police found and seized drug-containing plants, as well as their dried parts. Everything seized was sent for examination to the Forensic Center of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Vologda Region. According to the expert opinion, the seized drug is **poppy straw** with a total weight of **1.6 kg**. During the conversation with the suspect, the operatives found that the man made the narcotic on his own and kept it for further use.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/32168286/>

01.09.2022 Employees of the Directorate for Drug Control of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Moscow Region, together with colleagues from the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the city of Lotoshino, with the support of the Thunder fighters, detained a 19-year-old local resident suspected of selling drugs using caches, bookmarks and postal items.

As a result of working out operational information in the trunk of the car on which the attacker moved, the investigators found a black bag with a powdery substance. The man explained that he intended to send a package of drugs to the buyer.

In addition, the detainee's phone contained photographs and coordinates with a presumed place for laying drugs in the village of Kirovsky. As a result of the departure to the specified address, the police officers seized a package with a similar substance.

According to the conclusion of the expert of the ECC of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Moscow Region, the contents of two bundles, with a total weight of about **2 kilograms**, are a derivative of the narcotic drug **N-methylephedron**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/32152582/>

01.09.2022 Employees of the traffic police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Tyazhinskiy municipal district on Central Street in the village of Akimo-Annenka stopped a Lada Kalina car driven by a 38-year-old resident of the village of Klyuchevaya. While inspecting the car, the police found a pile of opium poppy in the trunk of the vehicle. An investigative team was called to the scene. Police officers seized a total of **12 kilograms** of the drug-containing **opium poppy** plant.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/32158317/>

02.09.2022 While on a patrol route in the Adler district of the city of Sochi, officers of the police patrol service noticed a taxi car parked near a forest belt. As passengers, there were two young men in it, one of whom, at the sight of the police, behaved suspiciously. As a result of the inspection of the car, law enforcement officers found and seized two packages, which contained one hundred parcels wrapped with insulating tape. A 24-year-old resident of the city of Goryachiy Klyuch was detained by the police and taken to the police department. The contents of the bundles were sent for research. According to the expert's conclusion, the seized is a narcotic drug - **heroin**, with a total weight of about **70 grams**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/32187242/>

02.09.2022 At the stationary police post "Malinovka", traffic police inspectors of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Kazan stopped a car driven by a 21-year-old resident of Novosibirsk. During the inspection of the vehicle, a package with an unknown substance inside was found in the luggage compartment. According to the examination, the seized substance is a narcotic drug of **synthetic origin** weighing **4883.5**

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<https://мвд.рф/news/item/32180635/>

03.09.2022 In Tatarstan, police detained a previously convicted 40-year-old resident of the village of Usady, who was found to have 400 grams of narcotic substances during a search in his garden house. It was established that the seized substances are narcotic, namely, **149.5 grams of marijuana** were stored in newsprint, and **255.5 grams of hemp** in garbage bags. Currently, a measure of restraint in the form of a written undertaking not to leave has been chosen against the suspect. On this fact, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Vysokogorsky district initiated a criminal case.

<https://realnoevremya.ru/news/259814-v-rt-zaderzhali-muzhchinu-na-dache-kotorogo-obnaruzheno-400-gramm-narkotikov>

03.09.2022 In mid-August, at the entrance to Kazan, employees of the State traffic inspectorate detained a man carrying **2.4 kg** of drugs. When the inspectors stopped the Kia car, the passenger, born in 1991, became visibly nervous when checking documents. During the search of his belongings, packages with methamphetamine were seized.

<https://realnoevremya.ru/news/259721-avtoinspektory-kazani-izyali-okolo-5-kg-narkotikov-u-zhitelya-novosibirskaya>

03.09.2022 Customs officers found **50.2 kg of cocaine** in a batch of bananas that arrived at one of the St. Petersburg ports. Cynologists helped to detect illegal cargo on September 1 at about 17:00. Bananas, along with drugs, arrived in Russia from Ecuador. At the same time, the prohibited substances were packaged in 51 rectangular briquettes of the same size. At the moment, the issue of initiating a criminal case is being decided.

https://78.ru/news/2022-09-03/v_pribivshei_v_port_peterburga_partii_bananov_nashli_bolee_50_kg_kokaina

04.09.2022 In Chelyabinsk, police officers on suspicion of drug trafficking detained a local resident, born in 1987. The man turned his apartment in the Sovietsky district into a greenhouse for growing hemp, installing the equipment necessary for cultivating the plant in the room. He himself lived at a different address.

In the apartment of the suspect during the search, **44 bushes** of a drug-containing plant (**cannabis**) and **1.3 kg of marijuana** packaged in bags were seized. The police also found devices for the consumption of drugs.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/32217067/>

04.09.2022 Employees of the Department of Internal Affairs Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Samara Region, together with colleagues from the territorial internal affairs body, while checking information about the involvement of a local resident in the illegal circulation of prohibited substances at 88 km of the Samara-Buguruslan highway, stopped his Skoda Fabia car. During the inspection, in the presence of attesting witnesses, of the vehicle driven by the suspect born in 1988, police officers found and seized 60 bundles with a powdered substance.

An examination carried out at the ECC of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Samara Region showed that the substances seized by the police were drugs **N-methylephedron**, with a total weight of about **56 grams**, which the legislator considers to be large.

https://samara.tsargrad.tv/news/v-samarskoj-oblasti-sotrudniki-policii-zaderzhali-podozrevaemogo-v-nezakonnom-oborote-narkotikov_618131

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

30.08.2022 Members of the drug chain involved in the distribution of hashish were detained in Tashkent.

It all started with the fact that on August 10, in the Chilanzar region, during an operational event, an attempt was made to illegally sell a drug. During the check, 150 grams of hashish, packaged in 107 plastic bags, were seized from 38-year-old previously convicted Otabek.

Also during the search in the auto repair shop belonging to the detainee, 10 grams of hashish, packaged in 17 plastic bags, were seized.

During the investigation, it was established that Otabek received drugs from a previously convicted 36-year-old Sardorbek. He was also detained by law enforcement officers.

In total, law enforcement officers detained five members of the drug chain. **260 grams** of hashish were seized. A criminal case has been opened on this fact.

[https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/v-tashkente-zaderzhany-chleny-narkotseepochki-zanimavshiesya-rasprostraneniem-gashisha-/](https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/v-tashkente-zaderzhany-chleny-narkotseepochki-zanimavshiesya-rasprostraneniem-gashisha/)

04.09.2022 Operatives of the State Security Service (SSS) stopped a Matiz car in the Chilanzar district of Tashkent. During his inspection, a large consignment of drugs was found. There were two foreign citizens in the car, they were found to have **23 kilograms 52 grams of opium and 30 kilograms 122 grams of hashish**. The drugs were confiscated and documented in a procedural manner. It turned out that these drugs were smuggled by Afghan drug couriers.

<https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestiya/v-tashkente-zaderzhali-matiz-zabityy-narkotikami-iz-afganistana/>

04.09.2022 In Termez, the Lasetti car was stopped and examined under the control of a 56-year-old resident of the Denau district, who had previously been convicted and served a sentence for a serious crime committed abroad. In his car, **39 kilograms 520 grams of hashish**, smuggled by Afghan drug dealers, were found.

<https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestiya/v-tashkente-zaderzhali-matiz-zabityy-narkotikami-iz-afganistana/>

04.09.2022 During a search, the security forces found in the house of a 55-year-old resident of the Denau district, previously convicted of drug-related crimes, **2 kilograms 396 grams of opium**, which were stored for the purpose of sale.

<https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestiya/v-tashkente-zaderzhali-matiz-zabityy-narkotikami-iz-afganistana/>

ON OTHER COUNTRIES

BELARUS

29.08.2022 Brest customs officers stopped a channel for the supply of about 160 kg of hashish to Belarus organized by a group of people. According to available information, the drug supply channel was organized by citizens of Belarus and the countries of the European Union.

The Mercedes truck was passing through the Kozlovichi checkpoint. According to the documents presented by the Polish carrier, a batch of foil and fasteners was moved in the car. The customs officers decided to send the truck for inspection using the inspection complex. The scan showed that there are uncharacteristic attachments behind the front wall of the refrigerator. After dismantling the elements of the front wall cladding, the Brest customs officers found a cavity in which there were 186 bundles with a light brown substance. According to the expert's conclusion, the contents of the bundle are **hashish**. The total weight of the drugs was about **160 kg**.

<https://www.belta.by/incident/view/okolo-160-kg-gashisha-pytalis-vvezti-iz-polshi-v-belarus-520765-2022/>

30.08.2022 2 hectares of wild-growing **hemp** were destroyed in the Kormyansky district. The plantation was discovered by a raiding group of the Kormyansky District Department of Internal Affairs. Police officers monitored possible hemp growing areas during the "Poppy" special event. At 100 meters from a dairy farm in the village of Voronovka, policemen saw a field sown with wild-growing hemp. The area is almost 2 hectares.

<https://www.belta.by/incident/view/v-kormjanskom-rajone-unichtozhili-2-ga-konopli-521165-2022/>

04.09.2022 Operatives of the Frunzensky District Department of Internal Affairs of Minsk, with the power support of the "Almaz" SPBT, caught red-handed two residents of Minsk, 28

and 29 years old. The law enforcement officers found and seized more than **100 g** of the dangerous drug **mephedrone** and several single doses of hashish from the detainees and in hiding places. The defendants admitted that they worked as drug couriers for about two weeks. Both do not work anywhere, and the youngest of them was convicted of fraud.
<https://www.belta.by/incident/view/dvoe-narkozakladchikov-zaderzhany-v-minske-522042-2022>

GERMANY

29.08.2022 On August 26, investigators of the Joint Drug Crimes Investigation Group discovered almost **660 kg of cocaine** with the help of colleagues. This is the largest cocaine shipment found in Brandenburg, with an estimated value of around €50 million.” It is specified that on August 26, a local supplier of fruits and vegetables turned to law enforcement agencies, who found “blocks of white matter hidden among the fruits” in the cargo of delivered bananas. The first test for cocaine was positive. As it became known to law enforcement officers, the cargo of bananas was delivered to Brandenburg by mistake. The party followed from Colombia by sea. The drugs were seized by the police, and the investigation into the case is ongoing.
<https://iz.ru/1387027/2022-08-29/pochti-660-kg-kokaina-nashli-sredi-bananov-v-germanii>

ITALY

04.09.2022 More than 13 kg of cocaine packed in the leather upholstery of an electric wheelchair was found at Milan airport. The Associated Press reported this on Saturday, citing official Italian sources, Interfax writes. The attention of the police to a traveler in a wheelchair was attracted by a service dog. First, the law enforcement officers checked his luggage, but the inspection did not give anything, and then the dog handlers cut the upholstery of the wheelchair and found cocaine. Immediately after that, the owner of the chair, a Spaniard, who had previously asked the airport staff to help him with the wheelchair, got up and walked without assistance, after which he was taken into custody. The police specified that 11 packages of cocaine with a total weight of **13.35 kilograms** could contain up to 27,000 individual doses of the drug, and the market value was about 1.4 million euros.
<https://www.newkalinograd.ru/news/briefs/incidents/24010267-v-aeroportu-milana-v-invalidnoy-kolyaske-obnaruzhili-kokain-na-1-4-mln-evro.html>

CANADA

30.08.2022 A drug trafficking investigation resulted in the largest drug seizure for RCMP Quesnel to date. According to a press release, the five men were arrested after Kenel's Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) executed a search warrant on three houses and seized large amounts of cocaine, cash and firearms. Police seized just under **5 kilos of cocaine**, \$92,900 in cash and 15 firearms.
<https://www.agassizharrisonobserver.com/news/cocaine-and-cash-police-make-largest-drug-seizure-in-detachment-history-in-quesnel/>

COSTA RICA

04.09.2022

Costa Rica police have seized **2.5 tons of cocaine** at a cargo terminal in the Caribbean port of Moin hidden in a container destined for Europe, the Public Safety Department said, cited by DPA.

Security officials found the drug in a fruit container that was supposed to go to Belgium, the agency said on Twitter.

<https://novini.bg/sviat/latinska-amerika/736364>

MOLDOVA

29.08.2022 Law enforcement officers stopped the illegal activities of an organized criminal group (OCG), which specialized in drug smuggling from Ukraine to Moldova. The criminals imported narcotic substances such as "**mephedrone**", "PVP" and marijuana. They traded illegal substances throughout the country via the Internet. The total weight of drugs seized as part of the investigation is **9 kg**, and their value is about 5.5 million lei.

<https://esp.md/ru/sobytiya/2022/08/29/razoblachena-banda-narkotorgovcev-policiya-izyala-tovara-na-55-mln-leev>

PORTUGAL

31.08.2022 The Judicial Police (PJ) detained a man suspected of participating in an "organized criminal structure" for drug trafficking and seized **360.5 kilograms of hashish** for sale in the north of Portugal. 31-year-old detainee was placed under pre-trial detention after appearing in court, PJ said in a statement. According to PJ, the suspect was in possession of 353 kilograms of hashish and 7.5 kilograms of liamba, drugs that were destined for the national market of the Northern Region.

<https://www.theportugalnews.com/ru/ru-news/2022-08-31/pj-detain-dealer-with-360kg-of-drugs/69886>

SAUDI ARABIA

01.09.2022 Saudi authorities have confiscated **47 million amphetamine pills** that were hidden in a shipment of flour in what is described as the largest single drug smuggling attempt in terms of drugs seized. The pills were confiscated in a warehouse after arriving through the dry port of the capital Riyadh, the Saudi interior ministry said in a statement on Wednesday.

Eight people were arrested on suspicion of drug smuggling, according to a spokesman for the General Directorate of Narcotics Control (GDNC).

The ministry said the seizure was the largest single drug smuggling attempt in terms of drugs seized. The Saudi GDNC traced the shipment and ransacked the warehouse, arresting six Syrian nationals and two Pakistani nationals on suspicion of drug smuggling. The GDNC did not name the seized drug or where it came from.

Authorities arrested eight people on suspicion of drug smuggling. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has previously stated that "reports of amphetamine seizures from countries in the Middle East continue to be predominantly for pills bearing the Captagon logo."

<https://edition.cnn.com/2022/09/01/middleeast/saudi-arabia-amphetamine-intl-scli/index.html>

USA

29.08.2022 Two Mexican citizens, Gerardo Madrigal Quintero, 23, from Culiacan, Mexico, and Joel Enrique Armenta Castro, 30, from Mochis, Sinaloa, Mexico, were taken into custody by FBI special agents in Boston and designated task force officers to the Boston Narcotics Organized Crime Strike Force and Massachusetts State Police Troopers assigned to Westfield Barracks, Massachusetts. Both men were charged by the state with trafficking 200 grams or more of cocaine and conspiracy to violate drug laws. As a result of this operation, about **15 kg of cocaine** were seized, as well as a tractor trailer driven by Mr. Quintero.

<https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/boston/news/press-releases/two-mexican-nationals-arrested-15-kilos-of-cocaine-seized-in-fbi-led-boston-organized-crime-drug-enforcement-strike-force-investigation>

UKRAINE

29.08.2022 In the city of Alyoshki near Kherson, police officers discovered a drug laboratory, which also contained cartridges and clothing with neo-Nazi symbols. "A local resident born in 1976 was found to have a laboratory for the production of **marijuana**, packaged in bags of a plant substance with a characteristic smell of hemp, weighing about **7 kg**," the department's Telegram channel says. In addition, 37 5.56 mm rounds of ammunition were found in the man's house, presumably from a Remington submachine gun, as well as clothes and attributes with neo-Nazi symbols.

<https://iz.ru/1387006/2022-08-29/narkolaboratorii-i-natcistskuiu-atributiku-obnaruzhili-pod-khersonom>

30.08.2022 Yuriy Chernetsky was detained in the center of Kyiv on suspicion of drug trafficking. The prosecutor's office noted that more than **20 bags of cocaine**, money, cartridges, bags for packaging and electronic scales were seized from the Kiev resident.

"According to the materials of the investigation, a 48-year-old local resident, who had previously come to the attention of law enforcement officers, systematically sold cocaine in Kyiv. As part of the investigation, law enforcement officers documented several facts of drug sales and detained a suspect during the next sale," the press service said.

<https://meta.ua/showbiz/glamur/53668-zaderzhali-za-narkotiki-blogger-sobiraet-4-mln-griven-s-podpischnikov-chtobi-vnesti-zalog-za-muzhchinu/>