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

**01.09. to 10.09.2023**

**№22**

In the period from 1 to 10 September 2023, based on information from the media law enforcement agencies of CARICC Member States seized **8 t 933 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: 306 kg of heroin, poppy straw – 8 t 500 kg, 121 kg of cannabis-group drugs and 5.9 kg of synthetic drugs.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	4			270			31,9
Opium							
Poppy straw							8500
Cannabis group drugs	56	5	2	11			47
Synthetic drugs		0,488		5,5			
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>5,8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>286,5</b>			<b>8578</b>

Other countries in the world seized **3 tons 795 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances during the period, including: heroin – 71.3 kg, opium – 42.1 kg, cocaine - 3 t, cannabis-group drugs - 200 kg and synthetic drugs – 481.6 kg.**

**CARICC MEMBER STATES**

**REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**

**01.09.2023** Employees of the border outpost of the Goradiz border detachment of the State Border Service near the village of Boyuk Bahmanli, Fizuli region, prevented the smuggling of drugs from the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Republic of Azerbaijan. In connection with this fact, two residents of the Fizuli region were detained and **14 kg of marijuana** were confiscated. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/771953>

**06.09.2023** Police officers, in the course of investigations in the city of Baku, detained two previously convicted men, from whom **4 kg of heroin** were seized. The detainees reported that they purchased drugs from an Iranian citizen, whom they met on social networks, with the purpose of selling them in the capital. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/773876>

**07.09.2023** Police officers, during operational search activities in the Shamkir region, detained a previously convicted man, from whom **2 kg of marijuana** was seized. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/773989>

**07.09.2023** Police officers, in the course of investigations in the Guba region, detained a man who was engaged in cultivating cannabis. During a search at the place of residence, **cannabis bushes** with a total weight of **35 kg** were discovered and seized. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/774151>

**10.09.2023** Police officers, in the course of investigations in the Zagatala region, detained a man from whom **5 kg of marijuana** was seized. During interrogation, the detainee stated that he brought the drug from Ganja to Zagatala for the purpose of sale. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/776259>

**REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN**

**08.09.2023** Police officers, during operational search activities in the city of Uralsk, detained a 28-year-old local resident who organized an online store selling drugs. During a search of the residence, **2 kg of marijuana** was found and seized. <https://www.zakon.kz/proisshestiia/6406061-narkomagazin-organizoval-v-dome-zhitel-uralska.html>

**09.09.2023** Police officers, in the course of investigations in the city of Atyrau, detained a 29-year-old local resident, from whom **448 g of synthetic drugs** were seized. <https://polisia.kz/ru/1500-doz-sintetiki-obnaruzhili-atyrauskie-politsejskie-u-zhitelya-zko/>

**10.09.2023** Police officers, during operational search activities in the city of Turkestan, detained a man from whom **1 kg of marijuana** was confiscated. <https://polisia.kz/ru/bolee-1-kg-marihuany-iz-yali-u-zhitelya-turkestanskoj-oblasti/>

**10.09.2023** Police officers at the payment terminal of the Astana-Petropavlovsk highway stopped a car driven by a 28-year-old man. During a search of the car, **2 kg of hashish** was found and seized. <https://polisia.kz/ru/gashish-v-osobo-krupnom-razmere-iz-yali-u-akmolintsa-v-hode-spetsoperatsii/>

**KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**

**10.09.2023** Law enforcement officers, in the course of investigations in the Kadamdzhai district of the Batken region, detained a 24-year-old local resident, from whom **2 kg of hashish** was seized. He was detained while preparing caches of bookmarks. [https://24.kg/proisshestiija/275016\\_jitel\\_kadamdjaya\\_pyitalsya\\_spryatat\\_vtaynike\\_pochti\\_2kilogramma\\_gashi\\_sha/](https://24.kg/proisshestiija/275016_jitel_kadamdjaya_pyitalsya_spryatat_vtaynike_pochti_2kilogramma_gashi_sha/)

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**05.09.2023** Police officers in the city of Saratov, Saratov region, stopped a car with two local residents inside. During a search of the car, **3 kg of hashish** and **1 kg of mephedrone** were found and seized inside the car. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/41424842>

**05.09.2023** Police officers, during operational search activities in the city of Solnechnogorsk, Moscow Region, detained a 27-year-old man, from whom **8 kg of cannabis** was found and confiscated at his place of residence. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/41418403>

**06.09.2023** Employees of the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Moscow Region, together with colleagues from the Naro-Fominsk urban district, detained a citizen of one of the Central Asian republics on suspicion of preparing to sell a large batch of heroin. In the house where the detainee lived and in a metal container in the local area, police found **270 kg of heroin**. A criminal case has been opened into this fact and investigations are ongoing. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/41441815>

**07.09.2023** Police officers in the Nizhny Novgorod region stopped a car driven by a 24-year-old man. During a search of the car, **4.5 kg of mephedrone** was found and seized inside the car. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/41490857>

## REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**07.09.2023** Employees of the Customs Committee and the State Security Service at the Aviayuklar customs post of the Tashkent-Aero specialized customs complex subjected 1,000 bags of edible poppy seeds with a total weight of 25 tons to customs inspection in accordance with the established procedure. Bags of seeds brought to Uzbekistan from abroad by air were planned to be transported in transit through the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan using a cargo vehicle. During the customs inspection, it turned out that in the bags, among 25 tons of seeds, which were declared in the documents as food poppy confectionery, **poppy straw** weighing **8.5 tons**, containing narcotic active opium alkaloids, was hidden from customs control. <https://customs.uz/ru/news/bozhhona-organlari-tomonidan-yirik-miqdorda-8-5-tonna-qiyohvandlik-vositasi-fosh-qilindi>

**09.09.2023** Employees of the State Security Service in the Namangan region found and seized **9.7 kg of hashish** imported from Kyrgyzstan in the house of a 48-year-old resident of the Yangikurgan region. <https://upl.uz/incidents/36315-news.html>

**10.09.2023** Customs officers at the Sariosiya border customs post in Surkhandarya region stopped a truck that had entered from Tajikistan. During the inspection through the inspection complex, it was established that 66 packages were hidden in the cabin in inconspicuous places. When these bags were opened, it turned out that they contained **31.9 kg of heroin** and **37.3 kg of hashish**. <https://daryo.uz/2023/09/12/surxondaryodagi-chegara-postida-yuk-mashinasidan-salkam-70-kg-narkotik-modda-topildi>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### BRAZIL

**06.09.2023** Federal Police officers, together with the Federal Tax Service, seized **1 ton of cocaine** in the port of Paranagua. The drugs were packed into plywood bound for the port of Antwerp in Belgium. <https://www.gov.br/receitafederal/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2023/setembro/receita-federal-apreende-mais-de-uma-tonelada-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-paranagua-pr>

### CAMBODIA



**08.09.2023** Cambodian anti-narcotics police in Kampong province arrested a gang of five people and seized **4 kg of methamphetamine**.

<https://english.news.cn/20230908/2b6f18581e4d4d87a952ba53be2a1fa8/c.html>

## INDIA

**08.09.2023** Police in Punjab's Fazilka district stopped a truck loaded with wheat straw. During the search, **12 kg of heroin** was found and seized among the straw.

<https://www.freepressjournal.in/india/punjab-cops-nab-smuggler-with-15-kg-heroin-hidden-in-tractor-trolley-loaded-with-wheat-straw>

## PAKISTAN

**10.09.2023** Pakistan's anti-narcotics forces detained 28 people, including 1 foreigner and 1 woman, and seized 12 vehicles in 37 anti-narcotics operations across the country from September 1 to 10. The drugs seized included **42.1 kg of opium, 15.3 kg of heroin, 200 kg of hashish, 383 kg of methamphetamine** and **644 grams of MDMA**.

<https://www.dailyparliamenttimes.com/2023/09/05/anf-pakistan-seize-1975-374-kg-drugs/>

## TURKIYE

**04.09.2023** Police officers in the Berendzhik district of Urfa province detained a group of people from whom they seized **44 kg of heroin, 5 kg of synthetic drugs** and **200 g of marijuana**. <https://m.bianet.org/english/society/283522-more-than-167-kilograms-of-narcotics-seized-in-urfa>

## USA

**09.09.2023** U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at the Otay Mesa, California port of entry stopped a tractor trailer coming from Mexico. During a search of the car, **89 kg of liquid methamphetamine** was found and seized inside the fuel tank.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-liquid-methamphetamine-otay-mesa-cargo-lot>