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

08.08. to 15.08.2023

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In the period from 8 to 15 August 2023, based on information from the media law enforcement agencies of CARICC Member States seized **201 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: 27.6 kg of heroin, 9.8 kg of opium, 131 kg of cannabis-group drugs and 32.1 kg of synthetic drugs.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	27.6						
Opium	1.8						8
Cannabis group drugs	53.4	59.7	0.665	17.3			
Synthetic drugs	25.2	0.415		6.5			
Total	108	60.1	0.665	24.2			8

Other countries in the world seized **2 tons 193 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances during the period, including: heroin - 21.7 kg, cocaine - 1 ton 840 kg, cannabis-group drugs - 106 kg and synthetic drugs - 226 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

10.08.2023 Officers of the General Department for Drug Control detained two persons who smuggled a large consignment of narcotic drugs from Iran to Azerbaijan. Two previously convicted citizens were detained as a result of investigative measures carried out in the Absheron district. Law enforcers seized **22 kg of heroin, 23 kg of methamphetamine, 46 kg of marijuana and 4,300 tablets of methadone.**

<https://ru.oxu.az/society/763577>

11.08.2023 Police officers in Shamkir district stopped a car driven by a local resident. During a search of the car, they found and seized **3.1 kg of heroin and 1.8 kg of opium.** During preliminary investigation it was established that he received drugs from an Iranian citizen with the purpose of sale. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/763935>

12.08.2023 Officers of the State Border Service of Azerbaijan prevented smuggling of narcotic drugs from the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Republic of Azerbaijan in the southern direction of the Caspian Sea. As a result of operative measures, two citizens were detained on the territory of Narimanabad settlement of Lankaran district. They confiscated

7.4 kg of marijuana, 1.8 kg of heroin, 662 g of methamphetamine and 1.6 kg of methadone. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/765292>

14.08.2023 Police officers detained a drug courier who took online orders for the delivery of drugs imported from Iran to the regions of Azerbaijan in the Agstafa district. In a gym bag of the detainee they found and seized **757 g of heroin, 2 kg of marijuana** and two pistols. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/764768>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

10.08.2023 In the context of investigative measure "Karasora-2023" officers of the Department of Countering Drug Crime of the Police Department of Zhambyl region at Shu-Aspara station detained two residents of Astana and seized **9.7 kg of marijuana.** <https://polisia.kz/ru/krupnuyu-partiyu-marihuany-iz-yali-transportnye-politsejskie-v-zhambylskoj-oblasti/>

14.08.2023 As a result of a long investigation and a set of investigative measures, officers of the Department for Countering Drug Crime of the Department of Internal Affairs of Pavlodar region foiled activities of a stable criminal group engaged in the sale of narcotics through an online store. Officers identified the organizer, along with a preliminary four people involved in illegal marijuana sales through an online store on Telegram. As a result of searches conducted at four addresses, they found and seized **9 kg of marijuana**, including packaged marijuana, various devices for packing and using drugs, equipment and cell phones. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskimi-presechena-deyatel-nost-prestupnoj-gruppy-organizovavshej-sbyt-narkotikov-cherez-internet-magazin/>

15.08.2023 Patrol officers of the Kyzylorda Region Police Department stopped a car driven by a resident of Aktobe region at 637 km of the Shymkent-Samara highway near Karmaksha district. During a search of the vehicle, they found and seized **18.7 kg of marijuana.** <https://polisia.kz/ru/aktyubintsa-s-osobo-krupnoj-partiej-narkotikov-zaderzhali-politsejskie-kyzylordy/>

15.08.2023 During the investigative measure "Karasora-2023" a crop of drug-containing plants was detected on the territory of Talas district of Zhambyl region. **22.2 kg of cannabis and 138 g of marijuana** were found in vegetable garden of a private house of a 54-year-old local resident. <https://polisia.kz/ru/podozrevaemyj-v-poseve-narkotikov-zaderzhan-v-zhambylskoj-oblasti/>

15.08.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Altai district of East Kazakhstan region detained a local resident and found and seized **145 g of alpha-PVP and 270 g of mephedrone** at his place of residence. <https://polisia.kz/ru/krupnuyu-partiyu-sintetiki-iz-yali-u-zhitelya-vko/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

09.08.2023 Law enforcement officers stopped a car driven by a 31-year-old man in Bishkek during investigative actions. During a search of the car under the driver's seat, they found and seized **665 g of cannabis.** https://24.kg/proisshestvija/272195_vbishkeke_zaderjali_narkotorgovtsa_vego_mashine_nashli_54briketa_sga_shishem/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

08.08.2023 Police officers in course of investigative measures in the village of Bely Omut in the Tver region detained a 38-year-old local resident who was engaged in cannabis cultivation at his place of residence. During searches they found and seized 100 bushes of **cannabis** with a total weight of **17.3 kg**. The man carefully cultivated plants, used special fertilizers and a greenhouse. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40619205>

08.08.2023 Police officers stopped a car driven by a 39-year-old man at the 993rd km of the federal highway M-4 "Don" in Rostov region. During a search of the car inside the passenger compartment, they found and seized **2 kg of methylephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40624921>

08.08.2023 Police officers in the city of Istra, Moscow region, stopped a car driven by a 25-year-old man. During a search of the car inside the passenger compartment, they found and seized **3 kg of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40619040>

09.08.2023 In the course of investigative actions in the town of Gvardeysk, Kaliningrad region, police officers detained a 36-year-old man with **900 g of alpha-PVP** found and seized at his place of residence. The detainee was engaged in the sale of narcotic drugs via the Internet dead drops in hiding places on the territory of the region. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40672864>

10.08.2023 In the course of investigative measures in the Kirov region, police officers detained two men with **600 g of mephedrone** found and seized at their place of residence. The detainees confessed that drug was intended for sale through dead drops. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/40695249>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

09.08.2023 Officers of the Department of the State Security Service in Samarkand region detained four residents of Urgut district with **8 kg of opium** found and seized at their place of residence. It was found that opium had been smuggled from the Republic of Tajikistan. <https://telegra.ph/DHH-Urgut-tumanida-83-kg-opij-giyo%D2%B3vandlik-vositasining-no%D2%9Bonunij-ajlanmasiga-chek-%D2%9B%D1%9Ejildi-08-10>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BRAZIL

08.08.2023 Federal Police officers at the Port of Santos during an inspection of a container bound for Belgium inside a shipment of sugar found and seized **400 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2023/08/pf-e-receita-federal-efetuam-acao-conjunta-no-porto-de-santos>

10.08.2023 Federal police officers, in conjunction with the Federal Revenue Service, seized **760 kg of cocaine** at the port of Navegantes. Narcotics, concealed in two ceramic enamel containers, is the largest seizure this year. <https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2023/08/pf-e-rfb-realizam-maior-apreensao-de-cocaina-do-ano-no-porto-de-navegantes>

FINLAND

13.08.2023 Finnish Customs carried out searches and seizures in the Helsinki and Jyväskylä area. The largest consignment, consisting of **90 kg of marijuana and 10 kg of hashish**, was found in a self-service warehouse in Helsinki. Illicit substances were ingeniously hidden in 400 backpacks, all of which were seized during the operation. Drugs had arrived in commercial cargo consignments from Spain.
<https://www.helsinkitimes.fi/finland/finland-news/domestic/23964-finnish-customs-investigates-large-scale-smuggling-of-marijuana-and-hashish-worth-4-million-euros.html>

INDIA

10.08.2023 Police officers in Amritsar district, Punjab province, stopped a vehicle with three men inside. During a search of the vehicle, they found and seized **12 kg of heroin**.
<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/amritsar/punjab-police-arrest-3-drug-smugglers-12kg-heroin-recovered/articleshow/102612097.cms>

ITALY

11.08.2023 Customs officers in the port of Livorno during inspection of a container arriving from South America in container structure found and seized **50 kg of cocaine**.
<https://www.gdf.gov.it/it/gdf-comunica/notizie-ed-eventi/comunicati-stampa/anno-2023/agosto/lotta-al-traffico-di-stupefacenti>

MALAYSIA

08.08.2023 Customs officials at Kuala Lumpur International Airport during inspection of a shipment of auto parts inside 995 glass bottles with capsules found and seized **88 kg of cocaine**.
<https://www.thesundaily.my/local/customs-dept-scores-major-drug-bust-seizes-88kg-cocaine-worth-rm176-mill-CA11334565>

THE NETHERLANDS

14.08.2023 Customs officers at the port of Vlissingen inspected a container arriving from South America and found and seized **542 kg of cocaine**.
<https://www.hvzeeland.nl/nieuws/54997-douane-vindt-16-miljoen-euro-aan-cocaine-in-haven-vlissingen/>

PAKISTAN

11.08.2023 The Anti-Narcotics Force of Pakistan in the city of Islamabad stopped a vehicle with two men inside. During a search of the vehicle, they found and seized **5 kg of heroin and 6 kg of hashish**.
<https://www.app.com.pk/national/anf-seizes-78-kg-drugs-in-eight-operations/>

SINGAPORE

09.08.2023 Officers from the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority at the Woodlands checkpoint stopped a vehicle driven by a 22-year-old Malaysian national. During a search of the vehicle, they found and seized **4.7 kg of heroin**.
<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/courts-crime/malaysian-arrested-with-more-than-47kg-of-heroin-at-woodlands-checkpoint>



USA

09.08.2023 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Farr Port of Entry, Texas, stopped a tractor trailer arriving from Mexico. During a search of the vehicle inside a shipment of vegetables they found and seized **226 kg of methamphetamine**. <https://www.fox29.com/news/cbp-officers-in-texas-seize-meth-veggies-worth-more-than-4-million>