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

(based on mass media reports)

# 06.02. to 15.02.2023

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In the period from 06 to 15 February 2023, based on information from mass media law enforcement bodies and security agencies of CARICC Member States seized **231.2 kg** of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 67.2 kg, cocaine – 300 g, opium – 2.4 kg, cannabis group drugs – 140.6 kg and synthetic drugs – 20.7 kg.

Seizures of drugs in the CARICC member states from 06 to 15 February 2023, based on information from the media

Type of drugs	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
(kg)							
Heroin	15,1			52			0,160
Cocaine			0,300				
Opium							2,4
Cannabis	6		20,6	14	100		
group							
Synthetic		2,9		17,8			
drugs							
Total	21,1	2,9	20,9	83,8	100		2,5

In other countries, during the specified period, 13 t 525 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances were seized from illicit trafficking, including: heroin – 39.6 kg, cocaine – 12 t 585 kg, cannabis group drugs – 654 kg and synthetic drugs – 246.6 kg.

# CARICC MEMBER STATES

# AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC

**09.02.2023** Police officers in the course of investigations in the Zardab region detained a man who was seized **4.1 kg of heroin**. <u>https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/694417</u>

**13.02.2023** Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Baku detained three persons involved in drug trafficking. During a search at the place of residence of the detainees, **4 kg of heroin and 4 kg of marijuana** were found and seized. It was established that the detainees agreed to the offer to be drug couriers, made to them by an



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Iranian citizen, whom they met on social networks on the Internet. <u>https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/695694</u>

**13.02.2023** Police officers during the operational-search activities in the Absheron region detained six persons, who were found and confiscated **4 kg of heroin** and **1 kg of marijuana** at their place of residence. <u>https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/695878</u>

**14.02.2023** Police officers in the course of investigations in the Yevlakh region detained five persons, from whom they found and confiscated **1 kg of heroin** and **1 kg of marijuana** at their place of residence. <u>https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/696319</u>

**15.02.2023** Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Baku detained a local resident, who seized **2 kg of heroin**. The detainee purchased drugs from an Iranian citizen, whom he met on the Internet. <u>https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/697110</u>

# **REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN**

**06.02.2023** Police officers during the operational-search activities in the Keles district of the Turkestan region detained a local resident, who seized **1,000 tramadol tablets**. <u>https://polisia.kz/ru/svyshe-1000-tabletok-tramadola-iz-yali-u-sel-chanina-v-turkestanskoj-oblasti/</u>

**13.02.2023** Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Pavlodar detained a 22-year-old local resident, who was found and seized **1.4 kg of alpha-PVP** at his place of residence. The detainee was engaged in the sale of drugs through hiding places in the city. https://ru.sputnik.kz/20230213/krupnuyu-partiyu-sintetiki-izyali-v-pavlodare-32040548.html

**14.02.2023** Police officers during the operational-search activities in the Kostanay region detained two local residents, who seized **1.5 kg of synthetic drugs**. https://el.kz/ru/kostanayskie-narkobortsy-presekli-kanal-postavki-narkotivkoy-y-region 64632/

# KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

**08.02.2023** Employees of the Service for combating drug trafficking in the Jalal-Abad region at the checkpoint "Chychkan" stopped a car driven by a resident of the Toktogul region. During the search of the car, **650 g of hashish** were found and seized. https://24.kg/proisshestvija/257880 napostu chyichkan zaderjali jenschinu sgashishem/

**08.02.2023** Employees of the Service for combating drug trafficking in the Ala-Buka district of the Jalal-Abad region detained a 54-year-old local resident, who was found to have **20 kg of marijuana** at his place of residence.

https://24.kg/proisshestvija/258091 bolee 20kilogrammov narkotikov nashli vdome jitelya alabukinskogo rayona/

**15.02.2023** Employees of the Service for Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking uncovered a channel for the supply of cocaine from Germany to Kyrgyzstan. The drugs were transported in transit through Turkey. A 36-year-old citizen was detained at the Manas International Airport, with 50 capsules of **cocaine** with a total weight of **300 g** found in his stomach. https://24.kg/proisshestvija/258749 vaeroportu manas zaderjan passajir s50kapsulami kokaina vjeludke/



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06.02.2023 Police officers in the village of Tatanovo, Tambov Region, stopped a car with a married couple inside. During the search of the car, 2 kg of mephedrone were found and seized. https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/35564632

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07.02.2023 Police officers in the village of Mukhorshibir, Republic of Buryatia, stopped a car driven by a 41-year-old man. During the search of the car, 9 kg of marijuana were found and seized. https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/35577116

**09.02.2023** Police officers in the Novosibirsk region stopped a car with two men inside. During the search of the car, **10 kg of mephedrone** were found and seized. <u>https://xn--</u> blaew.xn--plai/news/item/35638428

10.02.2023 Police officers on the Nosovikhinsky Highway, Moscow Region, stopped a car with a 32-year-old man inside. During the search of the car, 500 g of amphetamine were found and seized. https://xn--blaew.xn--plai/news/item/35636901

**13.02.2023** Police officers in the city of Domodedovo, Moscow Region, stopped a car with a 32-year-old resident of the Krasnodar Territory inside. During the search of the car, **1 kg** of ephedron was found and seized. https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/35724637

14.02.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Voronezh region detained a 37-year-old man, who was found to have **1 kg of heroin and 200 g of methadone** at his place of residence. The detainee was engaged in the sale of narcotic drugs in the territory of the Voronezh region through caches - bookmarks. https://xn--blaew.xn--plai/news/item/35755925

**15.02.2023** Police officers on the territory of the Tosnensky district of the Leningrad region stopped a car with two men inside. During the search of the car, **4 kg of mephedrone**, 190 g of amphetamine and 200 MDMA tablets were found and seized. https://xn-b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/35777926

**15.02.2023** Police officers in the course of carrying out operational-search activities in the Losino-Petrovsky urban district near Moscow detained a man who was found to have **51 kg** of heroin and 5 kg of hashish in a rented apartment. They were intended for subsequent sale through hiding places in the Moscow region. https://xn--blaew.xn--plai/news/item/35779671

### **REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN**

**08.02.2023** Employees of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan stopped the activities of an organized criminal group involved in the transportation of drugs. In the course of investigations in the city of Dushanbe, a car was stopped, inside of which there were two men. During a search of the car, **100 kg of hashish** were found and seized inside the door trim and gas cylinder. Five people have been arrested and an investigation is underway. https://www.facebook.com/groups/1037828543253728/?locale=ru\_RU



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**REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN** 

**11.02.2023** Employees of the State Security Service in the Bulungur district of the Samarkand region detained a 39-year-old man who was seized **1.9 kg of opium**. In addition, a 34-year-old resident of the Urgut region was detained in the Gallyaaral district of the Jizzakh region, from whom **469 g of opium** were seized.

https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/operativniki-sgb-konfiskovali-neskolko-krupnykh-partiy-opiya-i-gashisha-zavezennykh-iz-tadzhikistana/

**15.02.2023** Law enforcement officers during the operational-search activities in the Sergeli district of Tashkent detained a 30-year-old citizen, who was seized **160 g of heroin**. <u>https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/v-sergeliyskom-rayone-tashkenta-zaderzhali-zakladchika-s-50-paketikami-geroina-/</u>

# **OTHER COUNTRIES**

### BELGIUM

**15.02.2023** Police officers in the Ravels area, near the Dutch border, discovered a barn, inside of which **4 tons of cocaine** were seized. On this fact, 9 citizens of the Netherlands and 1 citizen of Romania were detained. <u>https://nltimes.nl/2023/02/18/drug-bust-police-finds-4000-kg-cocaine-belgium-9-dutchmen-arrested</u>

### BRAZIL

**06.02.2023** Officers of the Federal Police at the port of Santos found and seized **53 kg of cocaine** while checking a container bound for Spain.

https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2023/02/policia-federal-e-receita-federal-efetuam-acaoconjunta-no-porto-de-santos

**07.02.2023** Officers of the Federal Police at the port of Itaguay, while checking a container bound for Spain, found and seized **400 kg of cocaine** inside a consignment of coffee. <u>https://gl.globo.com/rj/rio-de-janeiro/noticia/2023/02/06/quase-400-quilos-de-cocaina-sao-apreendidos-no-porto-de-itaguai-rj.ghtml</u>

**08.02.2023** Employees of the Federal Tax Service at the airport of the cargo terminal in Fortaleza, while checking the postal cargo with women's handbags bound for Côte d'Ivoire, found and seized **90 kg of cocaine**. <u>https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2023/02/pf-e-rfb-apreendem-90-kg-de-cocaina-no-terminal-de-cargas-do-aeroporto-de-fortaleza-ce</u>

# COLOMBIA

**06.02.2023** Officers of the Narcotics Enforcement Administration at the port of Cartagena, while checking a container bound for Portugal, found and seized **1.2 tons of cocaine** inside the hidden structure of the container. <u>https://www.ecosdelcombeima.com/judicial/nota-</u>211236-vuelve-y-juega-mas-de-12-toneladas-de-cocaina-fueron-descubiertas-en-el-puerto

### **ECUADOR**

**09.02.2023** Police officers in the province of Guayas stopped a truck full of fuel. During a search of the truck, **1.7 tons of cocaine** were found and seized inside the tanks for



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transporting fuel. <u>https://www.policia.gob.ec/duro-golpe-al-trafico-de-drogas-dejo-cerca-de-02-toneladas-</u> <u>de-cocaina-decomisadas/</u>

**13.02.2023** Police officers at the port of Guayaquil, while checking a container bound for the Netherlands, found and seized **1 ton of cocaine** inside a shipment of bananas. <u>https://www.ecuadorenvivo.com/index.php/cronica-roja/item/157754-policia-decomisa-una-tonelada-de-droga-en-un-contenedor-del-puerto-de-guayaquil</u>

### GREECE

**10.02.2023** Police officers in the Attica region detained two foreign citizens who were found and seized **17.8 kg of cocaine** and **122 kg of cannabis** at their place of residence. <u>https://www.ekathimerini.com/news/1204469/big-drug-bust-in-western-attica/</u>

### HONG KONG

**10.02.2023** Police officers in the Tuen Mun district detained a 34-year-old man, who was found and seized **27 kg of cocaine** and **3.6 kg of ketamine** at his place of residence. <u>https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3209766/suspect-arrested-hk23-million-worth-drugs-including-cocaine-and-ketamine-seized-raids-2-hong-kong</u>

**15.02.2023** Customs officers in the Tsuen Wan district detained a 28-year-old man who was seized **18 kg of heroin** and **800 g of cannabis**. https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202302/16/P2023021600611.htm

#### INDIA

**10.02.2023** The Punjab police, as part of a joint operation with the border forces, discovered a parcel containing **3 kg of heroin** and a 0.30 caliber pistol in the border zone of the village of Mianwal. The cargo was dropped by smugglers from Pakistan using a drone across the border. <u>https://www.thestatesman.com/india/drone-dropped-parcel-containing-3-kg-heroin-pistol-recovered-1503153696.html</u>

**14.02.2023** Police officers in the city of Tarn Taran, Punjab, detained a man who was seized **1 kg of heroin**. <u>https://www.aninews.in/news/national/general-news/one-held-with-rs-27-lakh-drug-money-1-kg-heroin-in-punjabs-tarn-taran20230216064939/</u>

**15.02.2023** Tax Intelligence Agency officers arrested three passengers at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport and seized **12 kg of heroin**. The contraband was hidden in trolley bags and folders with documents to make it difficult for law enforcement to find. <u>https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/mumbai-news/three-arrested-for-smuggling-heroin-worth-84-crore-101676494888505.html</u>

#### IRELAND

**08.02.2023** Police officers in the city of Dublin detained seven people involved in the drug trade. During a search at the place of residence of the detainees, **40 kg of cocaine** were found and seized. <u>https://www.newstalk.com/news/eight-arrested-after-major-drug-seizure-in-dublin-1437529</u>



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10.02.2023 Customs officers at the port of Vado Ligure in the city of Savona, while checking a container that arrived from Ecuador, inside a shipment of bananas, found and seized 60 kg of cocaine. https://www.adm.gov.it/portale/documents/20182/96719667/CS+SV+08-02-2023+Scoperti+60+Kg+di+coocaina.pdf/3904ad4b-1c20-4d46-0a53-afffe1a3682d

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LIBYA

**09.02.2023** Customs officers at the port of Hums, while checking a container that arrived from Brazil, inside a shipment of frozen chicken, found and seized 269 kg of cocaine. https://tabadul.tv/en/libyan-customs-seizes-an-imaginary-amount-of-raw-cocaine-estimated-at-269-kilogramsat-the-port-of-al-khums/

### **NEW ZEALAND**

**08.02.2023** The authorities of New Zealand dealt a significant blow to the activities of the international crime syndicate, intercepting 3.2 tons of cocaine afloat in the ocean. As part of Operation Hydros, the New Zealand Police, in cooperation with the New Zealand Customs Service and the New Zealand Defense Force, were able to locate an illegal drug in the Pacific Ocean. https://www.customs.govt.nz/about-us/news/media-releases/operation-hydros-policecustoms-and-nzdf-recover-half-a-billion-dollars-worth-of-cocaine-at-sea/

### PANAMA

06.02.2023 Law enforcement officers in the port of Colon, while checking a container that arrived from Ecuador, found and seized **50 kg of cocaine** inside the container's cooling system. https://www.diaadia.com.pa/el-pais/decomisan-mas-de-50-paguetes-de-droga-venian-dentro-de-uncontenedor-desde-ecuador-762859

**12.02.2023** Officers of the National Police in the port of Colon, during the inspection of a container that arrived from Nicaragua, found and seized 380 kg of cocaine inside 11 suitcases. The drugs were destined for India with an intermediate stop in Belgium. http://www.policia.gob.pa/22346-incautan-paguetes-de-presunta-droga-en-un-puerto-decoln.html?csrt=5585470358643970009

#### **PUERTO RICO**

15.02.2023 US Customs and Border Protection officers seized 45 kg of cocaine hidden under the bow of the Lyktos, a motor ship arriving from the Dominican Republic. https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-seizes-99-pounds-cocaine-below-vessel-arriving-sanjuan

#### SINGAPORE

**15.02.2023** Police officers in the Tek Wye area detained a married couple who were seized **1.6 kg of heroin** and **1.3 kg of marijuana**. https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/couplearrested-for-suspected-drug-trafficking-over-1600g-of-heroin-seized



**13.02.2023** Police officers in the course of a special operation in the city of Durban detained five persons from whom 4 kg of heroin worth 500,000 rand were seized. https://www.iol.co.za/mercury/news/five-arrested-for-dealing-in-heroin-in-durban-with-a-street-value-of-overr500-000-3712af8d-ff8c-4915-a631-03c9c02d2800

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#### SPAIN

06.02.2023 Guards Civil in the province of Guadalajara stopped a truck driven by a 43year-old man. During the search of the truck, **530 kg of hashish** were found and seized in the double bottom of the truck. https://www.guardiacivil.es/es/prensa/noticias/8468.html

10.02.2023 The Tax Service and the Civil Guard seized 40 kg of cocaine worth one and a half million euros, hidden in the flooded part of a merchant ship from Brazil. https://www.eldia.es/sucesos/sucesos-en-canarias/2023/02/10/interceptan-40-kilos-cocaina-casco-82753706.html

### USA

15.02.2023 U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at the port of entry in Brownsville, Texas stopped a vehicle driven by a 26-year-old man. During the search of the car, **9 kg of** cocaine were found and seized. https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officersseize-239k-worth-cocaine-veterans-international-bridge

**15.02.2023** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the port of entry in Otay Mesa, California stopped a truck driven by a 39-year-old man. During a search of the truck, inside clay pots, 233 kg of methamphetamine, 10 kg of fentanyl tablets and 5 kg of cocaine were found and seized. https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/otay-mesa-cbpofficers-intercept-deadly-drugs-worth-more-15-million