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

11.09. to 20.09.2023

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In the period from 11 to 20 September 2023 as reported by the media law enforcement agencies and security services of CARICC Member States seized **406.7 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 766 g, opium - 9.5 kg, cannabis group drugs - 334.1 kg and synthetic drugs - 62.4 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin				0.766			
Opium							9.5
Cannabis group drugs	164	44.7	3.8	118.6			3
Synthetic drugs		0.139		62.3			
Total	164	44.8	3.8	181.6			12.5

During this period other countries in the world seized **14 tons 414 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 519.6 kg of cocaine, 2 kg of cannabis-group drugs and 13 tons 893 kg of synthetic drugs.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

15.09.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Salyan district detained a local man who was engaged in cultivation of drug-containing plants at his place of residence. During a search they found and seized **10 kg of marijuana.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/777438>

19.09.2023 Police officers during investigative measures in Masalli district detained a previously convicted man and seized **4 kg of marijuana.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/779121>

20.09.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Imishlinsky district detained a local man who was engaged in cultivation of drug-containing plants at his place of residence. During a search they found and seized 50 **cannabis bushes** with a total weight of **150 kg.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/779864>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

11.09.2023 Police officers on the Samara-Shymkent highway stopped a car with two men inside. During a search of the car, they found and seized **25 kg of marijuana**. <https://liter.kz/dvoikh-muzhchin-s-tseloi-sumkoi-marikhuany-zaderzhali-v-kyzylordinskoi-oblasti-1694392760/>

12.09.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Almaty detained a 27-year-old local resident, previously convicted, who had organized a laboratory for production of synthetic drugs at his place of residence. During a search of rented apartment they found medical syringes, litmus paper, containers with precursors and special laboratory utensils, electronic scales and **139 g of alpha-PVP**. <https://liter.kz/narkolaboratoriiu-organizoval-muzhchina-v-semnoi-kvartire-v-almaty-1694518631/>

12.09.2023 Police officers on the Zhezkazgan-Kyzylorda highway in Ulytau region stopped a car with two men inside. During a search of the car, they found and seized **15 kg of marijuana**. <https://liter.kz/15-kg-marikhuany-obnaruzhili-v-salone-avto-v-ulytau-1694456988/>

20.09.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the city of Taraz, Zhambyl region detained a 34-year-old man, and seized **4.7 kg of marijuana** at his place of residence. <https://liter.kz/mak-gashish-i-marikhuanu-khranil-doma-zhitel-taraza-video-1695359357/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

12.09.2023 Law enforcement officers detained a 42-year-old man and seized **3 kg of hashish and 844 g of marijuana**. The detainee was trying to smuggle drugs to a penal colony in Shu region. He was detained near the fence of the correctional facility. https://24.kg/proisshestviya/274824_narkokurer_pyitalsya_perebrosit_gashish_vispravitelnyuyu_koloniyu_chuys_koy_oblasti/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

11.09.2023 Police officers detained a 20-year-old man with **600 g of heroin** in the city of Podolsk, Moscow region, in the course of investigative operations. The detainee was involved in the sale of drugs using the "dead drop" method. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/41586658>

13.09.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the town of Dmitrovsk, Moscow region, detained two men who were engaged in production of synthetic drugs at their place of residence. During a search, they found and seized laboratory equipment, containers with chemical reagents and **5.5 kg of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/41659000>

13.09.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the Voronezh region detained a 40-year-old man, and found and seized **6 kg of mephedrone, 5.6 kg of N-methylephedrone, 263 g of methamphetamine and 164 g of amphetamine** at his place of residence. The detainee was a wholesale courier for an illegal online store operating on a popular messenger service. He used a contactless method to pick up wholesale shipments of drugs in the capital region, packed into smaller shipments in his apartment or garage, and then organized dead drops for retail couriers. It was discovered that he sold

illegal substances on the territory of the regional center, and also in suburban areas of the region. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/41667232>

14.09.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative operations in the Ivanovo region detained a 32-year-old man with **4.8 kg of mephedrone**. The detainee was involved in the sale of drugs via dead drops. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/41695286>

14.09.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the village of Lisiy Nos, Leningrad region, detained a 42-year-old man who was engaged in cannabis cultivation at his place of residence. During a search, they found and seized equipment for growing plants, electronic scales, packaging materials and **11 kg of marijuana**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/41720743>

14.09.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative operations in the city of Ryazan detained two citizens of a Central Asian country, and seized **166 g of heroin**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/41694812>

15.09.2023 Police officers detained a 34-year-old woman in Lukhovitsy, Moscow region, and seized **1 kg of mephedrone**. The detainee was engaged in drug sales by means of dead drops. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/41733387>

18.09.2023 Police officers in Aginsky district of Zabaikalsky Krai stopped a car driven by a 26-year-old man. During a search of the car in the interior of the vehicle, they found and seized **cannabis plants** weighing a total of **105 kg**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/41752930>

18.09.2023 Police officers stopped a car driven by a 35-year-old man at the 528th km of the M-5 "Ural" federal highway in the Penza region. During a search of the car inside the passenger compartment, they found and seized **10 kg of methylephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/41813120>

18.09.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the Pskov region detained a 32-year-old man who was engaged in production of synthetic drugs at his place of residence. During a search, they found and seized laboratory equipment, containers with precursors and **29 kg of N-methylephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/41801234>

20.09.2023 Police officers in Khabarovsk stopped a car with two men inside. During a search in the trunk of the car, they found and seized **2.6 kg of marijuana**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/41861654>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

14.09.2023 State Security Service officers in Bakhmal district of Jizzak region detained one Tajik national and two of his accomplices, and seized **9.5 kg of opium**. Three other Tajik nationals were detained during an investigative operation in Zaamin district of the same Jizzak region. **3 kg of hashish** were seized. <https://asiaplustj.info/ru/news/tajikistan/laworder/20230915/pyat-grazhdan-tadzhikistana-zaderzhani-v-uzbekistane-za-kontrabandu-narkotikov>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

11.09.2023 Australian Border Force officers conducted a routine inspection of a shipping container that had recently arrived in Sydney from Iran. This inspection revealed and seized **50 kg of methamphetamine** impregnated in five blue plastic pallets.

<https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/afp-seize-50kg-methamphetamine-embedded-plastic-pallets>

ARGENTINA

11.09.2023 Customs officers in La Plata foiled an attempt to smuggle **2 kg of cocaine** destined for Pakistan. The substances were found inside a parcel with goods that had a double bottom, where drugs were concealed. It is worth noting that while in Argentina such amount of drugs can be sold for 30 thousand US dollars, in the country where it was intended, its value rises to 152 thousand US dollars, in Pakistan - an increase of 500%.

<https://www.infobae.com/sociedad/policiales/2023/09/10/operativo-fondo-blanco-encontraron-cocaina-en-mates-que-iban-desde-la-plata-a-pakistan/>

BRAZIL

11.09.2023 Federal police officers together with the Federal Revenue Service in the port of Santos inspected a docked ship bound for Argentina with two trucks on board. During a search of the trucks inside their hulls, they found and seized **405 kg of cocaine**.

<https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2023/09/pf-apreende-droga-prende-homem-por-traffic-internacional-no-porto-de-santos>

12.09.2023 Federal police officers in the western state of Paraná stopped a vehicle driven by a local resident. During a search of the vehicle in the lower part of the body, they found and seized **13.6 kg of cocaine**.

<https://g1.globo.com/pr/oeste-sudoeste/noticia/2023/09/10/prf-apreende-136-quilos-de-cocaina-escondidos-em-compartimento-de-ar-em-cascavel.ghtml>

18.09.2023 Law enforcement officers at São Paulo International Airport detained a Brazilian man flying to Switzerland. During a search of his luggage, they found and seized **13 kg of cocaine** concealed in false bottom of a suitcase.

<https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2023/09/pf-apreende-mais-de-60-quilos-de-cocaina>

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

18.09.2023 Officers of the National Drug Control Directorate (DNCD) at the port of Caucedo, during an inspection of a container of avocados bound for the Netherlands, found and seized **26 kg of cocaine** in the back of the container body.

<https://dncd.gob.do/index.php/noticias1/noticias/item/1827-ocupan-en-caucedo-26-paquetes-de-cocaina-escondidos-en-nevera-de-contenedor>

MEXICO

11.09.2023 Mexican navy troops, in conjunction with customs at the Manzanillo port of Colima state, found and seized **787 kg of methamphetamine** inside six cylinders during an inspection of a container of polishing equipment on a ship bound for Hong Kong, and seized it at the port of Manzanillo. <https://www.gob.mx/semar/prensa/marina-alcanza-niveles-historicos-en-materia-de-aseguramientos-de-presunta-droga?idiom=es>

<https://solquintanaroo.mx/semar-da-golpe-historico-al-narco trafico/>

COLOMBIA

17.09.2023 Colombian navy troops seized **60 kg of cocaine** attached to the hull of a Singapore-flagged dry cargo ship in the waters of the department of La Guajira. Drugs were discovered during an underwater inspection of the high-sided motor vessel. <https://www.armada.mil.co/es/content/armada-colombia-incauta-cocaina-adherida-en-casco-un-buque-carga-granel>

UAE

14.09.2023 Dubai Police officers detained six individuals involved in drug smuggling. The criminal group attempted to smuggle **13 tons of Captagon** inside 600 door panels and other items. Seized drugs are estimated to be worth 1 billion US dollars.

https://www.thenationalnews.com/uae/2023/09/14/uae-thwarts-attempt-to-smuggle-13-tonnes-of-captagon-worth-3-billion-dirhams/?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=socialsharebtn

PAKISTAN

12.09.2023 Pakistani Anti-Narcotics Force at Sialkot Airport detained a man flying to Bahrain. During a search of his bag, they found and seized **2.5 kg of methamphetamine**.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/12-Sep-2023/anf-recovers-70-kg-drugs-nets-11-accused>

USA

11.09.2023 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers stopped a vehicle driven by a 47-year-old Mexican national at the Port of Entry in Laredo, Texas. A search of the vehicle revealed and seized **54 kg of methamphetamine**.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-over-11-million-methamphetamine-colombia-solidarity>

TÜRKIYE

12.09.2023 Police officers in the city of Kars detained two men, and found and seized **2 kg of marijuana** at their place of residence.

<https://www.sondakika.com/haber/haber-kars-ta-uyusturucu-operasyonunda-2-kilo-69-gram-uy-16318754/>