

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

16.02. to 26.02.2023

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In the period from 16 to 26 February 2023, based on information from mass media law enforcement bodies and security agencies of CARICC Member States seized **72 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 4 kg, opium – 810 g, cannabis group drugs – 40 kg and synthetic drugs – 27 kg.**

Seizures of drugs in the CARICC member states from 16 to 26 February 2023, based on information from the media

Type of drugs (kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	3,8			0,155			
Opium							0,810
Cannabis group		36,2	2,1	1,5			
Synthetic drugs		3,9		23			500 pills tramadol
Total	3,8	40,1	2,1	24,6			0,810

In other countries, during the specified period, 3 t 219 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances were seized from illicit trafficking, including: heroin – 19.5 kg, cocaine – 1t 458 kg, cannabis group drugs – 1 t 410 kg and synthetic drugs – 332 kg.

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC

18.02.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Kurdamir region detained two men, who seized **1 kg of heroin**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/697662>

22.02.2023 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. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/699301>

25.02.2023 During the operational-search activities in the city of Shirvan, police officers detained a man who was seized with **865 g of heroin**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/700476>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

16.02.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Taldykorgan detained a 48-year-old woman, who was found to have **117 g of alpha-PVP** and **260 g of hashish** at her place of residence. The detainee was engaged in the sale of drugs through hiding places in the city. <https://polisia.kz/ru/sintetiku-i-gashish-sbyvala-48-letnyaya-zhitel-nitsa-taldykorgana/>

20.02.2023 Police officers in the city of Astana stopped a car driven by a 35-year-old local resident. During a search of the car, inside the luggage, **3 kg of mephedrone** were found and seized. During additional activities, **2 kg of hashish** was seized at the detainee's place of residence. https://www.inform.kz/ru/v-stolice-perekryt-krupnyy-kanal-postavki-sintetiki_a4037750

23.02.2023 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the Akmola region detained a 35-year-old resident of the city of Astana, who was seized **843 g of mephedrone**. The detainee was engaged in the sale of drugs through caches-bookmarks. <https://polisia.kz/ru/do-15-let-lisheniya-svobody-grozit-astanchaninu-za-postavku-i-sbyt-mefedrona/>

26.02.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Almaty detained five persons involved in the sale of drugs. During a search at the place of residence of the detainees, **34 kg of hashish** were found and seized. <https://polisia.kz/ru/ustojchivaya-prestupnaya-gruppa-narkosbytchikov-likvidirovana-v-almaty/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

26.02.2023 Employees of the Service for Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking, together with the State Committee for National Security, detained two men in Bishkek, who were found and seized **2.1 kg of marijuana** at their place of residence. The detainees sold marijuana through the Telegram messenger through bookmarks. https://24.kg/proisshestviya/259446_vaeroportu_manas_umujchinyi_obnarujili_krupnuyu_partiyu_narkotikov/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

20.02.2023 Police officers at the 8th km of Yegoryevskoye Highway, Moscow Region, stopped a car with two men inside. During the search of the car, **1.5 kg of mephedrone** was found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/35892820>

20.02.2023 Police officers in the Aksai district of the Rostov region stopped a car with a 41-year-old man inside. During a search of the car, **500 g of methylephedron** were found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/35900265>

21.02.2023 Police officers in the course of conducting operational-search activities in the city of Murom, Vladimir Region, detained three men, who were seized **155 g of heroin**. The detainees planned to sell the drug in the city of Murom through hiding places. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/35897552>

21.02.2023 Police officers at the 40th km of the Tyumen-Omsk highway, near the village of Bogandinskiy, Tyumen Region, stopped a car with two men inside. During the search of the car, **19 kg of mephedrone** were found and seized.



<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/35931715>

23.02.2023 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the city of Tula detained a 33-year-old man, who was found and seized **1.5 kg of marijuana** at his place of residence. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/35951898>

23.02.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Vyselkovsky district of the Krasnodar Territory detained two men, who were found and seized **2 kg of mephedrone** at their place of residence. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/35979607>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

21.02.2023 Law enforcement officers in the course of investigations in the Uchtepa district of Tashkent detained three men, who were seized 500 pills of tramadol. <https://iiv.uz/news/toshkent-shahrida-kop-miqdordagi-nazorat-ostida-bolgan-dori-vositalarini-tarqatayotgan-jinoiy-guruh-faoliyatiga-chek-qoyildi>

26.02.2023 Law enforcement officers during the operational-search activities in the city of Samarkand detained two men, who seized **810 grams of opium**. <https://iiv.uz/news/yana-bir-giyohvandlik-moddasi-savdosiga-chek-qoyildi>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

17.02.2023 Federal Police officers at Sydney International Airport detained three men who arrived on a flight from South Africa. During a search of their belongings, 22 figurines were found, inside of which **34 kg of methamphetamine** were seized. <https://www.afp.gov.au/news-media/media-releases/meth-statues-seized-sydney-airport>

BRAZIL

16.02.2023 Officers of the Federal Police at the port of Santos found and seized **582 kg of cocaine** during an inspection of a vessel bound for Europe. On this fact, seven men were detained on board the ship. <https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2023/02/policia-federal-e-pm-sp-apreendem-cocaina-no-porto-de-santos-sp>

17.02.2023 Federal police officers at the port of Santos seized **565 kg of cocaine**. The drug was hidden among the cargo of empty cylinders in a container stored in one of the terminals of the port of Santos, and was heading to the port of Antwerp. <https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2023/02/pf-e-receita-federal-apreendem-cocaina-no-porto-de-santos>

21.02.2023 Federal police officers at the port of Paranaguá, while checking a container bound for Uruguay, found and seized **53 kg of cocaine** inside the battery compartments of backhoe loaders. <https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2023/02/policia-federal-apreende-53-5kg-de-cocaina-em-carga-de-navio-no-porto-de-paranagua>

CROATIA

24.02.2023 Customs officers in the city of Osijek stopped a car driven by an Albanian citizen. During a search of the car, a converted space was found under the windshield, inside which **11 kg of heroin** were seized. <https://carina.gov.hr/vijesti/na-granicnom-prijelazu-batina-pronadjeno-oko-11-kilograma-heroina/12185>

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

26.02.2023 Employees of the National Drug Control Administration in the port of Caucedo, during the inspection of the container, found and seized **92 kg of cocaine** under the casing of the container. <https://www.dncd.gob.do/index.php/noticias1/noticias/item/1619-paquetes-confiscados-escondidos-en-contenedor-positivo-a-cocaina>

GREAT BRITAIN

22.02.2023 Police officers in the city of York detained two men who seized **800 grams of cocaine**. <https://yorkmix.com/york-suspect-found-with-800g-of-cocaine-in-supermarket-carrier-bag/>

GREECE

17.02.2023 Police officers, together with customs in the port of Piraeus, during the inspection of a container that arrived from Ecuador, found and seized **57 kg of cocaine** inside the container's cooling system. <https://www.astynomia.gr/2023/02/17/17-02-2023-kataschethikan-57-kila-kai-195-grammaria-kokainis-se-eborevmatokivotio-sto-limani-tou-peiraia/>

INDIA

23.02.2023 Police officers in the city of Kupwara, Jamu and Kashmir, detained two men who were seized **4.5 kg of heroin**. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/chandigarh-news/4kg-heroin-recovered-near-loc-in-kupwara-101677267406315.html>

26.02.2023 Police officers in the city of Guwahati, Assam, stopped a car with two local men inside. During the search of the car, **1 kg of heroin** was found and seized. <https://www.pratidintime.com/guwahati-news-breaking-latest/80-soap-cases-containing-heroin-seized>

MALTA

21.02.2023 Police officers at Malta International Airport detained a 45-year-old Polish citizen, who was found to have **3 kg of heroin** in his luggage. https://www.maltatoday.com.mt/news/court_and_police/121418/polish_man_charged_after_3kg_of_heroin_found_in_his_luggage#.ZAQ64XZByUI

PERU

16.02.2023 Officers of the National Police at the port of Euroandinos, while checking a container bound for South Korea, found and seized **35 kg of cocaine** inside the container's cooling system. <https://larepublica.pe/sociedad/2023/02/14/piura-inautan-cocaina-valorizada-en-4-millones-de-dolares-y-cuyo-destino-era-china-lrnd-1198470>

YEMEN

25.02.2023 The US Coast Guard near Yemen, in the Arabian Sea, stopped a fishing boat with a crew of four carrying **1 ton of 350 kg of hashish, 276 kg of methamphetamine and 23 kg of amphetamine pills**, the market value of which, according to the Coast Guard, is \$ 20 million. <https://taskandpurpose.com/news/coast-guard-seizes-20-million-drugs-arabian-sea/>

SPAIN

21.02.2023 A car en route to France was stopped at the AP-7 checkpoint in La Honquera, Girona. During a search of the car inside the wheel trim, **7.7 kg of cocaine** were found and seized. <https://www.motorpasion.com/otros/cuando-crees-que-esconder-8-kg-cocaina-pasos-rueda-coche-buena-idea-spoiler-sale-mal>

USA

17.02.2023 US Customs and Border Protection officers at the port of entry of Presidio, Texas, stopped a vehicle with two Mexican citizens inside. During a search of the car, **60 kg of marijuana and 10 kg of methamphetamine** were found and seized. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-more-540-pounds-narcotics>

20.02.2023 The Southeast Alaska Regional Narcotics Task Force arrested three men after intercepting **10 kg of methamphetamine** on a ferry from Alaska bound for Juneau. <https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2023/02/20/20-pounds-meth-found-3-arrested-southeast-bust/>

23.02.2023 US Customs and Border Protection officers at the El Paso, Texas port of entry stopped a scooter driven by a 23-year-old US citizen. During a search of the scooter, inside the headlight, **200 g of fentanyl and 1.8 kg of methamphetamine** were found and seized. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/el-paso-cbp-officers-stop-multiple-narcotic-smuggling-attempts>

25.02.2023 U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials at the Port of Entry of Laredo, Texas, stopped a truck carrying a commercial shipment of wooden sofas. During a search of the truck, **66 kg of cocaine** were found and seized. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-over-19-million-cocaine-world-trade-bridge>