

Unofficial translation

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

16.08. to 22.08.2023

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In the period from 16 to 22 August 2023, based on information from the media law enforcement agencies of CARICC Member States seized **176 kg 794 grams of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 13 kg 864 grams, opium - 5 kg 318 grams, cannabis group drugs - 127 kg 647, cocaine - 10.090 kg, synthetic drugs - 19.875 kg and potent substances - 690 pills.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States from 16 to 22 August 2023 based on media reports
 in grams

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	10870			994			2000
Opium	5318		326				
Cannabis group	21618	6978	23160	23014			52877
Synthetic drugs	0.995	0.988		16942 and 300 tab			0.950
Potent substances	390 tab						
Cocaine				1090			
Other types of drugs							
Total							

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

17.08.2023 Officers of the Khojavand District Police Department found and destroyed bushes of wild cannabis in the territory of Sheher village. This was reported in the Barda regional group of the press service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. 3,272 hemp bushes with a total weight of **2,128 kg** were uprooted and burned down.
<https://ru.oxu.az/society/766095>

17.08.2023 As a result of investigative measures carried out by officers of Khatai RUP, a resident of Baku was detained, previously convicted Rauf Huseynov, suspected of illegal possession of firearms and illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs. In the course of personal examination a revolver, two cartridges, more than **1 kg of heroin and 390 tablets of methadone** were found and seized from the man.
<https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/766214>

17.08.2023 As a result of investigative measures carried out by officers of the Yevlakh District Police Department, Elchin Gasimov, Zaur Akhmedov and Rashkhan Jafarov, previously convicted residents of the district, were detained as suspects in drug trafficking. A total of about **3 kg of marijuana and heroin** were seized.

<https://caliber.az/post/185034/>

18.08.2023 Hidden drugs were found near the Beyuk Shor lake. Officers of the Operational Office of the Penitentiary Service of the Ministry of Justice of Azerbaijan and the Ministry of Internal Affairs conducted a joint operation. As a result of operational measures, they found **opium** weighing **918 g**, which Ashrafaga Alizadeh, who was found guilty under Article 234.4.3 of the Criminal Code of Azerbaijan and is currently detained in Baku pre-trial detention center, had hidden on the territory of Narimanov district of the capital. Investigation is underway. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/766773>

19.08.2023 Residents of Salyan district were detained with drugs in Jalilabad. Based on information received, officers of Jalilabad ROP conducted an operation, resulting in the detention of residents of Salyan district, previously convicted A. Dadashov, his brother E. Dadashov and H. Tagiyev. The latter was driving the AzSamand car they were in. During personal search of the detainees, they found and seized **300 g of marijuana** and methadone tablets. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/766832>

22.08.2023 According to the SBS, at 12:15 on 20 August, 5 kg 15 g of narcotic drugs (**2 kg 430 g of marijuana, 2 kg 585 g of opium**) were found and seized in the service territory of the border post near Lazran village of Yardimli district, and at 13:15 on the service territory of the border post near Edisha village of Jalilabad district: 10, 24 kg 440 g of narcotic drugs (**13 kg 760 g of marijuana, 7 kg 870 g of heroin, 1 kg 815 g of opium, 995 g of methamphetamine**) were detected and seized in the service territory of the border post near Edisha village of Jalilabad district. <https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/767785>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

16.08.2023 In the course of OPM "Karaasora-2023" a crop of drug-containing plant was detected on the territory of Talas district. A total of 22.2 kg of cultivated cannabis and dried **marijuana** with a total weight of **138.5 grams** were found in the vegetable garden of the private house of a 54-year-old local resident.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/podozrevaemyj-v-poseve-narkotikov-zaderzhan-v-zhambylskoj-oblasti/>

17.08.2023 Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of Mangistau Region DP detained a 22-year-old resident of Aktau city in the industrial zone on the territory of CHPP-2. During a personal search, they seized from the detainee one large black package wrapped with transparent tape containing a synthetic drug "**alpha-PVP**" weighing **788 grams**.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/regional-nyj-narkokur-er-s-sinteticheskim-narkotikom-v-osobo-krupnom-razmere-zaderzhan-v-aktau/>

17.08.2023 Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Karaganda Region Department of Internal Affairs detained a 23-year-old dead drop operator. In his apartment they found and seized a powdery substance with a specific odor, electronic

scales, zip-lock bags and duct tape. The resident of Balkhash bought drugs through the Internet, packed it in bags at home, wrapped it with duct tape, then laid drugs around the city, and passed photo with coordinates to buyers. Forensic examination showed that the seized drugs were **psychotropic substances weighing more than 200 grams**.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/pokupal-i-fasoval-zhitel-balhasha-pryatal-narkotiki-v-raznyh-chastyah-goroda/>

18.08.2023 In the course of investigative work within the framework of OPM "Karaasora" officers of UPN DP of Zhambyl region in the pre-spring zone of forestry in the territory of Merke district stopped the car Volkswagen Golf, in which there were 29 and 30-year-old residents of Taraz. During inspection of the car in the rear seat of the car they found a polyethylene bag with a substance of plant origin of green color with a specific odor. According to expert opinion, the seized substance is undried **marijuana** with a total weight of **6 kg 840 gr**.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/okolo-7-kg-narkotikov-iz-yali-politsejskie-zhambylskoj-oblasti/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

15-16.08.2023 Officers of the Department of Internal Affairs of Osh region in the territory of Kara-Suu district during urgent search measures in the cabin of the car "Mercedes-Benz" under the control of a resident of the city of Osh 44 years old K.I. under the front passenger seat found and seized substances wrapped in a black cellophane bag in the amount of 2 pieces. According to the conclusion of forensic chemical examination, the detected and seized substances are narcotic drug "**hashish**" weighing **1 kg 936.7 gm..**

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/2310>

22.08.2023 As a result of a successful operation conducted by the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, a stable channel of transportation of narcotic drug "hashish" in especially large amounts from Batken region through the territories of Osh and Jalalabad regions in transit to Bishkek was intercepted. In the framework of the criminal case initiated under Article 282 part 1 of the Criminal Code of the Kyrgyz Republic, on 4 August 2023 at about 18-00 hours during investigative and operational activities with the use of an unmanned aerial vehicle on the territory of Uzgen city was detained Mr. P.N.K. During inspection of a sports bag belonging to the detainee 13 cellophane bags wrapped with colorless scotch tape with a specific smell were found and seized, according to conclusion of forensic chemical examination contents of the bags are narcotic drug "hashish". Weight of the seized drugs amounted to 11 kg. 391 grams of hashish and 326 grams of opium. Further, the detainee P.N.K. explained that he dropped a second sports bag with 9 cellophane bags on the territory of Karool rural district of Uzgen region and indicated the place, during the examination 9 cellophane bags wrapped with colorless scotch tape were found and seized, according to the conclusion of forensic chemical examination the contents are narcotic drug "hashish" weighing 8 kg. 833 grams. As a result of investigative measures, the total weight of seized narcotic drugs "**hashish**" amounted to **20 kg. 224 grams, "opium" 326 grams**.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/2309>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

16.08.2023 Employees of the Drug Control Unit of the Moscow Metro Department of Internal Affairs of the General Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Moscow, with support from special units, have intercepted operations of a drug group. It was preliminarily established that criminals organized a full cycle of cultivation of drug-containing plants, processing and packaging of raw materials obtained, as well as sale of obtained drug marijuana through dead drops, including at Moscow Metro stations. For this purpose, two apartments were rented - on Fabritsiusa street and in Dosflota passage, which co-conspirators equipped with cultivation tents with a climate-controlled air purification system and automatic water supply. During searches they found laboratory equipment, two drying machines, about two hundred liters of chemical reagents, as well as bank cards, cell phones and other items of evidentiary value. More than **3.5 kg of marijuana**, 23 cannabis bushes, as well as **1.4 kg of fragments of a drug-containing plant** were seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/40836164/>

16.08.2023 Inspectors of the Traffic Police Department of the Traffic Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Kazan stopped a foreign-made car driven by a 51-year-old resident of the Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous District at the Malinovka stationary police post in the Republic of Tatarstan to check documents. During conversation, the driver was visibly nervous and behaved suspiciously, so the police decided to search his vehicle. In the interior of the car, law enforcement officers found a small bag containing several wraps with unknown substance. In addition, in the trunk of the foreign car inspectors found a backpack with bags filled with a pressed substance. Police officers seized suspicious packages and sent for forensic examination, which determined that contents were **hashish** weighing **6.4 kg**, as well as **mephedrone** weighing over **2.3 kg** and **cocaine** of about **90 g**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/40863122/>

16.08.2023 As a result of a set of investigative measures aimed at detecting and combating illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, officers of UNK UMVD of Russia for the Kaluga Region detained a previously convicted resident of the regional center born in 1985. In the course of a search at her place of residence in a rented apartment, police seized rolls with a substance containing the narcotic drug **N-methylephedrone**, with a total mass of more than **760 g**, as well as scales and packing material. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/40847465/>

16.08.2023 Two residents of the regional center, aged 23 and 19, came to the attention of officers of the Department for Drug Control of the Department of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Kaliningrad region, who, as the operatives found out, were engaged in acquisition and sale of potent synthetic drugs through an online store with the help of dead drops. Young people were detained at the end of July this year. The criminals were traveling in a car owned by one of them. During a search of the vehicle, police found and seized a package wrapped in duct tape with a substance inside, as well as their cell phones and bank cards. Forensics found that the package contained the narcotic drugs **mephedrone** weighing about **100 g**, **amphetamine** weighing **150 g** and "salt" weighing about 200 g. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/40859435/>

16.08.2023 Officers of Drug Control Unit of the Rostov Line Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia on Transport identified a 36-year-old resident of Rostov-on-Don who tried to send synthetic narcotic substances by postal mail. Transport police found out that the criminal had loaded into several canisters with machine oil 6 rolls with powdery substance of beige color and sent the parcel to Luhansk. However, it did not reach the address, the canisters were confiscated and the substance was sent for examination to criminal experts. Expert analysis showed that the packages contained the narcotic drug **methylephedrone** with a total mass of more than **800 g**. It was also established that the citizen was already serving a sentence in the Bryansk region for a similar crime. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/40867601/>

16.08.2023 In the course of implementation of operative intelligence, officers of the 5th Unit of the Drug Control Department of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs in Nizhny Novgorod region together with inspectors of the regional traffic police department of the State Automobile Inspection of the State Automobile Inspection with the support of a special unit stopped a car carrying a 29-year-old native of a near abroad republic at the 348th km of the Moscow - Ufa highway. As a result of inspection of the car owned by the foreign citizen, under the carpet of the front passenger and driver's seat the police officers found and seized 6 packages with unknown substance inside each package. In the course of investigation, police experts found that contents of five seized packages contained the narcotic drug **methadone** with a mass of **495.9 g**, and another package contained the narcotic drug **heroin** with a mass of **994.9 g**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/40871250/>

16.08.2023 Officers of the Drug Control Unit of the Department of Internal Affairs of Russia's Mineralovodsk City District received information that a 43-year-old local resident might be involved in drug trafficking. In the course of inspection the information was confirmed. Operatives detained the woman on a street of the district center. During a personal search in the presence of witnesses, the police seized from her a polymer package with a powdery substance, which, as experts later confirmed, was a synthetic drug. During interrogation, the woman confessed and explained that she had purchased the drug from an unknown person who was the curator of a specialized online store. The woman reported coordinates of the wholesale synthetic "dead drops" she had made, from which four more large packages were seized. In total, the police seized almost **480 g** of the substance recognized as **N-methylephedrone** based on results of tests. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/40853687/>

17.08.2023 In the course of investigative measures, officers of UNK GU MVD of Russia in Samara region together with traffic police inspectors detained a suspect in attempted sale of narcotic drugs. On the M-5 Ural highway in Krasnoyarsk District, police officers stopped a car driven by a Tyumen resident born in 1977. During inspection, police officers found a plastic bag containing 6 bags of white substance on the back seat. The suspect was detained and taken to the territorial body of internal affairs for further investigation, and seized items were sent for examination to the EKC of GU MVD of Russia in the Samara region. Examination showed that the substance was a synthetic drug **PVP** with a total mass of **5903 g**, which is a particularly large amount. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/40892215/>

17.08.2023 Officers of the Drug Control Unit of GU MVD of Russia in the Voronezh region, during operational and investigative measures, identified a local resident involved in distribution of narcotic drugs on the territory of the region. As a result of planned operation, a 40-year-old man was detained by police officers at his place of residence. During a search of the residence, police officers found and seized 21 bags of powdery substance, and in the garage operatives found 3 more bags of narcotic drugs. Expert examination confirmed that the seized substance was a synthetic narcotic drug **methylophedrone** with a total mass of about **1 kilogram**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/40887787/>

17.08.2023 In the course of investigative measures, officers of the drug trafficking control unit of the department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Solnechny district detained two residents of Komsomolsk, aged 25 and 28. The suspects rented a private house and grew **cannabis** in a specially equipped place, as well as on the territory of the homestead plot. Police officers seized 1,093 bushes of drug-containing plants, as well as two plastic bags with dark green plant matter, the total weight of which in dried form amounted to more than **2.4 kilogram**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/40883606/>

18.08.2023 In the Smidovichi district on the Chita-Khabarovsk highway, inspectors of the traffic police of the State Automobile Inspection of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Smidovichi district stopped a foreign car driven by a 38-year-old local resident to check his documents. There was one passenger in the car. During conversation, the driver was visibly nervous and behaved suspiciously, in connection with which the police decided to search his vehicle. In the trunk law enforcement officers found a bag with a vegetable mass with a specific odor. Police officers seized the plant mass and sent it for examination, which determined that the contents of the bag were a narcotic **cannabis** plant weighing **4.826 grams**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/40910992/>

18.08.2023 Officers of the General Directorate for Drug Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, together with colleagues from the Municipal Department of Internal Affairs of Russia "Shchelkovo", as a result of investigative measures arrested a 41-year-old resident of Moscow suspected of selling narcotic drugs near a house on the territory of Yagodnaya in the town of Shchelkovo. During personal inspection of the man, they found and seized a package with a light-colored substance wrapped in transparent film. Chemical examination results showed that the seized substance was **amphetamine** with a total mass of about **200 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/40922227/>

21.08.2023 Police patrol officers together with operatives of the drug control department of the Leninsky District Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, as a result of measures taken near the Zelenoye Highway, stopped a carshare car driven by a 40-year-old native of the Pskov Region suspected of selling drugs. During a search of the vehicle on the mat behind the passenger seat, police officers found a polymer bag with three wrapped parcels of scotch tape inside. Expert opinion indicates that the contents of the 2 parcels are **mephedrone** weighing about **700 grams**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/40976642/>

21.08.2023 While patrolling a section of railroad in the Leninsky district of Novosibirsk, officers of the linear department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia at Novosibirsk station detained an 18-year-old local resident suspected of drug distribution. He attracted the attention of transport policemen at the moment when he crossed railroad tracks and tried to escape in a forest belt. During a personal search of the detainee, transport police officers seized several dozen polyethylene rolls with pills. Forensic expertise concluded that the seized substance was the narcotic drug MDMA ("ecstasy"). Transport police officers found that the suspect had been selling the illicit substance, packaged into single doses, by non-contact method. Operatives found nine already equipped dead drops near railroad tracks. A total of **300 MDMA tablets** were seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/40971591/>

21.08.2023 Officers of drug control department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia "Livensky" received intelligence that two residents of Livensky district, born in 1971 and 1978, may be involved in illegal trafficking of plant-based narcotics. As a result of investigative operations, this information was confirmed. Police officers detained these citizens at the moment when they intended to sell on the territory of the city of Livny plant mass of green color, which was seized and sent for examination to the Expert-Criminalistic Center. Study showed that it was the drug **marijuana** with a mass of about **85 grams**. Criminal proceedings were initiated against the suspects by investigation department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia "Livensky" on the grounds of a crime under part 3 of article 30, part 3 of article 228.1 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation. 3 Art. 228.1 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation. As a result of further investigations, police found and seized more than a hundred cannabis bushes in a greenhouse at the home of the defendant, born in 1978, and during a search of his house - a plastic container, inside of which, according to the study, was the drug **marijuana** weighing **808 grams**. Criminal proceedings have been initiated against this citizen on the grounds of crimes under part 1 of article 231 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation and part 2 of article 228 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/40977063/>

21.08.2023 Investigation section of the Department of Internal Affairs of Russia for Zubovo-Polyansky district initiated criminal proceedings against a local resident suspected of committing crimes under Art. 228 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation "Illegal possession of narcotic drugs" and Article 231 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation "Illegal cultivation of plants containing narcotic drugs". During the ongoing measures operatives received information about possible possession of prohibited substances by a 65-year-old resident of Zarubkino village. While checking the information in outbuildings of the suspect, police found cannabis. 27 bushes of drug-containing plant with a total weight of more than **1 kilogram 680 grams** were growing in a bed in the vegetable garden, as well as in flower pots, which were located along the fence in the yard. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/40975940/>

21.08.2023 In course of investigative measures, officers of the Drug Control Directorate of the regional Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia "Shushensky" together with colleagues from the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia "Shushensky" detained two girls born in 2002 and 2004 on the territory of the district center. The police found that they were retail dead drop operators for an underground online store. The suspects took large bulk amounts from stash houses and then packaged into small quantities for the purpose of distribution by "dead drops" on the territory of the Shushensky and Ermakovsky districts. During a search at the residence of the criminals, police officers found and seized prohibited

substances packed in plastic bags ready for sale. According to results of a chemical examination, the seized substance was found to be a **synthetic narcotic drug** weighing more than **100 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/40985966/>

21.08.2023 In the course of verifying intelligence, officers of the Drug Control Department of the Sakhalin Regional Department of Internal Affairs found that a 19-year-old resident of Dolinsk had taken a job as a courier in an online store that operates in the shadow segment of the Web and sells and distributes illegal substances. In the course of correspondence with the store's supervisor, it was explained to him that he would be engaged in equipping dead drops with narcotic drugs. The suspect agreed and received his first wholesale cache of drugs. The envelope contained 10 grams of N-methylephedrone, which had to be packaged and placed in "dead drops". He received the money in the form of cryptocurrency. On 17 August, the suspect received **704.61 grams** of a synthetic narcotic drug. Having packaged the prohibited substance, he took some of the drug and went to make "dead drops", but was detained by police officers. In the course of a personal search they seized a cell phone and 18 rolls with the substance, which were intended for further sale. A bag of **N-methylephedrone** and an electronic scale were found in the apartment where the suspect lives. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/40978614/>

22.08.2023 In the course of the operational and preventive action operation "Mak-2023", police officers of Georgievsky District seized a large amount of marijuana from a 46-year-old resident of the village of Krasnokumskoye. Earlier, officers of the Department for Drug Control of the Department of Internal Affairs of Russia for Georgievsky Urban District received information that a local resident was storing a narcotic drug on the territory of his house. Upon inspection, the information was confirmed. During inspection of the citizen's home, police officers found plants of gray-green color. An expert examination showed that the seized material was **marijuana** with a total mass of more than **2 kilograms**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/41016406/>

22.08.2023 Officers of the State Automobile Inspectorate of the Mytishchi Municipal Ministry of Internal Affairs detained a 40-year-old resident of the Vladimir region on suspicion of selling narcotic drugs. While on patrol on Volkovskoye highway in Mytishchi, police officers noticed a man who was acting suspiciously and looking around all the time. The citizen was visibly nervous during conversation with traffic officers, in connection with which it was decided to conduct a personal search. During examination of the man's cell phone, they found coordinates of a drug dead drop. As a result of a visit to the specified coordinates, police seized a pink polymer package wrapped in blue tape with a substance inside it. According to an expert opinion of the ECC of the General Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Moscow region, the envelope contained a derivative of the narcotic drug **N-methylephedrone** with a total mass of about **250 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/41020134/>

22.08.2023 Officers of the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Ingushetia and the Malgobeksky Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation detained a 31-year-old native of Vladimir in the village of Nizhniye Achaluki, and found and confiscated **541.06 grams of mephedrone** during a personal search. During interrogation of the suspected drug criminal, operatives found that prior to his arrest the man had set up a dead drop of "synthetics" in Makhachkala. Police officers traveled to Dagestan and discovered it with illegal substances. More than **1 kilogram of mephedrone** was seized from there, which was confirmed by study. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/41014348/>

22.08.2023 Officers of the Drug Control Department of the Penza Region Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, in cooperation with the GUNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, detained two residents of the Republic of Udmurtia. They were suspected of attempting to sell a large consignment of narcotic drugs. The car with the criminals was stopped by police officers on the M-5 "Ural" federal highway. During inspection of the vehicle, operatives found a package and eight bags with a crystalline substance. According to expert report, the seized items were **cocaine** weighing more than **1 kilogram** and **MDMA** weighing about **2 kilograms**.

<https://мвд.рф/news/item/41015257/>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

22.08.2023 A car driven by a citizen of Tajikistan tried to enter the Republic of Uzbekistan through the Oybek checkpoint. He passed through a mobile X-ray frame and customs officers noticed strange shading in the area of the gas tank. A detailed inspection revealed that 49 polyethylene rolls were hidden in the gas cylinder and 31 rolls in the gas tank. It contained **52 kilograms of 877 grams of hashish**, more than **2 kilograms of heroin** and a glue container with **950 grams of synthetic narcotics**.

<https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/narkomersedes-muzhchina-spryatat-svyshe-55-kg-narkotikov-v-benzobake-i-gazovom-ballone-avto-/>

<https://customs.uz/ru/news/bozhhonachilar-avtomashina-yoqilgi-baklariga-55-kg-ga-yaqin-gashish-va-geroin-yashirilganligini-fosh-qilishdi>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BELARUS

21.08.2023 Drug control operatives with the support of OMON forces foiled a large channel of psychotropics supply to Russia. This was reported to BELTA by the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Near the village of Zhukovka, Minsk district, law enforcers stopped a car with a 61-year-old foreigner. More than 5 kg of mephedrone was found in the trunk.

It became known that the foreign woman worked for a virtual drug market for about six months as a wholesale courier. The woman picked up psychotropics in Belarus and transported to Russia. She divided large batches into smaller ones and distributed it in dead drops in Russia.

<https://www.belta.by/society/view/v-minskom-rajone-zaderzhana-kurjersha-s-5-kg-mefedrona-583532-2023/>

22.08.2023 Drug control officers of the Department of Internal Affairs of Grodno Region Executive Committee together with their colleagues from Slonim District Department of Internal Affairs and Brest detained a 24-year-old resident of Ivatsevichy on suspicion of distributing psychotropics. The Ministry of Internal Affairs informed BELTA about it. Operatives also identified and detained three accomplices of the defendant: his cousins aged 20 and 23, as well as a 23-year-old acquaintance. About **5 kg of alpha-PVP and mephedrone** were found at the relatives' home. According to law enforcers, all members of the criminal group had been working for one virtual drug market since June. They distributed illegal substances in Hrodna and Brest regions.

<https://www.belta.by/regions/view/zhitel-ivatsevichej-i-troe-ego-podelnikov-zaderzhany-za-rasprostranenie-psihotropov-583716-2023/>

MEXICO

16.08.2023 Mexican Coast Guard found almost three tons of cocaine and 150 liters of fuel off the coasts of the states of Guerrero and Quintana Roo. "In recent days, Coast Guard officials seized more than 2 800 kilograms of suspected cocaine, about 150 liters of fuel and a boat off the coasts of Guerrero and Quintana Roo during three different operations"
<https://ria.ru/20230816/kokain-1890432058.html>

TÜRKIYE

21.08.2023 Turkish Anti-Narcotics Police seized nearly **450 kg of methamphetamine** in Istanbul and arrested five suspects, including a foreigner, the governor's office said in a statement on Monday. The operation is part of an investigation into drug trafficking, the statement said.
<https://www.urdupoint.com/en/world/police-seize-nearly-450-kg-drugs-in-trkiyes-1740918.html>

PAKISTAN

16.08.2023 Tank police on Wednesday said they arrested three persons, including a bike lifter and a drug dealer, taking six stolen motorcycles, **12 kilograms of hashish** and weapons.
<https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/3-outlaws-held-stolen-bikes-drugs-recovered-1739041.html>

17.08.2023 Dera Police arrested a drug dealer during ongoing operations against anti-social elements inside Saddar Police Station. According to the agency, on the directions of District Police Officer Dera Abdul Rauf Babar Qaisrani, SHO of Saddar Police Station Umar Iqbal Khan and a team of policemen conducted an operation against drug traffickers. During the operation, police arrested a drug trafficker named Muhammad Noor s/o Meherban, a resident of Mohalla Kasaban, and seized **2 886 grams of hashish**.
<https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/drug-peddler-arrested-2886-grams-hashish-re-1739431.html>

17.08.2023 Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) foiled a major international drug smuggling attempt and seized more than 2.5 tons of drugs. According to an ANF headquarters spokesman, a large amount of drugs were seized in a major reconnaissance operation conducted in Basohli area in Turbat. More than **2.5 tons of drugs, including 2 080 kg of hashish, 290 kg of heroin and 195 kg of Ice drug** were seized during the raid.
<https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/anf-foils-bid-to-smuggle-over-25-tons-drugs-1739802.html>

18.08.2023 Rawalpindi police in a crackdown against suspected drug dealers, bootleggers and other violators of law arrested 10 defendants on Friday and seized over **9 kg of hashish**, 20 liters of liquor and other items.



<https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/10-drug-peddlers-bootleggers-netted-1739896.html>

18.08.2023 The Excise Department has launched an operation against durga smugglers, said Akif Nawaz Khan SHO of Excise Mardan police station on Friday. Police foiled an attempt to smuggle a large quantity of drugs on the Ring Road near the railway track in Mardan, he said. He said **12 kg of hashish** were discovered inside the diesel tank of a Datsun pickup truck. One of the alleged accused Saifullah, son of Akbar Khan, a resident of Akashirkhel Bara, was arrested on the spot.

<https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/excise-police-arrested-drug-smuggler-1739966.html>

19.08.2023 A major police operation conducted in the jurisdiction of Sarband police station at a residential house in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) on Saturday resulted in the seizure of a substantial consignment of narcotics. According to a police spokesman, "Police arrested two suspects from an inter-provincial drug smuggling network. The detainees are brothers, residents of Khyber district. About **47 kg of hashish and 6 kg of opium** were discovered during a raid on a residential house with the help of Ladies Police officers.

<https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/police-seized-large-quantity-of-drugs-in-kp-1740153.html>

20.08.2023 Police claimed to have conducted a raid against an inter-provincial gang of drug dealers, arrested a drug dealer and seized a huge amount of drugs worth millions of rupees from him. Additional SHO CO Afsar Shan Mehdi along with his team searched and stopped a vehicle traveling from Ziarat, a police spokesman said. During inspection, police seized **27600 grams of hashish and 920 grams** of ice and arrested the drug trafficker Imranullah alias Ashraf.

<https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/anf-seizes-620-kg-drugs-1193-kg-prohibited-c-1740845.html>