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CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

(based on mass media reports)

19.05. to 30.05.2023

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In the period from 19 to 30 May 2023 according to information from mass media and law enforcement agencies of CARICC Member States there were seized **63.5 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 0.5 kg, cannabis group drugs - 26 kg, synthetic drugs - 37 kg and 150 liters of precursors.**

Drug Seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	0.5						
Opium							
Cocaine							
Cannabis group drugs	21	1					4
Synthetic drugs	2	1		34			
Total	23.5	2		34			4

Seizures in other countries during that period amounted to **1 ton 478 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including heroin - 82 kg, cocaine - 932 kg, cannabis group drugs - 154.7 kg and synthetic drugs - 310 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

22.05.2023 State Border Service prevented drug smuggling from the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Republic of Azerbaijan in the area of the border detachment "Lankaran". Investigations on the border resulted in the discovery and seizure of **10 kg of marijuana** and **500 grams of heroin**. <https://dsx.gov.az/news/1534>

24.05.2023 State Border Service detained two men in the Goytepa border detachment service area and seized **11 kg of marijuana** and **2 kg of methamphetamine**. <https://dsx.gov.az/news/1535>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

29.05.2023 During investigative measures in the Kyzylorda region police arrested a local man, found and seized **1 kg of marijuana** at his place of residence. <https://polisia.kz/ru/narkotiki-v-osobo-krupnom-razmere-i-pistolet-s-patronami-iz-yali-u-kyzylordints/>

30.05.2023 Police officers in Pavlodar region stopped a car driven by a 28-year-old man. A search of the car resulted in the discovery and seizure of **1 kg of mephedrone**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/deyatel-nost-mezhregional-nogo-narkokur-era-presekli-politsejskie-pavlodarskoj-oblasti/>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

19.05.2023 Drug Control Department officers in the Republic of Crimea stopped a car driven by a 47-year-old resident of Yalta. During a search of the car they found and seized **5 kg of methylephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/38373715>

22.05.2023 Police officers during investigative actions in the town of Nevinnomyssk, Stavropol Krai, detained a 41-year-old woman, found and seized **1 kg of mephedrone** at her place of residence. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/38440307>

23.05.2023 Police officers at the stationary police post "Malinovka" in Kazan stopped a car with a 38-year-old man inside. A search of the car resulted in the detection and seizure of **5 kg of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/38469610>

23.05.2023 Police officers during investigative measures in Novosibirsk region stopped a car driven by a 31-year-old man. During a search they found and seized **7 kg of mephedrone**. Also, during a search of the detainee's place of residence they seized another **8 kg of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/38448671>

23.05.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative actions in the Blagoveshchensky district of the Republic of Bashkortostan detained a 23-year-old man who had set up a laboratory for producing synthetic drugs at his place of residence. During a search they found and seized laboratory equipment, **5 kg of mephedrone** and **150 liters of precursors**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/38448255>

29.05.2023 Police officers at a stationary post near the village of Zelenovka, Stavropol district of Samara region, stopped a car driven by a 30-year-old foreign citizen. A car search revealed and seized **3 kg of methylephedrone** under the trim of the rear right fender. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/38643659>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

21.05.2023 Ministry of Internal Affairs officers stopped a car at the stationary checkpoint "Darband" in the Baysun district. During a search of the vehicle they found and seized **4 kg of hashish** inside the luggage compartment. One citizen was detained in connection with this case, investigation is under way. <https://upl.uz/incidents/33748-news.html>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

25.05.2023 Australian Border Force (ABF) officers at the port of Sydney found and seized **300 kg of methamphetamine** inside a steel hydraulic press during an inspection of a shipment arriving from Mexico. <https://www.afp.gov.au/news-media/media-releases/more-300kg-methamphetamine-hidden-steel-machinery-seized-sydney>

BULGARIA

23.05.2023 In the vicinity of the Kulata checkpoint customs officers of the Drug Control Department of the Customs Directorate stopped a truck with Bulgarian registration, composed of a tractor with a refrigeration semi-trailer attached, for inspection. During the inspection, they found 154 packages of **marijuana** with a total weight of **92 kg** in a specially designed two-bottom compartment on the refrigerated semi-trailer..

<https://customs.bg/wps/portal/agency/media-center/news-details/22-05-23-marijuana-BG>

BRAZIL

19.05.2023 Federal Revenue Service at the port of Paranagua during an inspection found and seized **32.5 kg of cocaine** inside a cooling system of a container bound for the Netherlands.

<https://cbncuritiba.com.br/materias/receita-federal-apreende-mais-32-kg-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-paranagua/>

VENEZUELA

24.05.2023 Law enforcement officers at La Chinita International Airport during baggage inspection on Copa Airlines flight 713 bound for Panama detained a Colombian citizen in possession of **3.6 kg of cocaine** concealed in the double bottom of a laptop computer.

<https://twitter.com/dhernandezlarez/status/1660376850181365761>

GEORGIA

25.05.2023 During an inspection of a vehicle law enforcement officers at the port of Poti found and seized **80 kg of heroin** in the two rear doors of a trailer. Investigation found that the defendant, a citizen of the Islamic Republic of Iran, intended to transport large amounts of drugs from Iran to Europe via Armenia and Georgia..

<https://police.ge/ge/shinagan-saqmeta-saministrom-fotis-portshi-80-kilogramamde-narkotikuli-sashualeba-/15801#!prettyPhoto>

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

25.05.2023 National Drug Control Directorate (DNCD) officers found and seized **728 kg of cocaine** at the port of Caucedo during an inspection of a container with household cleaning products.

<https://dncd.gob.do/index.php/noticias1/noticias/item/1711-autoridades-no-ceden-incautan-en-puerto-caucedo-728-paquetes-presumiblemente-cocaina>

SPAIN

23.05.2023 In a joint operation at the port of Algeciras, Civil Guard and National Police agents arrested a passenger without a ticket who was traveling aboard a cargo ship with **100 kg of cocaine** concealed on board. https://www.europasur.es/algeciras/kilos-cocaina-polizon-carguero-puerto_0_1795321286.html

QATAR

24.05.2023 Customs officers stopped the smuggling of **62.7 kg of hashish**. Drugs were found inside watermelons during an inspection of a shipment of fruit.



<https://www.customs.gov.qa/English/Media/Pages/NewsDetails.aspx#/C-NewsDetails-ID/512>

PARAGUAY

19.05.2023 Police officers at Silvio Pettirossi Airport found and seized **8 kg of cocaine** inside five cylinders during an inspection of a shipment of coffee bound for the UK. <https://ministeriopublico.gov.py/nota/confirman-que-cilindros-requisados-que-iban-a-gran-bretana-contenian-8-kilos-de-cocaina-7898>

USA

19.05.2023 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the El Paso, Texas, port of entry stopped a vehicle entering from Mexico. During an inspection of the vehicle they found and seized **5 kg of methamphetamine, 2 kg of heroin, and 5 kg of fentanyl..** <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-fentanyl-methamphetamine-heroin-and-cocaine>

27.05.2023 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the port of entry in Hidalgo, Texas, stopped a commercial bus entering from Mexico. The bus was inspected and **60 kg of cocaine** were found and seized. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-17-million-cocaine-hidalgo-international-bridge>