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

01.08. to 07.08.2023

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In the period from 1 to 7 August 2023, based on information from the media, law enforcement agencies of CARICC Member States seized **1 ton 953 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 1.7 kg, opium - 4 kg, cocaine - 36 g, cannabis group drugs - 1 ton 837 kg and synthetic drugs - 110.5 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin				1.7			
Opium	4						
Cocaine				0.036			
Cannabis group drugs	117	1700	1	19			
Synthetic drugs	7	100		3.5			
Total	128	1800	1	24.2			

Other countries in the world seized **4 tons 813 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 9.7 kg of heroin, 30 kg of opium, 3 tons 984 kg of cocaine and 790 kg of synthetic drugs.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

02.08.2023 In the course of investigative measures in the village of Borsunlu, Geranboy district, police officers detained a man and seized **3 kg of marijuana**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/760470>

03.08.2023 Police officers in the town of Masalli stopped a car driven by a local resident. During a search of the car, they found and seized **7 kg of marijuana**. During preliminary investigation it was established that he received drugs from an Iranian citizen. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/760853>

05.08.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Udjarsky district detained two local residents who were engaged in cultivation of cannabis at their place of residence. During searches, they found and seized **54 cannabis bushes** weighing a total of **58 kg**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/761619>

05.08.2023 In the course of investigative measures in Baku city, police officers detained three men involved in smuggling drugs from Iran to Azerbaijan. They seized **4 kg of**



opium, 41 kg of marijuana, 7 kg of methamphetamine and 1,500 methadone tablets.

<https://ru.oxu.az/society/761654>

05.08.2023 Police officers detained two residents of Baku city during investigative measures in Barda district, and seized **8 kg of marijuana.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/761742>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

01.08.2023 The Committee for National Security carried out an operation to dismantle a large clandestine production of synthetic drugs in Pavlodar region. Two foreign citizens who arrived in Kazakhstan with the purpose of manufacturing psychotropic substances and subsequent sale in the CIS countries were detained. Also, during searches, they found and seized about **100 kg** of psychotropic substance **alpha-PVP**, precursors, and advanced laboratory equipment designed for production of synthetic drugs.

https://www.kt.kz/rus/crime/v_pavlodarskoy_oblasti_likvidirovali_krupnuyu_podpolnuyu_1377953569.html

06.08.2023 During the operational and preventive measure "Karasora-2023" officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Police Department of Kostanay region in the city of Rudny detained a local resident who was engaged in cultivation of cannabis at his place of residence. During searches, they found and confiscated **65 cannabis bushes** inside a greenhouse. <https://polisia.kz/ru/kusty-konopli-oruzhie-i-nezakonnij-alkogol-iz-yali-v-kostanajskoj-oblasti/>

07.08.2023 In the course of the operational and preventive measure "Karasora-2023", officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Police Department of Zhambyl region in the village of Beszhyldyk, Zhambyl region, using an unmanned aerial vehicle revealed a plantation of drug-containing cannabis cultivated by a 39-year-old local resident. Drug enforcement officers destroyed 1,400 **marijuana** bushes with a total weight of over **1.7 tons.** <https://polisia.kz/ru/mvd-likvidirovana-nezakonnaya-plantatsiya-narkosoderzhashhej-konopli-pri-pomoshhi-bespilotnogo-apparata/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

07.08.2023 Law enforcement officers in the course of investigative measures in Jalal-Abad region foiled activities of a group engaged in supply and distribution of drugs of Afghan origin on the territory of the region. Three members of the group were detained near Bazar-Korgon district and **1 kg of hashish** was seized.

https://24.kg/proisshestvija/272062_gashish_na633_milliona_somov_vdjalal-abade_zaderjali_chlenov_narkogruppirovki/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

01.08.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the city of Omsk detained a 27-year-old local resident who was engaged in cultivation of cannabis at his place of residence. During searches, they found and seized 24 **cannabis** bushes weighing a total of **5 kg.** <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40431616>

01.08.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the city of Tver detained a 30-year-old man, at whose place of residence they found and seized **4 kg of marijuana**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40420462>

01.08.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative operations in the Kurgan region detained two foreign nationals and seized **1 kg of heroin**. The foreigners had purchased drugs via the Internet and collected it in a neighboring region, after which they arrived in the Trans-Urals region with the aim of distribution. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40455939>

03.08.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the town of Mineralnye Vody, Stavropol Krai, detained two local men who had set up a laboratory for production of synthetic drugs at their place of residence. During searches, they found and seized laboratory equipment and **1 kg of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40498770>

04.08.2023 In the course of investigative measures at the Moscow-Kurskaya station in Moscow, police officers detained a foreign citizen with **10 kg of hashish**. The detainee organized a drug supply channel to the territory of the Moscow region. Drugs were subsequently transported to various constituent entities of the Russian Federation by rail and road for further sale. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40534808>

04.08.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the Blagoveshchensky district of the Amur region detained two foreign citizens, and seized **584 g of heroin**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40524851>

04.08.2023 Police officers in the Ryazan region stopped a car driven by a resident of Moscow. During a search of the car, inside the cabin they checked contents of two flower pots and found ball-shaped packages in the soil. One of them contained 150 convolutions with **heroin** with a total mass of **179 g**, and in the other - 100 convolutions with **methadone** with a total mass of **23 g**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40534610>

07.08.2023 Police officers at Moscow's Vnukovo International Airport detained a man born in 1966. During a personal search of the passenger, who was about to fly to Makhachkala, they found three **cocaine** wraps with a total weight of **36 g** in his underwear. The detainee admitted that he had flown to Moscow to collect the drug, which he had acquired by contactless method and taken from a dead drop. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40593225>

07.08.2023 Police officers in the Tyumen region, on the 40th km of the Tyumen-Omsk highway, stopped a car driven by a 33-year-old man. During a search of the car inside cabin, they found and seized **2.5 kg of mephedrone**. The detainee is a courier in a store located on the shadow site of the Internet. Having ordered a wholesale shipment of synthetic drug, he took it from an equipped dead drop near Yekaterinburg. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40586452>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BELGIUM

02.08.2023 In the port of Antwerp, joint efforts of port and customs services seized **982 kg of cocaine** inside sports bags. Five people were arrested in connection with the seizure, three Belgians, a Dutchman and a Moldavian. <https://www.om-mp.be/nl/article/persbericht-antwerpen-vijf-aanhoudingen-na-inbeslagname-982-kg-cocaine-antwerpse-haven>

BRAZIL

02.08.2023 Federal Police officers at the Port of Santos, during an inspection of a container bound for Singapore, inside a shipment of sugar found and seized **612 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2023/08/pf-combate-traffic-internacional-de-drogas>

INDIA

03.08.2023 Police officials in Chandigarh city of Punjab province arrested a local resident and seized **6 kg of heroin**. <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/punjab/punjab-police-bust-cross-border-drug-smuggling-ring-6-kg-heroin-seized-1-held-531771>

04.08.2023 Police officers in Karimganj district, Assam province, stopped a vehicle driven by a local resident. During a search of the vehicle, they found and seized **768 g of heroin** inside a consignment of soap. <https://www.punjabnewsexpress.com/crime-justice/news/drugs-worth-rs-4-cr-seized-in-assam-1-arrested-218456>

SPAIN

02.08.2023 The Civil Guard confiscated **28 kg of cocaine** from Colombia in an industrial warehouse in the Centrovía industrial zone in La Muela (Zaragoza). It was concealed among metal waste and, in order not to arouse suspicion, was moved together with a 25-ton shipment of metal materials for processing, which arrived by sea in Barcelona and was then stored in the municipality of Zaragoza. <https://www.cartv.es/aragonnoticias/aragon/intervienen-28-kilos-de-cocaina-ocultos-entre-desechos-metalicos-en-una-nave-de-la-muela>

02.08.2023 Spanish law enforcement authorities intercepted a sailboat near the coast of Santander (autonomous community of Cantabria) with **2 tons of cocaine** on board. The vessel was sailing under the flag of Great Britain. Seized drugs on the black market may be worth up to 70 million euros. The operation took place with cooperation of law enforcement authorities of the United Kingdom. It is assumed that cocaine arrived to the shores of Spain from South America. Police detained four crew members of the sailing ship, including two citizens of Venezuela, one citizen of Colombia and one citizen of the Iberian kingdom. <https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/760675>

CAMBODIA

04.08.2023 Cambodia's Anti-Drug Department arrested six foreigners on suspicion of drug trafficking and seized **790 kg of ketamine**. Suspects, all men aged between 26 and 46, were detained during raids in the coastal city of Sihanoukville and the capital Phnom Penh

after a four-month investigation. <https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2023/08/04/cambodia-arrests-six-foreigners-seizing-790kg-of-illicit-drugs>

CANADA

01.08.2023 Police officers stopped a vehicle driven by a 34-year-old local man on Highway 16 near Maidstone, Saskatchewan. During a search of the vehicle, they found and seized **1.5 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/news/2023/15-kilograms-cocaine-seized-police-service-dog-kilo-and-the-saskatchewan-rcmp-roving>

MALTA

07.08.2023 Police officers in Freeport seized **97 kg of cocaine** aboard a merchant vessel bound for Italy. The vessel left the port of Colon in Panama on 24 July and was bound for Gioia Tauro in Italy. <https://cdn.newsbook.com.mt/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/06171925/drugs-cocaine.jpg>

PAKISTAN

02.08.2023 Pakistan's Anti-Narcotics Force in Balochistan province in 6 operations detained 9 people, including 2 women, involved in drug smuggling and seized 2 vehicles. Drug seizures included **30 kg of opium, 3 kg of heroin and 2.8 kg of clonazepam tablets**. <https://www.dailyparliamenttimes.com/2023/08/01/anf-seizes-2202-57-kg-drugs-worth-us-28-666-million-internationally-arresting-31-persons/>

PANAMA

02.08.2023 National Naval Service agents at the port terminal in the Caribbean zone searched a container arriving from Ecuador, found and seized **108 kg of cocaine** in transit through Panama to Europe. <https://twitter.com/MinSegPma/status/1686362388818223104>

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04.08.2023 Drug Enforcement Administration agents at DP World Maritime Terminal discovered and seized **156 kg of cocaine** during inspection of a container bound for the Netherlands. https://www.policia.gob.pe/pnp/archivos/portal/doc/14455doc_NP%203326%20140%20PAQUETES%20DROGA%20TERMINAL%20MARITIMO.pdf

THAILAND

03.08.2023 Joint task force of Thai military and law enforcement officials seized **1.2 million methamphetamine tablets** at a transit point along the Mekong River, in the city of Nakhon Pathom. <https://thethaiger.com/news/national/thai-military-seize-1-2-million-cannabis-tinged-meth-pills-worth-100-million-thai-baht>