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

21.09. to 30.09.2023

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In the period from 21 to 30 September 2023, the media reported that law enforcement agencies and security services of CARICC Member States seized **41.3 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 3 kg of heroin, 376 g of opium, 11 kg of cannabis group drugs and 27 kg of synthetic drugs.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	3						
Opium							0.376
Cannabis group drugs	2.8	1.4		6.8			
Synthetic drugs		3		24			
Total	5.8	4.4		30.8			0.376

In the period under review, other countries seized **1 ton 526 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: 23.5 kg of heroin, 150 kg of opium, 263.5 kg of cocaine, 218 kg of cannabis-group drugs and 871 kg of synthetic drugs.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

23.09.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Gazakh district detained a man, and found and seized **1 kg of heroin and 855 g of marijuana.** Investigation revealed that a resident of Sumgayit city, having arrived in Gazakh district, agreed to transport drugs hidden in the district to other cities and districts of the country for money. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/781703>

25.09.2023 Police officers detained a resident of Yevlakh district in the course of investigative measures in Barda district, they found and seized **2 kg of marijuana.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/781553>

29.09.2023 In the course of investigative measures in the Nasimi district of Baku, police officers detained three previously convicted men suspected of organizing the sale of drugs, residents of the capital, and seized **2 kg of heroin.** Investigation revealed that the detainees, having established contacts with Iranian citizens through social networks, received drugs from them, delivered to the country by various illegal ways, with the purpose of further sale of illicit substances. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/783747>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

25.09.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Zhalagazh district of Kyzylorda region detained a local resident, they seized **500 g of marijuana**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/polkilogramma-narkotikov-hranil-sel-chanin-v-kyzylordinskoj-oblasti/>

27.09.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Almaty detained a 21-year-old man who had organized a laboratory for production of synthetic drugs at his place of residence. During a search they found and seized special laboratory utensils, electronic scales, flavorings, gloves, masks and other paraphernalia for use in the production of synthetic drugs and **3 kg of mephedrone**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/21-letnij-paren-zavedoval-narkolaboratoriej-v-almaty/>

29.09.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Shemonaikha district of East Kazakhstan region detained a 59-year-old local resident, they seized **986 g of marijuana**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/v-hranenii-marihuany-podozrevayut-zhitelya-vko/>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

22.09.2023 In the course of investigative operations in the city of Mozhaisk, Moscow region, police officers detained a native of the Republic of Khakassia and a resident of the Moscow region who had rented a house near the village of Kryukovo and were synthesizing narcotic drugs there. During a search, they found and seized laboratory equipment, 75 plastic canisters and barrels with various chemical liquids and **3 kg of N-methylephedrone**. <https://radiosputnik.ria.ru/20230922/narkotiki-1897975089.html>

26.09.2023 Police officers detained a local resident in the Ramensky district of the Moscow region in the course of investigative operations and seized **4 kg of cannabis**. <https://radiosputnik.ria.ru/20230926/ramenskoe-1898667714.html>

27.09.2023 In the course of investigative actions in the Republic of Mordovia, police officers detained two Russians, aged 29 and 30, suspected of trafficking in narcotic drugs. During a search, they found and seized **2.8 kg of hashish**. <https://lenta.ru/news/2023/09/29/qashish/>

29.09.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Dmitrovsky district of Moscow region detained a local resident who was engaged in production of synthetic drugs at his place of residence. During a search, they found and seized laboratory equipment, containers with chemical reagents and **21 kg of mephedrone**. <https://life.ru/p/1611059>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

26.09.2023 Officers of the Oybek border customs post of the Tashkent Regional Customs Directorate inspected a foreign citizen using a special body-scanning device. It was found that the man was trying to bring into the country **376 g of opium** hidden in the internal organ, wrapped in 8 packages. <https://daryo.uz/ru/2023/09/26/v-tasoblasti-muzcina-pytalsa-provezti400-gr-opiuma-v-zadnem-prohode>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

24.09.2023 Australian Border Force officers at the port of Melbourne seized **200 kg of cocaine** found in the ship's hull during an inspection of a cargo ship.
<https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/call-information-after-200kg-cocaine-seized-hull-cargo-ship>

ARGENTINA

27.09.2023 National Gendarmerie officers stopped a vehicle driven by a Peruvian national on the way to the town of La Chiaca. During a search, they found and seized **9.9 kg of cocaine** in the luggage of the vehicle, inside two wooden deck chairs and inside the boards from which the chairs were made.
<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/extraen-9-kilos-de-cocaina-de-las-maderas-de-dos-reposeras>

BELARUS

21.09.2023 Officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs obtained intelligence that a 31-year-old resident of Hrodna and her 33-year-old accomplice went to Russia to get a shipment of drugs. They had to transport the illegal substance to Belarus for further sale. Suspects were detained on the way back. In their car they found and seized **2 kg of paramethylephedrone**.
<https://www.belta.by/regions/view/dvuh-zhitelnits-grodno-zaderzhali-s-krupnoj-partiej-psihotropna-586578-2023/>

IRAQ

24.09.2023 Law enforcement officers in the city of Erbil detained three smugglers with **51 kg of methamphetamine**.
<https://www.kurdistan24.net/fa/story/210719-%DA%A9%D8%B4%D9%81-%D9%88-%D8%B6%D8%A8%D8%B7-%D8%AF%D9%87%E2%80%8C%D9%87%D8%A7-%DA%A9%DB%8C%D9%84%D9%88%DA%AF%D8%B1%D9%85-%D9%85%D9%88%D8%A7%D8%AF-%D9%85%D8%AE%D8%AF%D8%B1-%D8%AF%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D8%B1%D8%A8%DB%8C%D9%84>

CANADA

27.09.2023 Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) officers in the City of Vancouver at the Burnaby container inspection point discovered **150 kg of opium** concealed in the internal structure of steel equipment.
<https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2023/09/cbsa-officers-in-metro-vancouver-seize-nearly-200-kg-of-opium-concealed-in-shipping-containers.html>

NEPAL

21.09.2023 Police officers in Mahottari district stopped a truck with two local men inside. During a search of the truck, they found and seized **210 kg of marijuana**. Contraband was concealed under a box of mineral water bottles.
<https://myrepublica.nagariknetwork.com/news/police-arrested-two-individuals-in-mahottari-with-210-kg-of-marijuana/>

THE NETHERLANDS

25.09.2023 Customs officers at the port of Rotterdam during a container check found and seized **18.6 kg of cocaine** inside coconut pulp cans and sports drinks. Three persons were detained and an investigation is under way. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/09/28/drie-verdachten-aangehouden-na-cocainesmokkel-via-blikken-cocospulp-en-sportdrankjes>

PAKISTAN

22.09.2023 Pakistani Anti-Narcotics Force in the city of Faisalabad stopped a vehicle with two men inside. A search of the vehicle revealed and seized **6 kg of hashish**. <https://dunyanews.tv/en/Pakistan/756921-ANF-seizes-157-kg-drugs,-arrests-10-peddlers->

USA

22.09.2023 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Port of Entry in Laredo, Texas, stopped a 2014 Freightliner tractor trailer transporting a shipment of limes. After a search that included the use of a non-intrusive inspection system and canines, CBP officers found 384 packages in the trailer containing a total of **395 kg of methamphetamine** with a total value of 7 million U.S. dollars. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-77-million-methamphetamine-world-trade-bridge>

22.09.2023 Border Patrol agents in Temecula, California stopped a vehicle driven by a 38-year-old woman. During a search of the vehicle inside a diaper bag, they found and seized **2.5 kg of heroin**. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/usbp-seizes-four-bundles-heroin-hidden-diaper-bag>

25.09.2023 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Port of Entry in Eagle Pass, Texas, stopped a vehicle entering from Mexico. A search of the vehicle revealed and seized **35 kg of cocaine** concealed in the vehicle's side panels. Approximate street value of the cocaine is 1 million U.S. dollars. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/eagle-pass-cbp-officers-seize-hard-narcotics-worth-over-1m>

THAILAND

28.09.2023 Four people were arrested in connection with the seizure of **420 kg of crystal methamphetamine** as well as heroin at a house in Nakhonpatom province, north of the capital Bangkok. <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/9/28/thai-police-seizes-8-15-million-worth-methamphetamine-pills-and-other-drug>

TÜRKIYE

22.09.2023 Police officers in the north-western part of Turkey, in the Kocaeli district, stopped a vehicle with three men inside. During a search of the vehicle, they found and seized **21 kg of heroin** inside fuel tank. <https://www.sondakika.com/haber/haber-tem-otoyolu-kocaeli-gecisinde-21-kilogram-eroin-el-16358764/>



24.09.2023 Police officers in Samsun city detained a man and found and seized **1.9 kg of marijuana**.

<https://www.sondakika.com/haber/haber-samsun-da-1-kilodan-fazla-skunk-ele-gecirildi-1-su-16363861/>

UKRAINE

22.09.2023 Police officers together with officers of the Security Service of Ukraine detained a resident of Novohrodovka who was transporting drugs by car from Kiev to Myrnohrad for further sale. **3 kg** of psychotropic substance **alpha-PVP** were seized from the man. Approximate value of the drug consignment is 3 million hryvnias.

<https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/pravookhorontsi-donechchyny-zatrymaly-cholovika-z-partiieiu-psykhotropnoi-rechovyny-vartistiu-blyzko-3-mln-hryven>