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

01.10. to 10.10.2023

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In the period from 1 to 10 October 2023, based on information from the media law enforcement agencies and security services of CARICC Member States seized **313 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 46.6 kg, opium - 1 kg, cannabis group drugs - 212 kg and synthetic drugs - 53.4 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	26.5			0.165			20
Opium	1						
Cannabis group	70.4	100.5		41			
Synthetic drugs	4.2	21		28.2			
Total	102.1	121.5		69.3			20

In the period under review, other countries seized **2 tons 917 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 2 tons 577 kg of cocaine, 137.5 kg of cannabis-group drugs and 202.7 kg of synthetic drugs.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

02.10.2023 In the course of investigative operations in Lankaran district, police officers detained two men and at their place of residence found and seized **8.3 kg of heroin.**
<https://ru.oxu.az/society/784494>

02.10.2023 Police officers detained seven men in the course of investigative measures in Baku city, from whom they seized **9 kg of heroin, 3 kg of methamphetamine, 12 kg of marijuana and 800 tablets of methadone.** Investigation revealed that they had purchased drugs for the purpose of sale, having conspired in advance with Iranian nationals.
<https://ru.oxu.az/society/784776>

03.10.2023 Officers of the Penitentiary Service Administration of the Ministry of Justice of Azerbaijan foiled an attempt to bring narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances to the Baku pre-trial detention center. During a search, they found and seized **1 g each of heroin, marijuana and methamphetamine** in cellophane bags concealed in the soles of slippers brought to a prisoner. <https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/784896>

03.10.2023 Police officers detained a man in Goychay district in the course of investigative measures and found and seized **1 kg of opium, 251 g of heroin and 106 g of**

marijuana. During investigation it was found that the detainee, having established contact through social networks with a foreign citizen who smuggled drugs to Azerbaijan, began to engage in drug trafficking. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/785055>

04.10.2023 Police officers during investigative operations in Gabala district detained a man and seized **6 kg of marijuana.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/785491>

05.10.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Agdjabedi district detained a man and at his place of residence found and seized **9.1 kg of marijuana.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/785981>

06.10.2023 Vigilance of the frontier detachment of "Geytepe" border guard detachment prevented the smuggling of narcotic drugs to the Republic of Azerbaijan from the Islamic Republic of Iran in the service territory of the border guard post located near Samedabad village of Bilasuvar district. As a result of border inspection and operational measures, a total of 39 kg 658 g of narcotic drugs (type not specified) and **700 tablets of methadone** were found and seized. Investigation is under way. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/786542>

07.10.2023 In the course of investigative operations in Baku city, police officers detained two men and seized **9 kg of heroin and 200 g of methamphetamine.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/787063>

09.10.2023 Officers of the General Customs Directorate at the Baku cargo terminal during inspection of a parcel bound for New Zealand inside three packages found and seized **1 kg of methamphetamine.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/787719>

09.10.2023 Police officers detained a 40-year-old local resident who was cultivating cannabis at his place of residence in the Gobu settlement of Absheron district during an investigation. During a search, they found and seized **7 kg of marijuana** and 68 **cannabis** bushes weighing **28 kg** in total. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/787863>

09.10.2023 Drug smuggling from Iran to Azerbaijan was foiled at the territory of the border outpost of the State Border Service's "Goradiz" border guard unit near the village of Gazakhlar in Fizuli district. As a result of operative measures, they found and seized **8.2 kg of marijuana.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/788276>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

06.10.2023 Officers of the National Security Committee dismantled two laboratories producing synthetic drugs in the city of Almaty in the course of investigative measures. Three men who had organized a laboratory for production of synthetic drugs at their place of residence were detained. During a search, they found and seized **21 kg of mephedrone** and **alpha-PVP**, as well as a large shipment of precursors and laboratory equipment. https://www.kt.kz/rus/crime/dve_krupnye_narkolaboratorii_likvidirovany_v_almaty_1377956344.html

06.10.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the city of Karaganda detained a local resident who was engaged in cultivation of cannabis at his place of

residence. During a search, they found and seized **421 cannabis bushes and 500 g of marijuana**. <https://liter.kz/karagandinets-postroil-teplitsu-dlia-vyrashchivaniia-konopli-1696577115/>

10.10.2023 Officers of the National Security Committee detained four citizens involved in transportation and sale of drugs in the city of Aktau. During a search, they seized **100 kg of marijuana**. <https://liter.kz/bolee-100-kg-marikhuany-iziali-pri-zakrytii-narkokanala-v-aktau-1697004075/>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

02.10.2023 Police officers detained a 24-year-old man and a 34-year-old woman in the city of Tver, at their place of residence they found and seized **712 g of mephedrone**. Detainees were involved in the sale of drugs through an online store in the Tver region. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42226627>

03.10.2023 Police officers at the 752nd km of the M-4 "Don" highway in the Bogucharsky district of the Voronezh region stopped a car with passengers inside. During a personal search, they found and seized **620 g of marijuana**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42261105>

04.10.2023 Police officers in the Budennovsky district of Stavropol Krai stopped a car driven by a 30-year-old man. During a search of the car, they found and seized **5 kg of alpha-PVP**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42316660>

05.10.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the Tarusky district of Kaluga region detained a local resident and at his place of residence they found and seized **4 kg of marijuana**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42330149>

08.10.2023 Police officers stopped a car driven by a 30-year-old man at a stationary post near the village of Zelenovka, Samara region. During a search of the car, they found and seized **3 kg of N-methylephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42430511>

09.10.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the city of Georgievsk, Stavropol Krai, detained a 42-year-old man and at his place of residence found and seized **1.3 kg of hashish**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42459968>

09.10.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Kalacheyevsky district of Voronezh region detained a 45-year-old local resident and at his place of residence found and seized **3.5 kg of cannabis**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42449588>

10.10.2023 Police officers in the city of Tver stopped a car with two men inside. During a search of the car, they found and seized **165 g of heroin**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42461868>

10.10.2023 Police officers stopped a car driven by a 40-year-old man on the R-22 "Caspian" highway in the Tambov region. During a search of the car, they found and seized **19.5 kg of methylephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42476496>



REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

06.10.2023 20 kg of heroin was found in a van at the Yallama border customs post in Tashkent region on the border with Kazakhstan. Drugs were hidden under the floor in the lower part of the cabin in a car with Tajikistan license plates, which according to documents arrived empty. <https://www.gazeta.uz/ru/2023/10/06/drugs/>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

08.10.2023 Australian police officers in the city of Sydney detained five men for being involved in the importation of **100 kg of cocaine** in the cargo hold of a passenger plane from South Africa. <https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/five-men-charged-over-plot-import-100kg-cocaine-sydney-airport>

BELGIUM

01.10.2023 Customs officers at the port terminal of Vollers found and seized **308 kg of cocaine** among bags of cocoa beans during an inspection of a container arriving from Haiti. <https://news.belgium.be/nl/douane-neemt-308-kg-cocaine-beslag>

JORDAN

01.10.2023 Customs officers in the city of Amman during inspection of a car arriving from a Latin American country, after passing X-ray control inside the car found and seized **12 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.jordannews.jo/Section-109/News/Customs-apprehends-12kg-of-raw-cocaine-31168>

SPAIN

09.10.2023 Civil Guard officers in Ceuta stopped a vehicle with a Dutch national inside. During a search of the vehicle, inside the rear bumper and inside the air duct of the dashboard they found **50 kg of hashish**. <https://elfarodeceuta.es/detenido-vecino-paises-bajos-coche-cargado-hachis-guardia-civil/>

QATAR

01.10.2023 The Hamad Port Customs Administration seized a large amount of a narcotic substance. Qatar Customs said that it had foiled an attempt to smuggle approximately **87.5 kg of hashish**. The contraband was hidden inside a container labeled "animal feed" lying among haystacks. <https://thepeninsulaqatar.com/article/01/10/2023/over-85kg-hashish-seized-by-qatar-customs>

NEW ZEALAND

01.10.2023 Customs officers at the Port of Auckland during an inspection of cargo arriving in the country seized **200 kg of methamphetamine**. Drugs were concealed inside four wheat threshing machines. <https://www.customs.govt.nz/about-us/news/media-releases/operation->



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THE NETHERLANDS

01.10.2023 More than **380 kg of cocaine** with a total value of 28.5 million euros were intercepted in the port of Vlissingen. Drugs were in sacks attached to buoys and on a pallet in a shed. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/09/30/twee-vangsten-met-gezamenlijk-380-kilo-cocaine-in-haven-vlissingen>

05.10.2023 Customs officers at the port of Vlissingen during an inspection of a container arriving from Ecuador inside a shipment of bananas found and seized **1 ton of cocaine**. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/10/04/douane-vindt-ruim-1000-kilo-cocaine-tussen-lading-bananen>

PERU

07.10.2023 Law enforcement officers at the port of Callao during an inspection of a container bound for the Netherlands inside a container's cooling system found and seized **57 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.gob.pe/institucion/mpfn/noticias/846340-fiscalia-antidrogas-logro-el-decomiso-de-57-kg-de-cocaina-que-iban-a-ser-trasladados-a-holanda>

USA

04.10.2023 Police officers in Monument, Colorado stopped a vehicle driven by a Denver resident. During a search of the vehicle, they found and seized **2.7 kilograms of methamphetamine, 748 fentanyl pills, and 30 g of cocaine**. <https://www.kktv.com/2023/10/04/police-5-pounds-meth-among-drugs-seized-traffic-stop-north-colorado-springs/>

TÜRKIYE

09.10.2023 Police officers at the port of Eregli during an inspection of a container arriving from Colombia inside a shipment of coal found and seized 150 kg of cocaine. Three persons were detained in connection. <https://t24.com.tr/haber/zonguldak-ta-kolombiya-dan-gelen-gemide-150-kilo-kokain-ele-gecirildi,1133439>

ECUADOR

04.10.2023 Narcotics agents at a port terminal inspected a container bound for Nigeria and found and seized **570 kg of cocaine** inside bags of fish meal. <https://www.policia.gob.ec/en-tres-operaciones-la-policia-aprehende-en-la-zona-8-y-dmq-mas-de-media-tonelada-de-droga/>