

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

(based on mass media reports)

03.04. to 15.04.2023

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In the period from 3 to 15 April 2023, based on information from mass media law enforcement bodies and security agencies of CARICC Member States seized **941 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 78.2 kg, opium – 12.8 kg, cocaine - 700 kg, cannabis group drugs – 131.6 kg and synthetic drugs – 18.2 kg.**

Seizures of drugs in the CARICC member states

Type of drugs (kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	76,8			1,4			
Opium							12,8
Cocaine				700			
Cannabis group	31,2	8,8	44,5	20			27,1
Synthetic drugs		0,750		17,5			
Total	108	9,5	44,5	739			39,9

In other countries, during the specified period, 4 t 636 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances were seized from illicit trafficking, including: heroin – 392.2 kg, cocaine – 3 t 468 kg, cannabis group – 236 kg and synthetic drugs – 540.2 kg.

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC

03.04.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Bilasuvar region detained a man who was seized **5 kg of heroin**. <https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/713759>

04.04.2023 Employees of the State Border Service prevented the smuggling of drugs from the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Republic of Azerbaijan in the service area of the Horadiz border detachment. As a result of operational search activities carried out at the border, **16 kg of marijuana** and **1,300 Methadone tablets** were found and seized. <https://dsx.gov.az/news/1500>



08.04.2023 Employees of the State Border Service in the service area of the Goytepe border crossing detained two men, who seized **15.2 kg of marijuana**. <https://dsx.gov.az/news/1503>

15.04.2023 Employees of the Main Customs Department of Nakhchivan found **71.8 kg of heroin** in a truck transiting through Azerbaijan from the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Republic of Turkiye, at the Shakhtakhty state border checkpoint. <https://customs.gov.az/az/faydali/xeberler/5401>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

03.04.2023 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the city of Astana detained a 34-year-old man, from whom **750 g of mephedrone** and **3 liters of hash oil** were found and confiscated at his place of residence. <https://polisia.kz/ru/presechen-krupnyj-kanal-postavki-sintetiki-v-stolitsu/>

10.04.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Kokshetau stopped the activities of an organized criminal group engaged in drug trafficking. The operatives identified 12 people who were engaged in the distribution of drugs by way of bookmarks in the cities of Astana, Kokshetau and Karaganda through three online stores operating on the site in the Telegram application. As a result of the searches carried out at 12 addresses, **3 kg of hashish** were found and seized, including those packaged according to bookmarks, various devices for packing and using drugs. <https://polisia.kz/ru/deyatel-nost-prestupnoj-gruppy-narkodilerov-i-sbytchikov-iz-12-chelovek-presekla-politsiya/>

13.04.2023 Police officers at the 56th km of the Shu-Kainar highway stopped a car driven by a 37-year-old man. During a search of the car, inside the cabin, **2.8 kg of hashish** were found and seized. <https://polisia.kz/ru/voditel-perevozhivshij-narkotiki-zaderzhan-v-zhambylskoj-oblasti/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

03.04.2023 Law enforcement officers in the course of investigations in the Tyup district detained a 52-year-old man, who was found and seized **19.5 kg of hashish** at his place of residence. https://24.kg/proisshestvija/262310_vtyupskom_rayone_umestnogo_jitelya_izyyali_pochti_20kilogrammova_narkotikov/

05.04.2023 Employees of the Service for Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking in the course of operational-search activities in the Toktogul district detained a 41-year-old local resident, who was found and seized **25 kg of marijuana** at his place of residence. https://24.kg/proisshestvija/262530_ujitelya_toktogulskogo_rayona_vsarae_nashli_25kilogrammova_marihuany/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

03.04.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Samara detained an 18-year-old man, who was seized **1.3 kg of methylephedron**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/37069661>

03.04.2023 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the city of Odintsovo, Moscow Region, detained a 27-year-old man who had equipped a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs at his place of residence. During the search, laboratory equipment and **600 g of mephedrone** were found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/37079289>

03.04.2023 Police officers in the village of Zelenovka, Samara region, stopped a car driven by a 40-year-old man. During the search of the car, **2 kg of mephedrone** were found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/37170686>

05.04.2023 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the city of Vladivostok detained a 23-year-old man who was seized **1 kg of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/37137098>

07.04.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Krasnodar Territory detained two men who were engaged in the sale of drugs in a contactless way via the Internet using "bookmarks". During a search at the place of residence of the detainees, **1.2 kg of heroin** and **220 g of methadone** were found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/37207268>

10.04.2023 Employees of the Drug Control Department during the operational-search activities in the city of Naro-Fominsk, Moscow Region, detained a 48-year-old woman, who was found to have **2.5 kg of mephedrone** confiscated at her place of residence. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/37268429>

10.04.2023 Employees of the Federal Security Service in Moscow detained two residents of Colombia and one citizen of a European country. The detainees planned to smuggle **700 kg of cocaine** through Russia. <https://en.newizv.ru/news/2023-04-10/fsb-detained-three-foreigners-with-700-kg-of-cocaine-403843>

11.04.2023 Police officers in the course of carrying out operational-search activities in the Vladimir region detained a 26-year-old foreign citizen, who was seized **100 g of heroin**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/37306238>

12.04.2023 Police officers on the highway near the city of Ugra stopped a car with two men inside. During a search of the car, **10.5 kg of marijuana** were found and seized in the trunk. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/37332949>

13.04.2023 Police officers in the Yaroslavl region stopped a car driven by a 39-year-old man. During the search of the car, **9.5 kg of hashish** were found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/37373456>

13.04.2023 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the city of Izhevsk of the Republic of Udmurtia detained a 22-year-old foreign citizen, who was seized **100 g of heroin** and **300 g of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/37373943>

14.04.2023 Police officers at the 40th km of the Tyumen-Omsk highway stopped a car with two men inside. During a search of the car, **923 g of mephedrone** were found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/37410710>



14.04.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Amur region detained four men who were involved in the transport of drugs. **3.7 kg of methylephedron** were seized from illegal circulation. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/37397565>

15.04.2023 Police officers in the Kochenevsky district of the Novosibirsk region stopped a car with two men inside. During the search of the car, **5 kg of mephedrone** were found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/37399015>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

06.04.2023 Employees of the State Security Service during the operational-search activities in the city of Tashkent detained two citizens of Uzbekistan, as well as citizens of Tajikistan and Kazakhstan, who seized **12.8 kg of opium** and **27.1 kg of hashish**. <https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/v-tashkente-zaderzhany-kontrabandisty-s-pochti-40-kilogrammami-razlichnykh-narkotikov-video/>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

05.04.2023 Federal Police officers, together with the border guard in Brisbane, Queensland, intercepted **336 kg of heroin** inside two concrete blocks, each weighing about 500 kg, which were labeled as accessories for solar panels. On this fact, a 55-year-old resident of Sydney was detained, who picked up the cargo in Brisbane and transported it to New South Wales. <https://www.afp.gov.au/news-media/media-releases/afp-seizes-336-kilograms-heroin-largest-ever-queensland-detection>

07.04.2023 Officers of the Australian Border Guard in Melbourne, while checking a container that arrived from Turkey, inside plastic barrels of white vinegar, found and seized **500 liters of methamphetamine**. <https://www.afp.gov.au/news-media/media-releases/melbourne-man-charged-over-500l-meth-import>

10.04.2023 Officers of the Australian Border Guard in the port of Botany, while checking a container that arrived from Thailand, found and seized **35 kg of heroin** in the metal compartment of a model (souvenir) truck. The truck itself weighed over 100 kg. <https://www.afp.gov.au/news-media/media-releases/man-charged-after-14-million-worth-heroin-found-model-truck>

BULGARIA

05.04.2023 Customs officers in the city of Vratsa found **106 kg of marijuana** in 95 vacuum bags in the double floor of the truck. On this fact, two truck drivers were detained. <https://customs.bg/wps/portal/agency/media-center/news-details/07-04-2023-marijuana>

BRAZIL

11.04.2023 Officers of the Federal Police at the port of Santos found and seized **236 kg of cocaine** while checking a container bound for Spain. The drug was hidden in a container around a cargo of cardboard delivered to one of the Santos port terminals for storage.



<https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2023/04/pf-e-receita-federal-apreendem-cerca-de-236-kg-de-cocaina-em-sp>

CAMBODIA

04.04.2023 Officers of the National Police in the town of Minci stopped a car with two men inside. During a search of the car, **40 kg of methamphetamine** were found and seized. <https://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/tip-leads-40kg-meth-bust-mall-parking-lot>

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

11.04.2023 Officers of the National Drug Control Department at the port of Caucedo, while checking a container bound for Belgium inside a consignment of coffee beans, found and seized **420 kg of cocaine**. <https://dncd.gob.do/index.php/noticias1/noticias/item/1668-rd-sigue-firme-en-combate-al-narcotrafico-confiscan-otros-419-paquetes-en-puerto-caucedo>

ECUADOR

03.04.2023 Officers of the National Police in the port of Guayaquil, while checking a container bound for the Netherlands, found and seized **167 kg of cocaine** inside the refrigeration panels of a container with pineapples. <https://ecuadorenvivo.com/index.php/cronica-roja/item/159628-impiden-el-envio-de-casi-dos-millones-de-dosis-de-cocaina-a-paises-bajos>

GERMANY

15.04.2023 Customs officers at the port of Hamburg, while checking a container that arrived from Brazil, found and seized **920 kg of cocaine** inside a shipment of coffee. <https://www.presseportal.de/blaulicht/pm/50367/5486217>

INDIA

08.04.2023 Police officers in the state of Rajasthan detained four men, who seized **9 kg of heroin**. The drugs were smuggled into India via Pakistan using drones. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/9-kg-of-heroin-worth-rs-35-crore-seized-in-rajasthan-four-smugglers-arrested/articleshow/99379600.cms>

09.04.2023 Police officers in the city of Ludhiana, Punjab, detained three individuals from whom **2.8 kg of heroin** were seized. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/chandigarh-news/stf-arrests-3-seizes-2-88-kg-heroin-in-mohali-woman-booked-too-101680991391590.html>

MALAYSIA

07.04.2023 Police officers in the city of Ipoh detained a 25-year-old local resident, who seized **3.6 kg of heroin**. <https://www.thesundaily.my/local/25-year-old-man-arrested-for-possession-of-36kg-heroin-worth-rm128000-NN10843860>

NETHERLANDS

05.04.2023 Customs officers at the port of Rotterdam, while checking a container that arrived from Ecuador, inside a shipment of bananas, found and seized **78 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/04/05/douane-vindt-78-kilo-in-bananencontainer>

PANAMA

08.04.2023 Employees of the National Air Service in the port of Colon, while checking a container bound for the Netherlands, found and seized **500 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.diaadia.com.pa/el-pais/decomisan-cargamento-de-drogas-en-terminal-portuaria-de-colon-765454>

PERU

13.04.2023 Police officers in Morropon province stopped a truck driven by a local resident. During a search of the truck, **343 kg of cocaine** were found and seized. The drug packets were camouflaged inside the car, in a cab that had a steel wall structure. <https://trome.com/actualidad/nacional/historias-de-policiales-piura-hallan-mas-de-300-kilos-de-cocaina-camuflada-en-compartimiento-secreto-de-camion-sierra-mecanica-imp-noticia/>

PUERTO RICO

13.04.2023 US Customs and Border Protection intercepted a ship carrying **660 kg of cocaine** and arrested four men north of Rio Grande, Puerto Rico. The estimated cost of the smuggling is \$15 million. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/amo-intercepts-vessel-1455-pounds-cocaine-northern-puerto-rico>

SINGAPORE

14.04.2023 Police officers in the Toa Payo area detained three men who were seized with **2.8 kg of heroin** and **209 g of methamphetamine**. <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/cnb-drugs-heroin-2-8kg-seized-geylang-toa-payoh-3418126>

TURKIYE

05.04.2023 At the Istanbul airport, customs officers of the Ministry of Commerce seized **42 kg of cocaine** hidden under a dough mixer. It turned out that the "dough mixer" in a wooden box came from Brazil. <https://www.raillynews.com/2023/04/42-kilograms-of-cocaine-seized-at-Istanbul-airport/>

11.04.2023 Police officers in the port of Mersin, while checking a container that arrived from Ecuador, found and seized **97.5 kg of cocaine** inside the container's cooling system. <https://www.sozcu.com.tr/2023/gunun-icinden/son-dakika-mersin-limaninda-975-kilo-kokain-ele-gecirildi-7647883/>

USA

05.04.2023 U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials near the port of entry of Laredo, Texas, observed four men crossing the border with several black knots. When the agents began to apprehend them, they dropped their packages and fled back to Mexico. At the place of arrival found **130 kg of marijuana**. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/laredo-sector-border-patrol-agents-stop-narcotic-smuggling-attempt>



06.04.2023 U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at the Port of Entry of Laredo, Texas stopped a vehicle. During a search of the car, **5 kg of cocaine** were found and seized, which were also hidden in Easter boxes in the car.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-372k-cocaine-vehicles-sentri-lane-gateway-americas>

ZIMBABWE

09.04.2023 Police officers at Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport detained a 70-year-old Swedish citizen who was seized **3 kg of heroin**. <https://zbcnews.co.zw/2023/04/09/drug-peddler-nabbed-at-rgm-airport-3-kgs-of-heroin-confiscated/>