

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

10.05. to 18.05.2023

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In the period from 10 to 18 May 2023, based on information from mass media law enforcement bodies and security agencies of CARICC Member States seized **630.2 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 3 kg, opium – 2.4 kg, cocaine – 492 kg, cannabis group drugs – 116.6 kg, synthetic drugs – 16.2 kg and 3 kg of precursors.**

Seizures of drugs in the CARICC member states

Type of drugs (kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin				1	2		
Opium	1,9						0,581
Cocaine				492			
Cannabis group	45,4		71,2				
Synthetic drugs		0,254		16			
Total	47,3	0,254	71,2	509	2		0,581

In other countries, during the specified period, 6 t 807 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances were seized from illicit trafficking, including: heroin – 5.4 kg, cocaine – 6 t 664 kg and cannabis group – 138 kg.

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC

10.05.2023 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 Horadiz border detachment. As a result of operational search activities carried out at the border, **37.4 kg of marijuana, 1.9 kg of opium and 1,180 methadone tablets** were found and seized. <https://dsx.gov.az/news/1527>

11.05.2023 In the service area of the Horadiz border detachment of the State Border Service, **8 kg of marijuana** was found and seized. <https://dsx.gov.az/news/1528>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

16.05.2023 Police officers in the city of Kokshetau stopped a car with three women inside. During a search of the car, **254 g of mephedrone** was found and seized. <https://polisia.kz/ru/kanal-postavki-sintetiki-na-territoriyu-akmolinskoj-oblasti-presekli-operativniki-ubop/>

18.05.2023 In the course of investigations in the Shardara district of the Turkestan region, police officers detained a local man who was found to have **2,454 drug-containing koknar bushes** planted in his yard at his place of residence. <https://polisia.kz/ru/bolee-2-5-tysyachi-kustov-koknara-iz-yali-u-zhitelya-turkestanskoj-oblasti/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

18.05.2023 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the Toktogul region detained a local man, who had 10 bags of **cannabis** buried in the ground in his garden at his place of residence. The total weight of the seized amounted to **71.2 kg**. <https://24.kg/proisshestvija/265949-desyat-meshkov-snarkotikami-nashli-vogorode-ujitelya-toktogulskogo-rayona/>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

11.05.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Prokhladnensky district of Kabardino-Balkaria detained an 18-year-old man, who was seized **1 kg of heroin** and **300 g of methadone**. The detainee was engaged in the sale of drugs by the method of "stash-bookmarks". <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/38135089>

11.05.2023 Employees of the Federal Security Service in the Smolensk region on the border with Belarus seized **492 kg of Latin American cocaine**. The drugs were transported to Poland in two trucks. On this fact, a foreign citizen was detained, an investigation is underway. <https://www.polandsun.com/news/273827872/russias-fsb-seizes-half-a-ton-of-cocaine-destined-for-poland>

11.05.2023 Police officers at the 474th km of the M-4 DON highway in the Voronezh region stopped a car driven by a 32-year-old man. During the search of the car, **9.7 kg of ephedron** were found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/38119252>

12.05.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Omsk detained a 22-year-old man, who was found and seized **1 kg of methylephedron** at his place of residence. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/38159728>

16.05.2023 Police officers during the operational-search activities in the city of Togliatti detained two men, who seized **1 kg of methylephedron**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/38260899>

16.05.2023 Police officers on the highway M-7 of the Republic of Chuvashia stopped a car driven by a 24-year-old foreign citizen. During the search of the car, **1 kg of mephedrone** was found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/38280620>



17.05.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Kirov region detained a 30-year-old man, who seized **2.8 kg of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/38278864>

18.05.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Ufa microdistrict Inors of the Republic of Bashkortostan detained a 43-year-old man who had equipped a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs at his place of residence. During the search, they found and seized laboratory equipment, **400 g of mephedrone** and **3 kg of precursors**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/38333326>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

18.05.2023 At the international airport of Dushanbe, **2 kg of heroin** was found in the passenger of the Dushanbe-Delhi flight. The detainee, a 24-year-old resident of the city of Dushanbe, placed drugs in his luggage. <https://www.ozodi.org/a/32420027.html>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

18.05.2023 Employees of the State Security Service in the Bukhara region detained a 53-year-old man, who seized **581 g of opium**. <https://upl.uz/incidents/33649-news.html>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BULGARIA

14.05.2023 Customs officers in the Vratsa region stopped a truck driven by a Bulgarian citizen. During a search of the truck, **138 kg of marijuana** were found and seized in the ceiling of the truck cab, inside the hatch of the air conditioning system. <https://customs.bg/wps/portal/agency/media-center/news-details/13-05-2023-marijuana-BG>

COLOMBIA

10.05.2023 While checking packages departing from the José María Córdoba International Air Terminal, the national police found **1.6 kg of cocaine** in boxes marked as blood donations that were supposed to be sent to the Netherlands. The cocaine was in a liquid state and mixed with blood. <https://www.infobae.com/colombia/2023/05/09/mezclada-con-sangre-pretendian-enviar-cocaina-desde-colombia-a-paises-bajos/>

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

15.05.2023 Officers from the National Drug Control Authority at the port of Causedo, while checking a container bound for the Netherlands, found and seized **451 kg of cocaine** inside the container's refrigeration system. <https://www.dncd.gob.do/index.php/noticias1/noticias/item/1701-otro-golpe-frustran-envio-de-451-paquetes-presumiblemente-cocaina-a-roterdam>

ECUADOR

10.05.2023 National police officers at the port of Guayaquil, while checking a container bound for Belgium, found and seized **70 kg of cocaine** inside the refrigeration panels of a

container of bananas. <https://www.policia.gob.ec/en-paneles-de-refrigeracion-de-tres-contenedores-la-policia-halla-70-paquetes-con-clorhidrato-de-cocaina/>

12.05.2023 Officers of the National Police in the port of Guayaquil, while checking a container with sacks of sugar bound for Belgium, found and seized **2 tons of cocaine**. <https://www.expreso.ec/actualidad/dos-toneladas-drogas-oculta-contenedor-decomisada-160302.html>

HONDURAS

11.05.2023 DNPA officers in the city of La Lima, during an inspection of a shipment of cheese bound for the United States, found 2 blocks of cheese inside the parcel package, inside of which **1 kg of cocaine** was found. <https://www.policianacional.gob.hn/noticias/22540>

HON KONG

15.05.2023 Police officers in the Tuen Mun area seized **277 kg of cocaine** from two industrial plants. Five people have been arrested in connection with this incident. <https://hongkongfp.com/2023/05/15/hong-kong-police-seize-227kg-of-cocaine-in-biggest-bust-of-the-year/>

INDIA

12.05.2023 Employees of the Directorate of Tax Intelligence at the Indian-Pakistani border, Attari checkpoint seized a batch of Afghan brooms, inside of which **5.4 kg of heroin** were hidden. On this fact, a citizen of Afghanistan was detained. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1923685>

ITALY

16.05.2023 Customs officers in the city of Gioia Tauro, while checking a container that arrived from Ecuador, found and seized **2.7 tons of cocaine** inside boxes of bananas. <https://www.gdf.gov.it/it/gdf-comunica/notizie-ed-eventi/comunicati-stampa/anno-2023/maggio/lotta-al-narcotraffico>

NETHERLANDS

17.05.2023 Customs officers at the port of Rotterdam, while checking a container that arrived from Turkey, found and seized **1.1 tons of cocaine** among a cargo of car tires. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/05/16/ruim-1100-kilo-cocaine-gevonden-tussen-autobanden>

SAUDI ARABIA

17.05.2023 Employees of the General Directorate for Drug Control detained 11 people, including four citizens of Nigeria, who were found to have **55 kg of cocaine** at their place of residence and seized. <http://alriyadhdaily.com/article/d7d3795cae5d4433a461bb87d7580248>

USA

16.05.2023 US Customs and Border Protection officers at the port of entry of Eagle Pass, Texas, stopped a vehicle entering from Mexico. During the inspection of the car, **10 kg of**



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cocaine were found and seized. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/eagle-pass-cbp-officers-seize-hard-narcotics-worth-over-270k>