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

19.11. to 30.11.2023

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In the period from 19 to 30 November 2023, based on information from the media law enforcement agencies and security services of CARICC Member States seized **230.5 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 4.7 kg, opium - 85 kg, cannabis group drugs - 46.8 kg, and synthetic drugs - 94 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	4.7						
Opium	85						
Cannabis group drugs	28.8			18			
Synthetic drugs	14	55.5		24.5			
Total	132.5	55.5		42.5			

During the same period, other countries seized **5 tons of 358 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 13 kg of heroin, 2 tons of 203 kg of cocaine, 3 tons of 55 kg of cannabis-group drugs and 87 kg of synthetic drugs.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

20.11.2023 Officers of the State Border Service Detachment "Geytepe" prevented smuggling of narcotic drugs from Iran to Azerbaijan at the service territory of the border post located near Govuzbulag village of Jalilabad district. During border inspection and operational measures, they found and seized **18.3 kg of marijuana, 150 g of methamphetamine, 260 g of heroin and 3,607 methadone tablets.**
<https://ru.oxu.az/society/805680>

21.11.2023 A case of violation of state border with Iran in the direction of Azerbaijan by two unknown persons was revealed at the territory of the border outpost of "Goradiz" border guard detachment of the State Border Service, located near Amirzeyidli village of Beylagan district. As a result of the border search on the territory they found **10.1 kg of methamphetamine and 85 kg of opium.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/806435>

29.11.2023 Drug smuggling from Iran to Azerbaijan was prevented in the service territory of the frontier outpost of "Geytepe" border guard unit of the State Border Service near Arus village of Yardimli district. As a result of investigative measures, they found and seized **10.5**

kg of marijuana, 3.7 kg of methamphetamine and 4.5 kg of heroin.
<https://ru.oxu.az/society/809891>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

20.11.2023 Police officers in the course of investigative operations in the city of Aktobe detained two local men, and seized **500 g of mephedrone**. <https://litter.kz/zakladchikov-narkotikov-zaderzhali-v-aktobe-video-1700495517/>

30.11.2023 Police officers detained two men who had organized a drug laboratory for manufacture of synthetic drugs on the territory of a private house in Almaty region. During a search, they found and seized laboratory equipment, containers with chemical reagents and **55 kg of mephedrone**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/55-kg-mefedrona-iz-yato-v-likvidirovannoj-laboratorii-v-almatinskoj-oblasti/>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

20.11.2023 Police officers in the Dinsky district of Krasnodar Krai stopped a car driven by a 31-year-old woman. During a search of the car they found and seized **1 kg of N-methylephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/44220925>

21.11.2023 Police officers detained two foreign nationals in Saratov region in the course of investigative measures and seized **5 kg of methylephedrone**. The detainees were involved in the sale of synthetic drugs using the dead drop method. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/44202637>

22.11.2023 Police officers in the Tyumen region stopped a car driven by a 45-year-old man at the 40th km of the Tyumen-Ishim-Omsk highway near the village of Bogandinsky. During a search of the car, they found and seized **5 kg of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/44224271>

24.11.2023 In the course of investigative measures in the Murmansk region, police officers detained a 23-year-old man at whose place of residence they found and seized **1 kg of methylephedrone and 500 g of amphetamine**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/44285840>

24.11.2023 Two men organized an underground drug laboratory in a private house in the city of Ufa in the Republic of Bashkortostan. During a search, they found and seized laboratory equipment, containers with chemical reagents and **11 kg of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/44289385>

29.11.2023 Police officers in the Ivolginsky district of Buryatia seized **18 kg of marijuana** from a local resident. Bags with narcotic drugs were found by police officers in the backyard of a private house. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/44445558>

29.11.2023 Police officers detained a local resident in the city of Obninsk, Kaluga region, in the course of investigative operations and seized **1 kg of methylephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/44451007>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AFGHANISTAN

22.11.2023 Police officers in Parwan province apprehended five smugglers and seized **8 kg of hashish**.

<https://english.news.cn/20231122/3a7ff39700d34961a08136c829134bf6/c.html>

BRAZIL

21.11.2023 Federal Revenue Service officers at Guarulhos airport seized **127 kg of cocaine** concealed inside four industrial fryers. Drug was to be exported to Mozambique.

<https://sindireceita.org.br/noticias/aduana/153014-aduana-analistas-tributarios-da-receita-federal-atuam-na-apreensao-de-127-kg-de-cocaina-no-aeroporto-de-guarulhos-sp>

UK

20.11.2023 Officers in Lancashire stopped a vehicle driven by a 24-year-old man. A search of the vehicle revealed and seized **9 kg of heroin** with a street value of £1 million.

<https://www.lep.co.uk/news/crime/nine-kilos-of-uncut-heroin-with-estimated-street-value-of-ps1m-seized-after-vehicle-stopped-by-police-on-m6-4416770>

INDIA

20.11.2023 Police officials in Amingaon town, 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>

IRAQ

24.11.2023 Anti-narcotics force officers in the city of Sulaimani detained three men and seized **51 kg of methamphetamine**. <https://www.rudaw.net/english/kurdistan/24112023>

SPAIN

24.11.2023 The Guardia Civil and Customs confiscated **3 tons of hashish** arriving from Morocco in the port of Algeciras. Three people were arrested as a result of the operation. Drugs were found in double bottoms transported in four trailers that arrived at the port from Tangier. <https://www.cadizdirecto.com/noticias-cadiz/la-guardia-civil-y-vigilancia-aduanera-incautan-mas-de-tres-toneladas-de-hachis-en-el-puerto-de-algeciras/>

27.11.2023 The Guardia Civil, as part of Operation TEDIO, seized **600 kg of cocaine** concealed in a container in an industrial area in the Quarte de Poblet, Valencia. During the operation, eight people were arrested and more than 4,000 euros in cash they were carrying at the time, as well as firearms, were seized. Drugs came from Central America.

<https://www.interior.gob.es/opencms/es/detalle/articulo/Incautados-600-kilos-de-cocaina-ocultos-en-un-contenedor-en-un-poligono-de-Quart-de-Poblet-Valencia/>

MALAYSIA

19.11.2023 Customs officers in Putrajaya district near Kuala Lumpur during an inspection of a goods warehouse, inside the marking labels, found and seized **1 kg of heroin**. Preliminary investigation revealed that the goods were bound for Australia. <https://thesun.my/local/customs-foils-bid-to-smuggle-heroin-to-australia-DB11761266>

THE NETHERLANDS

21.11.2023 Customs officers at the port of Vlissingen, during an inspection of a container arriving from Ecuador, inside a shipment of bananas, found and seized **400 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.overdedouane.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/11/21/cocaine-onderschept-in-de-haven-van-vlissingen>

30.11.2023 Customs discovered **976 kg of cocaine** in a shipment of frozen orange juice. Drugs were scattered across 10 barrels and had a street value of more than 73 million euros. The container had arrived from Brazil and was destined for a company in South Holland.

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/11/30/976-kilo-cocaine-aangetroffen-in-vaten-bevroren-sinaasappelsap>

PAKISTAN

27.11.2023 Law enforcement officials in Pakistan seized **25 kg of hashish** from a vehicle intercepted on a highway near Karachi, the country's southern port city.

<https://english.news.cn/20231128/89418b7dfb234fb9a32f2f532131737f/c.html>

PANAMA

28.11.2023 Police officers in Chilibre, Panama-Colon Highway, stopped a vehicle with two men inside. A search of the vehicle revealed and seized **100 kg of cocaine** concealed in a double bottom under the seats. <http://www.policia.gob.pa/24499-polica-allana-dos-vehculos-en-chilibre-y-decomisa-paquetes-con-presunta-droga.html>

USA

21.11.2023 Border Patrol agents in San Diego, California, stopped a vehicle driven by a 24-year-old female. During a search of the vehicle, they found and seized **36 kg of fentanyl pills** hidden under the door panels and seats of the vehicle. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/border-patrol-agents-seize-more-35-million-fentanyl>

TÜRKIYE

21.11.2023 Police officers in Kars city detained a 43-year-old man at whose place of residence they seized **1.6 kg of heroin**.

<https://www.sondakika.com/haber/haber-kars-ta-narkotik-kopegi-daxonun-yardimiyla-yapilan-16553008/>

29.11.2023 Police officers in Istanbul city of Aksaray district stopped a truck driven by a local resident. During a search of the truck, inside a shipment of cucumbers they found and seized **22.8 kg of marijuana**. <https://www.sondakika.com/haber/haber-aksaray-da-salatalik-cuvarlarindan-uyusturucu-cikt-16577675/>