

WEEKLY SUMMARY
ON THE FACTS OF THE SEIZURE OF NARCOTIC DRUGS,
PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND THEIR PRECURSORS
 (based on mass media reports)

23.01. to 31.01.2023

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In the period from 23 to 31 January 2023, based on information from mass media law enforcement bodies and security agencies of CARICC Member States seized **145 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 6.8 kg, opium – 11 kg, cannabis group drugs – 12.6 kg and synthetic drugs – 114.8 kg.**

Seizures of drugs in the CARICC member states from 23 to 31 January 2023, based on information from the media

Type of drugs (kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	3,3			3,5			
Opium	1						10
Cannabis group	6,2	4,5					2
Synthetic drugs		84,7		30,1			1070 pieces of regapen
Total	10,5	89,2		33,6			12

In other countries, during the specified period, 7 t 346 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances were seized from illicit trafficking, including: heroin – 5 kg, cocaine – 7 t 246 kg and synthetic drugs – 125 kg.

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC

24.01.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Goychay region detained two men, who seized **2.1 kg of marijuana, 1 kg of opium and 325 g of heroin.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/687680>

27.01.2023 Police officers in the city of Baku stopped a car driven by a local resident. During a search of the car, inside the trunk, they found and seized **2 kg of heroin and 4.1 kg of marijuana.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/689034>

30.01.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Baku detained a local resident, who was seized **1 kg of heroin.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/690039>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

24.01.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Shu district detained a 36-year-old resident of Taraz, who was found and seized **3.7 kg of marijuana** and **795 g of hashish** at his place of residence. <https://polisia.kz/ru/do-7-let-tyur-my-grozit-taraztsu-za-hranenie-narkotikov-v-osobo-kрупnom-razmere-2/>

25.01.2023 During the operational-search activities in the Abai region, police officers detained a 25-year-old woman, who was found to have **770 g of mephedrone** at her place of residence. <https://polisia.kz/ru/sbytchitsu-s-osobo-kрупnoj-partiej-sintetiki-zaderzhali-v-oblasti-abaj/>

30.01.2023 In the course of investigations in the Almaty region, police officers detained Ukrainian citizens who were equipping a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs in a rented room. During the search, **84 kg of synthetic drugs** and **2 tons of precursors** were found and seized. https://baigenews.kz/vo-vse-tyazhkie-ukraintsy-organizovali-pod-almaty-kрупnyu-narkolaboriyu_146455/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

23.01.2023 Police officers, together with employees of the Federal Security Service, in the course of conducting operational-search activities in the Prokhladnensky district of Kabardino-Balkaria, detained a 24-year-old man, who was found to have **500 g of heroin** at his place of residence. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/35207567>

23.01.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Voskresensk, Moscow Region, detained four men who had equipped a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs in their house. During the search, **3.5 kg of mephedrone**, laboratory equipment and precursors were found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/35203029>

23.01.2023 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the city of Shchelkovo, Moscow Region, detained a 27-year-old man, who was seized **500 g of methylephedron**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/35207273>

24.01.2023 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the city of Ryazan detained a 34-year-old man, who was found to have **1.6 kg of mephedrone** at his place of residence. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/35236335>

25.01.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations detained two residents of the Yaroslavl region, a man and a woman, who purchased a land plot in one of the rural settlements of the Pereslavsky district. On its territory, in an outbuilding, they organized a laboratory for the production of drugs. During the search, **12.5 kg of mephedrone**, laboratory equipment and chemical reagents were found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/35250668>

26.01.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Vladimir region detained three men who had equipped a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs in their

house. During the search, **10 kg of mephedrone**, laboratory equipment and precursors were found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/35291026>

26.01.2023 Police officers in the village of Fenino, Moscow Region, stopped a car driven by a 35-year-old man. During the search of the car, **2 kg of mephedrone** were found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/35289524>

30.01.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Berezniki, Perm Territory, detained a 24-year-old man, who was found to have **3 kg of heroin** at his place of residence. The detainee, working in an online store, received large quantities of prohibited substances, packed them into smaller ones and made bookmarks on the territory of the Perm Territory. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/35374373>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

23.01.2023 Employees of the Department for Combating Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Uzbekistan during the operational-search activities in the Chilanzar district of the city of Tashkent detained three persons from whom **1,070 units** of the potent drug "**Regapen**" were confiscated. <https://iiv.uz/news/toshkent-shahrida-kop-miqdordagi-kuchli-tasir-qiluvchi-dori-vositalari-savdosining-oldi-olindi>

30.01.2023 Law enforcement officers in the course of investigations in the Bekabad district of the Tashkent region detained a 40-year-old man, who was found and seized **2 kg of hashish** at his place of residence. <https://iiv.uz/news/toshkent-viloyati-boylab-giyohvandlik-va-psixotrop-dori-vositalariga-qarshi-murosasiz-kurash-davom-etadi>

30.01.2023 Employees of the State Security Service in the Urgut district of the Samarkand region detained a 24-year-old man who was seized **2 kg of opium**. After that, law enforcement officers inspected the detainee's living quarters. There they found another **8 kg of opium**. <https://repost.uz/po-godu-za-kilogramm>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BRAZIL

27.01.2023 Сотрудники Федеральной полиции в порту Итапоа в ходе проверки контейнера, направляющегося в Испанию, обнаружили и изъяли **55 кг кокаина**. <https://www.gov.br/receitafederal/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2023/janeiro/receita-federal-e-policia-federal-realizam-apreensao-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-itapoa>

COLOMBIA

23.01.2023 Employees of the Naval Service of Colombia in the city of Sitio Nuevo, after a thorough search of the area, discovered **907 kg of cocaine** hidden underground. <https://www.armada.mil.co/es/content/fuerzas-militares-golpean-estructuras-delincuenciales-al-servicio-del-narcotrafico>

ECUADOR

26.01.2023 Customs officers at the port of Guayaquil, while checking a container bound for Belgium, found and seized **1.1 tons of cocaine** inside a shipment of bananas. <https://www.policia.gob.ec/policia-captura-una-tonelada-de-cocaina-en-contenedor-con-banano/>

INDIA

28.01.2023 Police officers in the city of Amristar, Punjab, detained a man who was seized **5 kg of heroin**. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/chandigarh-news/transborder-smuggling-module-busted-1-held-with-5-kg-heroin-12-lakh-in-amritsar-101675009119331.html>

TURKIYE

28.01.2023 Customs officers in the port of Tekirdag, while checking a container that arrived from South America, found and seized **114 kg of cocaine**. <https://railynews.com/2023/01/114-kilograms-of-cocaine-seized-in-Tekirdag-port/>

SENEGAL

24.01.2023 The Senegalese navy, off the coast 335 kilometers from the capital of Senegal, Dakar, intercepted a ship on board which they found and seized **800 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.lanacion.com.ar/agencias/incautan-mas-de-800-kg-de-cocaina-en-un-barco-en-la-costa-de-senegal-nid24012023/>

SPAIN

26.01.2023 Customs officers at the port of Barcelona, while checking a container that arrived from Colombia, found and seized **266 kg of cocaine** inside an industrial vehicle. <https://narcodiario.com/2023/01/una-maquina-industrial-construida-para-transportar-cocaina-a-gran-escala-de-colombia-a-espana/>

27.01.2023 Customs officials at the port of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria have intercepted a livestock ship. During the search of the ship, **4 tons of cocaine** were found and seized. <https://www.canarias7.es/sucesos/interceptan-canarias-buque-20230126133157-nt.html>

UKRAINE

25.01.2023 Customs officers in the port of Odessa, while checking a container that arrived from South America, found and seized **4 kg of cocaine** inside bags of slag. One of the know-how of drug traffickers is to make it harder to detect by flavoring and disguising as industrial slag by a sophisticated modern chemical process. It is distributed in Europe, and in Ukraine it was discovered by the customs authorities for the first time. It should be noted that the drug is extracted from the slag by chemical treatment with virtually no loss of quality. According to law enforcement officers, drug traffickers planned to sell only a small part of cocaine in Ukraine. The rest was intended for movement in small batches to the EU countries. <https://customs.gov.ua/en/news/novini-regioniv-23/post/odeski-mitniki-viavili-tak-zvanii-chornii-kokayin-na-15-mln-griven-993>

USA

23.01.2023 US Customs and Border Protection officers at the El Paso, Texas port of entry stopped a vehicle driven by a 34-year-old citizen of Mexico. During a search of the car, inside a propane tank, **12 kg of methamphetamine** were found and seized.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-more-500-pounds-hard-drugs-start-2023>

27.01.2023 Border Patrol agents in San Diego, California stopped the vehicle. During the search of the car, **113 kg of fentanyl** were found and seized.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/border-patrol-seizes-4-million-narcotics-one-day>