

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

11.11. to 18.11.2023

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In the period from 11 to 18 November 2023, based on information from the media law enforcement agencies and security services of CARICC Member States seized **76.4 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 2.7 kg, cannabis group drugs - 58.4 kg and synthetic drugs - 15.3 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	0.1			2.6			
Cannabis group drugs	2.4	5		51			
Synthetic drugs	0.2	0.5	10	4.6			
Total	2.7	5.5	10	58.2			

During the same period, other countries seized **5 tons 610 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 1.3 kg of heroin, 1.1 kg of opium, 2 tons 872 kg of cocaine, 832.6 kg of cannabis-group drugs and 1 ton 903 kg of synthetic drugs.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

12.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Agdash district detained a previously convicted man and seized **2 kg of marijuana.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/802827>

14.11.2023 Officers of the State Customs Committee of Azerbaijan detained a man in Bilasuvar district of Bilasuvar, who was traveling on the Nakhchivan-Baku route in transit through Iran, and under the soles of his shoes found and seized **205 g of methamphetamine and 189 g of heroin.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/803025>

17.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Salyan district detained a previously convicted man and seized **430 g of marijuana.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/804637>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

15.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the city of Shymkent detained four local men at whose place of residence they found and seized **5 kg of marijuana**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/chetyreh-sosedej-narkosbytchikov-zaderzhala-politsiya-shymkenta/>

17.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Almaty detained a 24-year-old 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 **500 g of mephedrone**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/24-letnij-paren-organizoval-narkolaboratoriyu-v-almaty/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

16.11.2023 Officers of the State Committee for National Security detained a foreign citizen on the highway of Manas airport in Bishkek city and seized **10 kg of mephedrone**. A criminal case was launched on this incident and investigation is underway to arrest other involved persons.

https://24.kg/proisshestvija/279840_natrasse_vaeroport_manas_zaderjali_inostrantsa_s10kilogrammami_mefedrona/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

13.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative operations in the city of Stavropol detained a 19-year-old man and seized **450 g of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/43809462>

14.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the Kaluga region detained a 27-year-old foreign citizen and seized **120 g of heroin**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/43858717>

15.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the city of Kaluga detained a 49-year-old man at whose place of residence they found and seized **2 kg of marijuana**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/43909930>

15.11.2023 Police officers in the Moscow region stopped a car driven by a 31-year-old man. During a search of the car, they found and seized **2 kg of amphetamine**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/43855504>

16.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative actions in the city of Klin, Moscow region, detained a 28-year-old citizen 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 **2 kg of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/43960961>

17.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the Rostov region detained a 25-year-old man at whose place of residence they found and seized **2.5 kg of heroin and 200 g of methadone**. The arrested man had purchased a large shipment of

drugs, which he was going to pack into single doses and further distribute through dead drops. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/44037873>

18.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the village of Tes in Krasnoyarsk region detained a 53-year-old man, at whose place of residence they found and seized **49 kg of marijuana**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/44019378>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

13.11.2023 Police officers at Port Pirie during an inspection of a ship on board found and seized **23 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/sa-police-news-assets/front-page-news/drugs-found-in-ship-at-port-pirie>

BELGIUM

12.11.2023 Police officers in the province of Antwerp stopped a truck driven by a 46-year-old Bulgarian national at a parking lot in Ranst. During a search of the truck, they found and seized **698 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.om-mp.be/nl/article/persbericht-ranst-partij-van-698-kilo-cocaine-ontdekt>

BELARUS

14.11.2023 Law enforcement officers in the city of Homel detained eight men involved in the sale of synthetic drugs. During a search at the residence of the detainees, they found and seized **1 kg of alpha-PVP**. <https://www.belta.by/incident/view/gruppu-kurjerov-narkoshopazaderzhali-v-gomele-599365-2023/>

ESTONIA

13.11.2023 Officers of the Tax and Customs Department at the Port of Muuga, during an inspection of a container arriving from Nicaragua, inside a shipment of peanuts, found and seized **260 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.emta.ee/uudised/avastasime-muuga-sadamas-suure-koguse-kokaiini>

HONG KONG

11.11.2023 Two people have been arrested after Customs and police seized **318 kg of cocaine** worth HK\$390 million. Drugs were found inside a shipment of marshmallows arriving from Guatemala. [https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/4/210199/Customs-bust-cocaine-worth-HK\\$390m-hidden-among-container-of-marshmallows](https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/4/210199/Customs-bust-cocaine-worth-HK$390m-hidden-among-container-of-marshmallows)

INDIA

17.11.2023 Police officials in Amingaon, Assam stopped a truck driven by a local resident. During a search of the truck, they found and seized **1.3 kg of heroin**. <https://www.guwahatiplus.com/guwahati/over-1-kg-heroin-seized-in-amingaon>

LEBANON

12.11.2023 Officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs seized **800 kg of hashish** destined for the State of Kuwait. Drugs were skillfully concealed in a shipment of wooden art models in a bulletproof box.

https://www.arabtimesonline.com/news/800-kg-of-hashish-intercepted-on-its-way-to-kuwait/#google_vignette

LITHUANIA

11.11.2023 Customs officers in Vilnius city on the territory of a company detained a consignment of **500 kg of mephedrone** transported from abroad. The shipment arrived from Cyprus to Estonia and then to Lithuania.

https://www.lrmuitine.lt/web/guest/naujienos/aktualijos/aktualija?p_p_id=EXT_WPLISTALLNEWS&p_p_lifecycle=0&EXT_WPLISTALLNEWS_obj_id=090004d2801c718e

NICARAGUA

14.11.2023 In another blow to organized crime and international drug trade, the Nicaraguan National Police seized more than **930 kg of cocaine** in two operations conducted in Tipitapa and on the old highway leading to Leon. <https://nuevaya.com.ni/policia-nacional-incauta-930-kilos-de-cocaina-valorados-en-mas-de-23-millones-de-dolares/>

SPAIN

15.11.2023 Customs oversight officers from the Tax Authority and Civil Guard agents arrested a Spanish national responsible for a series of drug parcels from Seville abroad, especially to the United States. The man was using decorative fiber figurines created with a 3D printer for the shipments, inside which were packages of MDMA ("ecstasy"). This resulted in the seizure of **1.2 kg of MDMA and 300 g of cocaine**.

<https://www.interior.gob.es/opencms/es/detalle/articulo/Detectado-un-sistema-de-envio-por-paqueteria-de-droga-oculta-en-figuras-fabricadas-con-una-impresora-3D/>

17.11.2023 Agents of the National Police and Guardia Civil in the province of Castellón, in a warehouse in the industrial zone of Almassor, inside six large metal cylinders among thousands of kilograms of scrap metal, found and seized **561 kg of cocaine**.

<https://twitter.com/policia/status/1725840957419987169>

TAIWAN

16.11.2023 Police officers at Kaohsiung Port stopped a truck loaded with garbage. A search of the truck revealed and seized **1.2 tons of amphetamine, 201 kg of ketamine** and 5 million Taiwan dollars in cash. The criminal syndicate tried to take advantage of the fact that garbage unloaded from cargo ships was not subject to customs inspection. Eight people were detained in connection with this case. This seizure set a record for the largest amphetamine smuggling operation ever uncovered in the country.

<https://taiwanenglishnews.com/biggest-amphetamine-smuggling-bust-in-taiwan-history-1-4-ton-drug-haul-intercepted-at-port-of-kaohsiung/>

THE NETHERLANDS

11.11.2023 Customs officers at the Schiphol Cargo customs post inspected a consignment arriving from Ecuador and inside a shipment of chocolate found and seized **42 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.overdedouane.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/11/11/douane-op-schiphol-vindt-42-kilo-cocaine-in-luchtvracht>

18.11.2023 Customs officers in the port of Rotterdam during an inspection of a container inside the container's cooling system found and seized **40 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/11/18/40-pakketten-aangetroffen>

TÜRKIYE

14.11.2023 Police officers in the city of Erzurum detained a man with **1.1 kg of opium**. <https://www.sondakika.com/haber/haber-erzurum-da-1-kilo-134-gram-afyon-sakizi-ele-geciri-16530827/>

15.11.2023 Police officers in the city of Mersin stopped a truck driven by a local resident. During a search of the truck, inside a shipment of straw they found and seized **32.6 kg of marijuana**. <https://www.sondakika.com/haber/haber-mersin-de-saman-yuklu-tirda-32-kilo-esrar-ele-geci-16533690/>