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

18.10. to 28.10.2023

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In the period from 18 to 28 October 2023, according to information from the media law enforcement agencies and security services of CARICC Member States seized **499 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 45 kg, opium - 39.7 kg, cannabis group drugs - 345.6 kg, and synthetic drugs - 68.8 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	5.4			0.2			39.4
Opium	4						35.7
Cannabis group drugs	30.6	302	1	12			
Synthetic drugs	4.6	3.7		46			14.5
Total	44.6	305.7	1	58.2			89.6

During the period, other countries seized 5 tons 476 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 12 kg, cocaine - 5 tons 443 kg, and synthetic drugs - 21.6 kg.

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

18.10.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Tovuz district detained two men and seized **3 kg of marijuana**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/792165>

18.10.2023 Police officers stopped a car driven by an Iranian citizen in Bilasuvar district on the Alyat-Astara road section in the course of investigative measures. During a search of the car they found and seized **4 kg of opium and 1 kg of methamphetamine**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/791546>

20.10.2023 As a result of cooperation between forces and means of the coast guard of the State Border Service, smuggling of narcotic drugs from Iran to Azerbaijan from the southern direction of the Caspian Sea was prevented. As a result of the measures taken in the direction of Shirvanli village and at the Salyan roadstead, **marijuana** with a total weight of **21.6 kg** was found in 2 bags attached to the anchor. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/792801>

22.10.2023 An attempt to smuggle a large consignment of narcotic drugs from Iran in the direction of Azerbaijan by two Iranian citizens was foiled by a border guard unit of the State



Border Service near the village of Ostayyr in Yardimli district. As a result, **5.4 kg of heroin** and **3.6 kg of methamphetamine** were seized from the detainees.

<https://ru.oxu.az/society/793802>

23.10.2023 Police officers stopped a car driven by a previously convicted citizen in Masalli district during investigative measures. During a search of the car they found and seized **6 kg of marijuana**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/793781>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

18.10.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Astana detained a local resident, at whose place of residence they found and confiscated **750 g of mephedrone**. <https://liter.kz/master-manikiura-perevozila-krupnuu-partiiu-sintetiki-iz-astany-1697614735/>

20.10.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the village of Baiterek, Almaty region detained a 45-year-old local resident, and at his place of residence they found and seized **3 kg of alpha-PVP**. <https://liter.kz/poriadka-8-tys-razovykh-doz-sintetiki-iziali-v-almatinskoi-oblasti-1697796614/>

22.10.2023 Police officers in Turkestan region stopped a truck traveling from Almaty to Aktobe, driven by a 33-year-old resident of Baizak district. During a search of the truck they found and seized 5 kg of **marijuana**. Three residents of Baizak district were detained with drugs on the same day. A search at their residence seized 9 bags of marijuana. The total weight of seized drugs amounted to **140 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/zaderzhana-gruppa-zanimayushhayasya-transportirovkoj-narkotikov-v-regiony-kazahstana/>

26.10.2023 Police officers detained three residents of Zhambyl region in the course of investigative operations in Astana, they seized **5 kg of hashish**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/gruppu-narkosbytchikov-s-krupnoj-partiej-gashisha-ustanovili-politsejskie-v-astane/>

27.10.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative operations in the Turkestan region detained a local resident and seized **1 kg of marijuana**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/bole-1-kg-marihuany-iz-yali-politsejskie-u-prohozhego-v-turkestane/>

28.10.2023 Officers of the National Security Committee detained three citizens in Zhambyl region in the course of investigative measures, they seized **36 kg of hashish and 120 kg of marijuana**. <https://liter.kz/gashish-i-marikhuanu-v-krupnom-razmere-sbyvali-v-zhambylskoi-oblasti-1698493214/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

20.10.2023 Officers of the Penitentiary Service in Osh region detained a man who intended to transfer drugs for convicts in Detention Center No. 5. During a search among foodstuffs they found and seized **1 kg of hashish**.

https://24.kg/proisshestviya/277902_taksista_nanyali_otvezti_produktyi_vsizo_goroda_osh_tam_okazalsya_esc_he_igashish/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

18.10.2023 Police officers in the Kemerovo region stopped a car driven by a 33-year-old man. During a search of the car, they found and seized **10,000 ecstasy tablets** with a total weight of **4.5 kg**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42711839>

19.10.2023 Police officers in the Krasnoarmeysky district of the Chelyabinsk region stopped a car with two men inside. During a search of the car inside the trunk of the vehicle they found and seized **20 kg of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42770737>

20.10.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Pechorsky district of Pskov region detained a 48-year-old local resident who was engaged in cultivation of cannabis at her place of residence. During a search, they found and seized 8 cannabis bushes and **2 kg of marijuana**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42809882>

21.10.2023 Police officers stopped a car driven by a 32-year-old man at the Kushchevsky stationary post in Krasnodar Krai. During a search of the car, they found and seized **5 kg** of the potent substance **pregabalin**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42792676>

23.10.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the Proletarsky district of Tver detained two local men and seized **1 kg of alpha-PVP**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42873770>

23.10.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the city of Omsk detained a 23-year-old man and seized **200 g of heroin**. Detained man was engaged in the sale of narcotics by using dead drops. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42861437>

24.10.2023 Police officers detained a local resident who was engaged in production of synthetic drugs at his place of residence in the Kaluga region in the course of investigative measures. During a search, they found and seized laboratory equipment, containers with chemical reagents and **1.4 kg of N-methylephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42916422>

24.10.2023 Transport police at the Yekaterinburg-Passazhirsky railway station detained a 35-year-old man, and in his suitcase they found and seized **2 kg of hashish, 100 g of methamphetamine and 900 g of amphetamine**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42904814>

24.10.2023 Police officers in Bogucharsky district of Voronezh region stopped a car driven by a 32-year-old man. During a search of the car, they found and seized **13 kg** of the potent substance **pregabalin**. Detainee was engaged in the sale of narcotics through dead drops by contactless method. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/42917300>

26.10.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Buryatia, in the Kyakhta district detained two men, and seized **8 kg of marijuana**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/43034579>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

28.10.2023 Officers of the Department of the State Security Service confiscated a large consignment of narcotic drugs imported from Tajikistan. In particular, **39.4 kilograms of heroin, 35.7 kilograms of opium and 14.5 kilograms of hashish** were found on the section of the Uzbek-Tajik state border running along the territory of the Chashma settlement in the Sarias district. At present, a criminal case has been opened on this fact and necessary measures are being taken to identify owners of drugs. <https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestiya/operativniki-sgb-zaderzhali-na-granitse-90-kg-narkotikov-vvezennykh-iz-tadzhikistana-video/>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

19.10.2023 Federal police officers seized **50 kg of cocaine** concealed inside a shipment of plastic furniture from South America destined for Sydney. <https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/20-million-worth-cocaine-seized-plastic-furniture>

BRAZIL

23.10.2023 Federal Highway Police officers in the state of Mato Grosso stopped a truck driven by a local resident. During a search of the truck, they found and seized **345 kg of cocaine** concealed in an iron compartment of the truck's hull. <https://www.gov.br/prf/pt-br/noticias/estaduais/mato-grosso/2023/outubro/caminhao-de-carne-esconde-345-8kg-de-cocaina-em-compartimento-secreto>

BELGIUM

24.10.2023 Police officers in the port of Antwerp during an inspection of a container inside a cargo of firewood found and seized **1.3 tons of cocaine**. https://www.gva.be/cnt/dmf20231023_96197543

24.10.2023 Customs officers at the port of Antwerp during an inspection of a container arriving from Brazil found and seized **408 kg of cocaine**. <https://news.belgium.be/nl/douane-onderschept-408-kg-cocaine>

CANADA

26.10.2023 Police officers in the City of Nanaimo arrested a man and at his residence found and seized **1.6 kg of fentanyl**. <https://www.timescolonist.com/local-news/search-leads-to-seizure-of-16-kg-of-drugs-in-nanaimo-7741079>

CHILE

18.10.2023 Customs officers at the port of Arica during an inspection of a container arriving from Bolivia inside the lumber consisting of 60 logs found and seized **322 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.aduana.cl/incautan-pasta-base-de-cocaina-que-estaba-escondida-dentro-de-tronco-de-aduana/2023-10-17/153322.html>

INDIA

23.10.2023 Police officials in Punjab state uncovered a criminal gang involved in transporting drugs from Pakistan. They used flying drones to do so. A total of **12 kilograms of heroin** was seized.

<https://www.deccanherald.com/india/punjab/cross-border-drug-smuggling-racket-busted-12-kg-heroin-seized-in-punjab-2737960>

PERU

27.10.2023 Police officers in the Port of Paita during an inspection of a ship arriving from Colombia in the cargo hold of a container ship found and seized **53 kg of cocaine**.

<https://larepublica.pe/sociedad/2023/10/27/piura-hallan-53-kilos-de-alcaloide-de-cocaina-en-buque-colombiano-que-tenia-como-destino-espana-lrnd-368388>

RSA

20.10.2023 Police officers at the Port of Durban during an inspection of a container arriving from Brazil inside paint canisters found and seized **200 kg of cocaine**.

<https://www.saps.gov.za/newsroom/selnewsdetails.php?nid=49062>

21.10.2023 Police officers at Durban's Dube Port during an inspection of a container arriving from Brazil inside boxes of meat found and seized **228 kg of cocaine**.

<https://www.saps.gov.za/newsroom/msspeechdetail.php?nid=49110>

SPAIN

23.10.2023 Civil Guard agents in the port of Santa Cruz de Tenerife during an inspection of a ship from Brazil on board the vessel found and seized **950 kg of cocaine**.

https://www.eldiario.es/canariasahora/tenerifeahora/sucesos/tenerife-tonelada-cocaina-buque-brasil_1_10614150.html

THE NETHERLANDS

21.10.2023 Customs officers in the port of Rotterdam during an inspection of a container arriving from Ecuador inside a shipment of lumber found and seized **1 ton of cocaine**.

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/10/20/drugs-aangetroffen>

USA

22.10.2023 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers stopped a truck driven by a Mexican national at the port of entry in Nogales, Arizona. During a search of the truck inside the floor of the truck's hull they discovered and seized **587 kg of cocaine** valued at \$10 million dollars. <https://infonogales.com/trailero-que-intento-cruzar-mas-de-media-tonelada-de-cocaina-a-nogales-arizona-es-acusado-por-denuncia/>

27.10.2023 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at Washington International Airport seized **20 kg of ketamine** in an air cargo from Cameroon. Drugs were concealed inside animal feed.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/dulles-cbp-intercepts-46-pounds-ketamine-concealed-air-cargo-cameroon>