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

19.12. to 28.12.2023

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In the period from 19 to 28 December 2023, based on information from the media law enforcement agencies and security services of CARICC Member States seized **384.6 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin-22.5 kg, opium - 2 kg, cocaine-100 kg, cannabis group drugs - 55.1 kg and synthetic drugs - 205 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	22			0,500			
Opium	1						1
Cocaine				100			
Cannabis group drugs	38	1,1	11	5			0,050
Synthetic drugs	7			198			
Total	68	1,1	11	303,5			1

During the same period, other countries seized **4 tons 078 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 48.1 kg of heroin, 2 tons 770 kg of cocaine and 1 tons 40 kg of synthetic drugs.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

25.12.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Yardimli district, detained a previously convicted man, from whom **17 kg of marijuana, 1 kg of opium and 6,260 methadone tablets** were seized. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/819550>

25.12.2023 Police officers detained a group of people who organized drug trafficking under the guise of providing taxi and delivery services. As a result, **15 kg of heroin, 3 kg of methamphetamine, 8 kg of marijuana** and a plastic card that the suspects used to sell drugs were seized from illicit trafficking. The detainees received drugs through Iranian citizens, whose identities are being established. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/819795>

27.12.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Baku, detained a 30-year-old man, from whom **13 kg of marijuana, 7 kg of heroin and 4 kg of methamphetamine** were found and seized in his car. In his testimony, the detainee admitted that he took the drugs on behalf of an acquaintance of an Iranian citizen in the



Astara region, and then took them to Baku for the purpose of further sale to individuals. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/820587>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

25.12.2023 Police officers in the village of Shirkeli, Kyzylorda region, detained a 44-year-old man, who was found and seized **1.1 kg of marijuana** at his place of residence. <https://liter.kz/kilogramm-narkotikov-iziali-u-selchanina-v-kyzylordinskoi-oblasti-1703492479/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

25.12.2023 Employees of the Service for Combating Illegal Drug Trafficking detained a 46-year-old resident of the Issyk-Kul region, from whom **11 kg of marijuana** was found and seized at his place of residence. https://24.kg/proisshestvija/283072_ujitelya_issyik-kulya_nashli_11kilogrammov_marihuany/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

20.12.2023 During operational search activities in the Arkhangelsk region, police officers detained a local resident from whom **5 kg of cannabis** was seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/45247615>

22.12.2023 Employees of the Federal Customs Service seized **100 kg of cocaine** in the port of St. Petersburg. The drugs were found in containers with bananas that arrived on ships from Belgium. <https://iz.ru/1624653/2023-12-22/v-peterburge-nashli-100-kg-kokaina-v-konteinerakh-s-bananami-na-sudne-iz-belgii>

22.12.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the Aleksandrsky district of the Vladimir region, detained a married couple who had set up a laboratory for the production of synthetic drugs at their place of residence. During the search, 440 liters of chemical reagents and precursors, laboratory glassware, measuring scales and **154 kg of alpha-PVP** were discovered and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/45322871>

22.12.2023 Police officers stopped a car driven by a previously convicted 27-year-old man at the 545th kilometer of the M-4 Don highway in the Voronezh region. During the search of the car, **4.9 kg of mephedrone** was found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/45338423>

25.12.2023 Police officers, during operational search activities in the Traktorozavodsky district of Chelyabinsk, detained a 31-year-old local resident, from whom **500 g of heroin** was seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/45397800>

26.12.2023 Police officers, during operational search activities in the Kaluga region, detained a 31-year-old local resident, from whom **7.9 kg of N-methylephedrone** was seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/45439690>

27.12.2023 Police officers in the course of investigations in the city of Obninsk, Kaluga Region, detained a 52-year-old resident of the Kurgan Region, who was planning to sell a large batch of a prohibited substance. Police established that the man received from third

parties and brought **31 kg of N-methylephedrone** to Obninsk. He hid the drugs in a garage box that he rented specifically for this purpose.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/45478002>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

21.12.2023 Law enforcement officers in the city of Kokan, Fergana region, detained a 51-year-old man, from whom **1 kg of opium** and **50 g of marijuana** were found and seized at his place of residence. <https://daryo.uz/2023/12/21/fargonada-xonadonida-1-kilo-opiy-saq-lab-kelgan-erkak-ushlandi>

ПО ДРУГИМ СТРАНАМ

BRAZIL

21.12.2023 Employees of the Federal Tax Service at the port of Mucuripe in Fortaleza, during an inspection of a container heading to France, discovered and seized **140 kg of cocaine**. <https://g1.globo.com/ce/ceara/noticia/2023/12/21/receita-federal-apreende-140-quilos-de-cocaina-que-seriam-levados-para-franca.ghtml>

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

21.12.2023 Employees of the National Directorate for Drug Control at America's JFPG International Airport, during an inspection of a shipment of coconuts, discovered and seized **56 kg of cocaine**. <https://dncd.gob.do/index.php/noticias1/noticias/item/1920-en-el-aila-ocupan-en-carga-de-cocos-56-paquetes-presumiblemente-cocaina>

HONG KONG

20.12.2023 Customs officers seized **47.1 kg of heroin** with an estimated market value of about \$37 million at Hong Kong International Airport. Four people suspected of involvement in this case were arrested. Upon inspection, customs officers discovered that the shipment of suspected heroin was formed into two pieces of jewelry weighing approximately 47.1 kg with a coating applied to the surface.

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202312/22/P2023122200406.htm>

INDIA

20.12.2023 Two drones and **1 kg of heroin** were seized near the India-Pakistan border in Amritsar by the Indian Border Security Force. <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/two-drones-nearly-1-kg-heroin-seized-near-international-border-in-punjab-amritsar/article67653041.ece>

MALAYSIA

22.12.2023 Royal Customs officers at the cargo terminal of Kuala Lumpur International Airport discovered and seized **807 kg of liquid fentanyl** during an inspection of a cargo shipment of 36 boxes containing 72 aluminum bottles believed to be filled with fragrances or perfumes. <https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/18322-malaysian-authorities-seize-nearly-a-ton-of-fentanyl-bound-for-dubai>

NETHERLANDS

20.12.2023 Customs officers at the port of Rotterdam discovered and seized **500 kg of cocaine** inside jam jars while inspecting a container arriving from Colombia.

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2023/12/20/drugs-onderschept-rotterdamse-haven>

SPAIN

22.12.2023 As a result of a police operation carried out simultaneously in Spain and Portugal, 9 people were detained who were trying to smuggle more than **2 tons of cocaine** into our country through the coast of a neighboring country. Drugs seized from Portuguese beaches, boats and homes the investigation began in February when agents saw the Arusano clan collecting a shipment of cocaine in Atlantic waters that they hid in Peniche, Portugal. <https://www.guardiacivil.es/es/prensa/noticias/8793.html>

USA

25.12.2023 U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at the Laredo, Texas port of entry searched an 18-wheeler that was supposed to be transporting flowers. Instead, they found **453 kg of methamphetamine** and **74 kg of cocaine**.

<https://www.kens5.com/video/news/local/texas/more-than-10m-worth-of-drugs-seized-at-world-trade-bridge/273-4bd8bfab-9209-4e0c-9f3f-e8f3e9d7c360>