

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

(based on mass media reports)

01.05. to 09.05.2023

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In the period from 1 to 9 May 2023, based on information from mass media law enforcement bodies and security agencies of CARICC Member States seized **251.2 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 45.9 kg, cannabis group drugs – 21 kg, synthetic drugs – 184.3 kg and 900 liters of precursors.**

Seizures of drugs in the CARICC member states

Type of drugs (kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	0,676			0,280	45		
Opium							
Cannabis group	19,9	0,966		0,216			
Synthetic drugs	0,280	0,400	4,7	76			103
Total	20,8	1,3	4,7	76,4	45		103

In other countries, during the specified period, 962.7 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances were seized from illicit trafficking, including: heroin – 2.5 kg, opium-101 kg, cocaine – 755.2 kg, cannabis group – 63 kg and synthetic drugs – 41 kg.

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC

04.05.2023 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 Goytepe border detachment. As a result of operational search activities carried out at the border, **14.9 kg of marijuana, 676 g of heroin, 280 g of methamphetamine and 1,500 methadone tablets** were found and seized. <https://dsx.gov.az/news/1522>

05.05.2023 In the service area of the Horadiz border detachment of the State Border Service, **5 kg of marijuana** was found and seized. <https://dsx.gov.az/news/1522>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

02.05.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Pavlodar detained a 19-year-old man, who was found and seized **100 g of marijuana** at his place of residence. The detainee developed a contactless scheme for the sale of drugs, for which he created an online store in one of the messengers. Independently managing it through caches - "bookmarks", distributed prohibited substances. After receiving the payment, he informed the buyer of the address and place of the "bookmark", the location of which he recorded with the help of a mobile phone camera. https://www.inform.kz/ru/organizatora-beskontaktnoy-shemy-sbyta-narkotikov-zaderzhali-v-pavlodare_a4063363

05.05.2023 Employees of the Agency for Financial Monitoring during the operational-search activities in the city of Almaty detained a man who was found and seized **866 g of marijuana** at his place of residence. The detainee was engaged in the sale of drugs through the Telegram messenger. https://www.inform.kz/ru/kontrabandu-narkotikov-presekli-v-almaty_a4063959

06.05.2023 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the city of Astana detained a woman who was found to have **400 g of mephedrone** at her place of residence. https://www.inform.kz/ru/vladelicu-internet-magazina-po-prodazhe-narkotikov-zaderzhali-v-astane_a4064847

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

07.05.2023 Police officers in the city of Bishkek detained two officers of the Ministry of Defense, who seized **4.7 kg of mephedrone**. https://24.kg/proisshestviya/265020_strelyali_iokazali_soprotivlenie_dva_ofitsera_minoboronyi_zaderjanyi_snar_kotikami/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

02.05.2023 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the Moscow region detained a 34-year-old man, who was seized **280 grams of heroin**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/37881015>

03.05.2023 Police officers in the Moscow region stopped a car driven by a resident of the Lipetsk region. During a search of the car, in the luggage, inside a bag of charcoal, **1 kg of mephedrone** was found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/37923336>

04.05.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Leningrad region detained four men who had equipped a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs at their place of residence. During the search, they found and seized laboratory equipment, **39 kg of mephedrone** and **900 liters of precursors**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/37952985>

05.05.2023 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the city of Cherepovets, Vologda region, detained two previously convicted men who had equipped a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs at their place of residence. During the

search, they found and seized laboratory equipment, **19 kg of mephedrone** and **6 kg of methadone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/37975007>

05.05.2023 Police officers on the section of the federal highway M-11 "Neva" of the Novgorod region stopped a car driven by a 30-year-old foreign citizen. During the search of the car, **5 kg of methylephedron** were found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/37997284>

06.05.2023 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the city of Krasnodar detained a 36-year-old man who was seized **1 kg of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/37991437>

07.05.2023 Police officers at the 40th km of the Tyumen-Omsk highway stopped a car with a 37-year-old man inside. During the search of the car, **5 kg of mephedrone** and **216 g of marijuana** were found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/38019880>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

01.05.2023 Employees of the State Committee for National Security prevented a breakthrough by a transnational armed group of smugglers, consisting of 8 people. Smugglers crossed the line of the state border of Tajikistan and Afghanistan at the 184th mark of the protected zone of the 9th border outpost "Tishor" of the border detachment "Khorog" in order to transport drugs in an especially large amount, as well as weapons and ammunition. The smugglers did not obey the order of the Tajik border guards to surrender and opened fire from group weapons. Unable to withstand the return fire, the criminals threw drugs, weapons and ammunition at the scene and, using the dark time of the day, fled to the side of Afghanistan. **45 kg of heroin**, 1 Kalashnikov assault rifle with 4 magazines, 74 cartridges, 1 special night vision device and 10,000 US dollars were found and seized at the scene. <https://www.asiaplustj.info/ru/news/tajikistan/security/20230428/v-tadzhikistane-predotvratili-proriv-kontrabandistov-smi-soobtshayut-o-gibeli-glavi-horogskogo-gknb>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

05.05.2023 Employees of the State Customs Committee in the course of operational-search activities at the customs post "Ayritom" conducted an inspection of a cargo vehicle. As a result, **103 kg of methamphetamine** were found and seized inside 18 tons of pomegranate juice packaged in 9,000 plastic bottles. A criminal case has been initiated on this fact, and an investigation is underway. <https://daryo.uz/2023/05/05/surxondaryoda-anor-sharbati-idishlarida-100-kilodan-ortiq-sintetik-giyohvandlik-vositalarining-olib-kirilishiga-chek-qoyildi>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BRAZIL

05.05.2023 The Federal Revenue seized **22 kg of cocaine** in the port of Paranagua on the coast of Parana. the drug was hidden in the compartment of a container of frozen chicken bound for the port of Tangier in Morocco. Then, according to the inspectors, the final destination of the drugs will be Saudi Arabia. The IRS said the method used by drug



traffickers is known as "rip-on/rip-off", where the drug is inserted into a container without the knowledge of the exporter. <https://g1.globo.com/pr/parana/noticia/2023/05/05/receita-federal-apreende-22-kg-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-paranagua.ghhtml>

CANADA

02.05.2023 Canadian Border Services Agency officers at the Coutts border crossing stopped a truck driven by a 35-year-old man. During a search of the truck, **30 kg of cocaine** were found and seized. <https://globalnews.ca/news/9667752/cocaine-seized-coutts-border-crossing/>

ECUADOR

08.05.2023 National police officers at the port of Guayaquil, while checking a container bound for Bulgaria, found and seized **50 kg of cocaine** inside the refrigeration panels of a container with bananas. <https://www.vistazo.com/actualidad/nacional/policia-halla-mas-de-50-kilos-de-cocaina-escondidos-en-un-contenedor-de-banano-que-iba-a-bulgaria-YK5084188>

INDIA

06.05.2023 Police officers in the city of Delhi stopped a truck with two men inside. During a search of the truck, between bags of coconuts, **101 kg of opium** and **2 kg of heroin** were found and seized. Six persons were detained in connection with this fact. <https://www.ndtv.com/delhi-news/delhi-cops-seize-over-101-kg-opium-2-kg-heroin-6-arrested-4011431>

NETHERLANDS

05.05.2023 Customs officers at the port of Rotterdam, while checking a container that arrived from Peru, inside a consignment of avocados, found and seized **70 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/05/04/70-kilogram-cocaine-aangetroffen-in-een-container-met-avocados>

NIGERIA

01.05.2023 National Drug Enforcement Agency officers at the port of Tin Can, while checking a container that arrived from Canada, found **63 kg** of Canadian Loud, a synthetic variety of **cannabis**. The drugs were hidden in a used Toyota Corolla. <https://shipsandports.com.ng/ndlea-intercepts-illicit-drugs-at-tin-can-port/>

PAKISTAN

02.05.2023 Law enforcement officers seized **580 grams of heroin** from a parcel ordered for London at Islamabad Cargo International Airport. The heroin was hidden in the ladies' suits. <https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/anf-recovers-over-51-kg-drugs-arrests-10-1684899.html>

PERU

05.05.2023 Police officers in the province of Huante stopped a truck with two men inside. During a search of the truck, **69 kg of cocaine** were found and seized. The drug was packaged in packages that looked like bricks, sealed in car rims.



<https://www.gob.pe/institucion/mpfn/noticias/753087-incautan-mas-de-69-kilos-de-pasta-basica-de-cocaina-en-huanta>

SAUDI ARABIA

02.05.2023 Saudi Arabia's General Directorate of Drug Control seized **5 million amphetamine tablets**. The tablets were hidden in a shipment of building materials passing through the port of Jeddah. <https://www.arabianbusiness.com/culture-society/saudi-arabia-seizes-over-5-2mn-amphetamine-pills-in-major-drug-bust>

08.05.2023 Four members of the gang, including three Saudis and one Nigerian, who were smuggling and selling cocaine, were arrested. They seized about **2.2 kg of cocaine**. <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/632249/SAUDI-ARABIA/4-member-gang-arrested-for-smuggling-and-sale-of-cocaine>

URUGUAY

05.05.2023 Employees of the National Naval Prefecture in the port of Montevideo seized **500 kg of cocaine** during the inspection of a container bound for Europe. The drugs were hidden in the pallets of the container. <https://www.elpais.com.uy/informacion/policiales/encontraron-mas-de-500-kilos-de-cocaina-en-tarrinas-en-el-puerto-de-montevideo>

USA

02.05.2023 US Customs and Border Protection officers at the port of entry in Hidalgo, Texas stopped a vehicle entering from Mexico. During the inspection of the car, **41 kg of liquid methamphetamine** were found and seized. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-over-800k-methamphetamine-hidalgo-international>

VENEZUELA

05.05.2023 The Venezuelan military seized **12 kg of cocaine** in the state of Miranda, which was supposed to be sent to London. The drugs were hidden in two electronic devices inside the package. <https://albertonews.com/nacionales/militares-venezolanos-incautaron-12-kilos-de-cocaina-que-iban-a-ser-enviados-a-londres-en-una-encomienda/>