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

01.11. to 10.11.2023

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In the period from 1 to 10 November 2023, based on information from the mass media law enforcement agencies and security structures of CARICC Member States seized **8 tons 561 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 288.5 kg, poppy straw - 8 tons, cannabis group drugs - 158.1 kg and synthetic drugs - 114.7 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	7			0.5	281		
Poppy straw			8000				
Cannabis group drugs	28	15	0.140	89	26		
Synthetic drugs	3	0.218		111.5			
Total	38	15.2	8000	201	307		

During the same period, other countries seized **2 tons 682 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including heroin - 3 kg, cocaine - 2 tons 392 kg, cannabis-group drugs - 271 kg and synthetic drugs - 16 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

01.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Baku city detained a local resident and seized **1 kg of heroin**. <https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/797162>

01.11.2023 An attempt to smuggle a large shipment of narcotic drugs from Iran to Azerbaijan by an Iranian citizen was stopped by a border guard unit of the State Border Service in the service territory of the border guard unit near Mahmudlu village of Fizuli district. They seized **28 kg of marijuana, 3 kg of methamphetamine, 2,000 tablets of methadone and 600 tablets of pregabalin**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/799966>

06.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Baku city detained three previously convicted men and seized **6 kg of heroin**. Investigators found that detainees had established contacts with Iranian nationals through the social network Instagram with the aim of selling drugs smuggled into the country. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/799874>



REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

07.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the Turkestan region detained a local resident at whose place of residence they found and seized **15 kg of marijuana**. <https://liter.kz/bole-15-kg-marikhuany-iziali-politseiskie-u-zhitelia-turkestanskoi-oblasti-1699338455/>

09.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the Abay region detained a resident of Taraz and seized **218 g of mephedrone**. The arrested person was involved in drug trafficking through dead drops. <https://polisia.kz/ru/narkokur-er-iz-taraza-s-krupnoj-partiej-sintetiki-zaderzhan-v-oblasti-abaj/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

08.11.2023 Officers of the Counter Narcotics Service in Bishkek stopped a car driven by a 26-year-old man. During a search of the car they found and seized **140 g of hashish**. https://24.kg/proisshestvija/279236_vbishkeke_zaderjali_mujchinu_zaizgotovlenie_narkotikov_ipsihotropnyih_v_eschestv/

09.11.2023 Officers of the State Committee for National Security jointly with customs at Manas International Airport found that individual entrepreneurs had organized a sustainable scheme to smuggle narcotic substances from neighboring and distant foreign countries into Kyrgyzstan. During inspection of a consignment of 24 tons of confectionery poppy, they found and seized **8 tons of poppy straw**. Two citizens of Kyrgyzstan and one citizen of a neighboring country were detained in connection. https://24.kg/proisshestvija/279305_vaeroportu_manas_zaderjali_kontrabandu_narkotikov/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

01.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative operations in the Yaroslavl region detained a 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 chemical reagents and **100 kg of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/43132072>

01.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the Amur region detained a 41-year-old man at whose place of residence they found and seized **58 kg of marijuana**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/43140997>

01.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative actions in the city of Krasnodar detained a 30-year-old man, at whose place of residence they found and seized **1.4 kg of mephedrone and 550 g of methylephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/43160768>

02.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the Birobidzhan district of the Jewish Autonomous Region detained a man at whose place of residence they found and seized **26 kg of marijuana and 5 kg of cannabis**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/43181081>

07.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the city of Stavropol detained a 35-year-old man, at whose place of residence they found and seized **500g of heroin and 160g of methadone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/43407208>

08.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative operations in the Kaluga region detained a citizen suspected of involvement in drug trafficking on the territory of a garden community in the regional center. During an inspection of the house located at the man's place of residence, they found and seized **2.6 kg of mephedrone**, along with laboratory equipment, chemicals and other items used in drug production. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/43469733>

09.11.2023 Police officers stopped a car driven by a 38-year-old man at the 69th kilometer of the M-8 highway in the Moscow region. During a search of the car, they found and seized **4 kg of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/43552467>

10.11.2023 Police officers stopped a car driven by a 46-year-old man at the 7th km of the R-132 highway in Kaluga region. During a search of the car, they found and seized **2.8 kg of mephedrone**. It was found that the detainee intended to sell drugs by contactless method through dead drops in the Kaluga region and two other regions. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/43569998>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

09.11.2023 Law enforcement officers during investigative operations in the city of Gissar detained a member of an organized criminal group involved in drug smuggling. During a search at the place of residence of the detainee, inside a banana carton in a specially equipped compartment they discovered and seized **281 kg of heroin and 26 kg of hashish**. Drugs were intended to be transported to foreign countries inside a consignment of various fruits. Seven members of the organized criminal group were detained in connection with this case, and investigations are under way to arrest other persons involved. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3uMNioW3mI>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

08.11.2023 Police officers in Devonport, Tasmania, stopped a vehicle driven by a local man. During a search of the vehicle, they found and seized **2 kg of cocaine and 4 kg of methylamphetamine**.

<https://www.thedcn.com.au/news/law-regulation-trade/drugs-seized-from-vehicle-on-spirit-of-tasmania/>

BULGARIA

01.11.2023 Customs officers at the Kulata checkpoint stopped a truck with Bulgarian registration entering the country. During a search of the truck, in the floor of the trailer in the factory cavities customs officers found **91 kg of marijuana**.

<https://customs.bg/wps/portal/agency/media-center/news-details/30-10-2023-marihuana-kulata>

BRAZIL

05.11.2023 Officers of the Federal Police together with the Federal Revenue Service in the port of Victoria during an inspection of a ship bound for Europe on board the ship found and seized **1.5 tons of cocaine**. <https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2023/11/pf-apreende-drogas-em-navio-atracado-em-es>

09.11.2023 Officers of the Federal Revenue Service in the port of Paranaguá, during an inspection of a container bound for Belgium inside the container's cooling system found and seized **37.5 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.gov.br/receitafederal/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2023/novembro/receita-federalapreende-37-5-kg-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-paranagua-pr>

INDIA

01.11.2023 Police officers in Punjab state foiled an attempt by smugglers based in Pakistan and seized **3 kg of heroin** and a drone near a village in Amritsar. <https://www.ptinews.com/news/north/drug-smuggling-bid-foiled-drone-3-kg-heroin-seized-in-amritsar/681467.html>

SPAIN

01.11.2023 Customs supervision officers of the Tax Authority in a joint operation with agents of the National Police and the Guardia Civil in the port of Malaga during an inspection of a container arriving from Costa Rica found and seized **720 kg of cocaine** concealed inside a metal box among the rubble and aluminum waste. 8 people were detained in connection. https://sede.agenciatributaria.gob.es/Sede/en_gb/notas-prensa/notas-prensa/Incautados_720_kilos_de_cocaina_ocultos_en_un_contenedor_de_chatarra_procedente_de_Costa_Rica.html

THE NETHERLANDS

09.11.2023 Customs officers at Flushing Port detained four men in possession of **99 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/11/08/99-kilo-cocaine-gevonden-en-4-vermoedelijke-uitalers-aangehouden>

USA

01.11.2023 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers stopped a vehicle driven by an 18-year-old U.S. citizen at the Port of Entry in El Paso, Texas. During a search of the vehicle inside the vehicle's spare tire they found and seized **12 kg of fentanyl**. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-fentanyl-cocaine-and-marijuana-port-el-paso>

07.11.2023 Police officers in Fayette County, Georgia, stopped a vehicle driven by a Mexican national. During a search of the vehicle, they found and seized **23 kg of cocaine** concealed in the axle of an 18-wheel drive vehicle. <https://cbsaustin.com/news/local/fayette-county-k-9-unit-finds-23-kilos-of-cocaine-in-18-wheeler-axle>

TÜRKIYE

06.11.2023 Police officers in the city of Adana stopped a vehicle with two men inside. During a search of the vehicle, they found and seized **122 kg of cannabis**. <https://www.sondakika.com/haber/haber-adana-da-122-kilo-skunk-ele-gecirildi-2-supheli-tu-16511043/>

06.11.2023 Police officers in Izmir stopped a car driven by a man. During a search of the vehicle, they found and seized **10.6 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.sondakika.com/haber/haber-izmir-de-uyusturucu-operasyonu-supheli-tutuklandi-16506493/>

07.11.2023 Police officers in the town of Şanlıurfa stopped a truck driven by a local resident. During a search of the truck, inside the fuel tank they found and seized **58 kg of cannabis**. <https://www.sondakika.com/haber/haber-sanliurfa-da-yakit-tankeri-icerisinde-58-kilogram--16509790/>