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

11.10. to 17.10.2023

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In the period from 11 to 17 October 2023, according to information from the media law enforcement agencies and security services of CARICC Member States seized **167 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 3 kg, opium - 6.7 kg, cannabis group drugs - 113 kg, synthetic drugs - 44.7 kg and precursors - 20 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	3						
Opium	4.6						2.1
Cannabis group drugs	36.7	4.2		72.1			
Synthetic drugs	0.306	1.9		23.4			19.1
Total	44.6	6.1		95.5			21.2

During that period, other countries of the world seized **1 ton 491 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 9 kg, cocaine - 1,221 kg, cannabis-group drugs - 212 kg and synthetic drugs - 49.2 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

12.10.2023 In the course of investigation in Baku city police officers detained five local residents, seized **20 kg of marijuana and 3 kg of heroin.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/789264>

14.10.2023 Smuggling of narcotic drugs from Iran was foiled in the service territory of the border outpost of the State Border Service of Azerbaijan "Geytepe" border guard unit located near Abdinli village of Yardimli district. As a result of border inspection and operational measures, **16.7 kg of marijuana, 4.6 kg of opium, 306 g of methamphetamine and 1,590 methadone tablets** were found and seized. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/790042>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

12.10.2023 Police officers stopped a car driven by a 34-year-old man on the Aktau-Zhanozen highway in Mangistau region. During a search of the car inside the cabin, they found and seized **1.3 kg of hashish.** <https://liter.kz/chetyre-tysiachi-do-z-narkotikov-iziali-politseiskie-v-mangistau-1697541676/>

16.10.2023 Police officers in Aktobe detained a resident of Atyrau who was growing plants containing narcotic substances at his rented dacha. During a search they found and seized **2.6 kg of marijuana**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/zhitel-atyrau-vyrashival-narkotiki-na-dache-v-aktobe/>

16.10.2023 Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of Abay region detained a 35-year-old citizen of Uzbekistan, at whose place of residence they found and seized **71 g of mephedrone and 81 g of alpha-PVP**.
<https://polisia.kz/ru/inostrantsa-s-osobo-krupnoj-partiej-narkotikov-zaderzhali-v-oblasti-abaj/>

17.10.2023 Police officers in Shymkent city detained a 23-year-old man who organized a laboratory for production of synthetic drugs at his place of residence. During a search they found and seized a respirator mask for working with chemical substances, containers for mixing narcotic substances, pressure equipment, heat shrinkers with devices and **800 g of smoking mixture "Spice"**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/narkolaboratoriyu-likvidirovala-politsiya-v-shymkente/>

17.10.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Astana detained a 22-year-old local resident, at whose place of residence they found and seized **1 kg of mephedrone and 300 g of marijuana**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/vladel-tsa-internet-magazina-po-prodazhe-narkotikov-ustanovili-v-astane/>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

12.10.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures at Troitsk station in the Chelyabinsk region detained a 44-year-old man and seized **400 g of methylephedrone**.
<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42532816>

13.10.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative operations in the city of Norilsk, Krasnoyarsk Krai, detained a local man and seized **500 g of cannabis and 127 g of hashish**.
<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42577753>

13.10.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the Blagodarnensky district of Stavropol Krai detained a man from whose place of residence they seized **15 kg of cannabis**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42553028>

13.10.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative operations in the Orel region detained a 33-year-old 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 **9.1 kg of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42583909>

16.10.2023 Police officers in the Voronezh region stopped a car driven by a 21-year-old man. During a search of the car, they found and seized **3.9 kg of methylmethcathine**.
<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42644273>

16.10.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the Vladimir region detained a previously convicted local resident, at whose place of residence they found and seized **52 kg of hashish and 4.5 kg of marijuana**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42638353>

16.10.2023 Police officers in the Penza region stopped a car driven by a local resident. During a search of the car, they found and seized **10 kg of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42637356>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

11.10.2023 Officers at the Airitom customs post in Surkhandarya found **2.1 kg of opium** in a cart under the back of a freight car of a train arriving from Afghanistan. <https://www.gazeta.uz/ru/2023/10/11/drugs/>

16.10.2023 State Security Service officers discovered a secret laboratory producing synthetic drugs in Tashkent. The laboratory was set up by members of a criminal group involved in the smuggling of potent substances from abroad through international courier shipments. It all started when customs officers found **5 kg** of the potent drug **pregabalin** in a courier shipment. Medication was imported under the guise of cosmetic products. Police found out that three Uzbek men (21 and 23 years old) were responsible for bringing the drug into the country. When their car was searched, they found another 1500 capsules of pregabalin and 90 bottles of tropicamide. Also, when inspecting the house, they rented in Mirzo-Ulugbek district, they found that a secret laboratory was operating at this address. Two girls (18 and 21 years old) who were part of the criminal group worked there. They were engaged in manufacturing potent drugs by mixing chemicals and then packing it into empty capsules. In the laboratory they found 376 capsules of pregabalin and 101 vials of tropicamide, **14.1 kg of pregabalin** powder, empty capsules and vials in 9 plastic bags, **20 liters of hydrochloric acid**, electronic scales, flasks, mixers and syringes. <https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/v-tashkente-obnaruzhena-sekretnaya-laboratoriya-po-proizvodstvu-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov-video/>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BRAZIL

14.10.2023 Federal Highway Police officers near the town of Cuiabá stopped a truck driven by a local resident. During a search of the truck, they found and seized **300 kg of cocaine** hidden in the double bottom of the truck. Drugs were concealed in an iron compartment. <https://g1.globo.com/mt/mato-grosso/noticia/2023/10/14/motorista-e-presos-apos-transportar-300-kg-de-droga-escondidos-em-fundo-falso-de-caminhao-frigorifico-em-mt.ghtml>

BULGARIA

11.10.2023 Customs officers in the area of the Danube Bridge in the city of Vidin stopped for inspection a cargo train consisting of a tractor and a semi-trailer with Bulgarian registration. The truck was carrying metal profiles from Hungary with a total weight of 20 tons. The metal profiles were unloaded by crane and **96 kg of marijuana** were found and seized in the structural floor cavity of the trailer. <https://customs.bg/wps/portal/agency-en/media-center/news-details/11-10-2023-Vidin>

HONG KONG

14.10.2023 Customs officers at Hong Kong International Airport detained a 51-year-old man arriving in Hong Kong from Sint Maarten via Paris, France. During customs clearance, customs officers discovered **11 kg of cocaine** hidden inside cushion pads and backrest of his electric wheelchair being checked-in. https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_3937.html

INDIA

12.10.2023 Police officials in Delhi city arrested three foreign nationals and seized **2 kg of heroin**. <https://www.dynamiteneews.com/story/over-rs40cr-drugs-seized-in-delhi-3-africans-held>

THE NETHERLANDS

12.10.2023 Customs officers in the port of Rotterdam during inspection of a container arriving from the Dominican Republic inside a shipment of bananas found and seized **392 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/10/13/drugs-onderschept>

UAE

15.10.2023 Sharjah Police foiled an attempt to smuggle a large shipment of drugs worth AED 14 million into the Emirate and arrested 32 suspects. Police seized **50 kg of hashish and 49 kg of methamphetamine**. The drug shipment was smuggled through a seaport in the UAE with the intention of distributing it throughout the country. <https://www.thenationalnews.com/uae/2023/10/15/sharjah-police-foil-dh14m-drugs-plot-and-make-32-arrests/>

PANAMA

11.10.2023 National police seized **60 kg of cocaine** in an operation conducted jointly with the Public Prosecutor's Office at a port located in the province of Colón. Drugs were concealed in two buses that were being transported from Puerto Dos Santos in Brazil, transiting through Panama and to their final destination in Melbourne, Australia. <http://www.policia.gob.pa/24126--paquetes-con-presunta-droga-son-decomisados-en-un-puerto-de-coln.html?csrc=209979573736234770>

PAKISTAN

15.10.2023 Law enforcement officers at Faisalabad International Airport detained a man who had **5 kg of heroin** hidden in towels and underwear inside his luggage and confiscated it. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1781300/drugs-seized-from-passenger-at-airport>

SINGAPORE

11.10.2023 Police officers in Boon Keng area detained two local residents and seized **2 kg of heroin, 4.1 kg of marijuana and 223 g of methamphetamine**. <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/central-narcotics-bureau-cnb-seized-drug-trafficking-boon-keng-condominium-heroin-ice-cannabis-ecstasy-3837071>



TÜRKIYE

16.10.2023 Police officers in the city of Batman stopped a truck with two men inside. During a search of the truck, they found and seized **62 kg of marijuana**.

<https://www.sondakika.com/haber/haber-batman-da-62-kilo-uyusturucuyla-yakalanan-2-suphel-16434812/>

ECUADOR

17.10.2023 Police officers in the Daule district of Guayas stopped a dump truck driven by a local resident. During a search of the truck under the cargo side, they found and seized **458 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.fiscalia.gob.ec/procesado-por-transportar-450-kilos-de-cocaina/>