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

11.01. to 21.01.2024

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During the period from 11 to 21 January 2024, based on information from the mass media law enforcement agencies and security services of CARICC Member States seized **1 ton 173 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 4.5 kg, opium - 9.5 kg, cocaine - 1 ton, cannabis group drugs - 117 kg and synthetic drugs - 42 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	3			1.5			
Opium	9.5						
Cocaine				1000			
Cannabis group drugs	111.7	5.4					
Synthetic drugs	2	30		10			
Total	126.2	35.4		1011			

During the period, other countries seized **2 tons 742 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 78 kg of heroin, 1.6 kg of opium, 2 tons 572 kg of cocaine, 8 kg of cannabis-group drugs and 82.6 kg of synthetic drugs.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

13.01.2024 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the Jebrail district arrested a man and seized **2.1 kg of cannabis herb, 1.8 kg of opium and 940 methadone tablets.** <https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/826223>

15.01.2024 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Hajigabul district detained a man and seized **2 kg of marijuana and 500 g of opium.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/826775>

15.01.2024 Officers of the State Customs Committee at the Astara district customs office stopped a truck entering the Russian Federation from Iran and transiting through Azerbaijan. During a search of the truck, inside crates with leaf lettuce they found and seized **70 kg of marijuana and 20 kg of hashish.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/826826>



15.01.2024 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Bilasuvar district arrested a man and seized **1 kg of heroin, 1 kg of methamphetamine and 5 kg of opium**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/826785>

20.01.2024 Police officers in Lankaran district stopped a car driven by a local resident. During a search of the car they found and seized **5 kg of marijuana**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/828775>

21.01.2024 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Geychay district detained a previously convicted man and seized **4.6 kg of marijuana, 2.2 kg of opium and 1 kg of hashish**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/829349>

21.01.2024 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Astara district detained a previously convicted man, and seized **7 kg of marijuana, 2 kg of heroin and 1 kg of methamphetamine** concealed on the roadside along the Alyat-Astara road. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/829286>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

13.01.2024 Officers of the Department of the National Security Committee in Almaty detained two foreign nationals who had organized a laboratory for production of synthetic drugs in a rented house. During a search, they found and seized **30 kg of alpha-PVP and 5 tons of precursors**. https://www.kt.kz/rus/crime/dvuh_inostrantsev_zaderzhal_knb_za_organizatsiyu_1377959898.html

17.01.2024 Police officers in the city of Shymkent detained a previously convicted man at whose place of residence they seized **1.6 kg of marijuana**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/narkotiki-v-osobo-krupnom-razmere-hranil-v-kuryatnike-zhitel-shymkenta/>

17.01.2024 Police officers in Zhambyl region arrested a man and seized **3.8 kg of marijuana**. <https://www.nur.kz/incident/crime/2056063-muzhchinu-zaderzhali-v-zhambylskoy-oblasti-kogda-on-vykapyyval-konoplyu-iz-pod-snega/>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

11.01.2024 More than **1 ton of cocaine** was seized by officers of the North-West Customs Directorate and the FSB Directorate for St. Petersburg and the Leningrad region on the territory of the Big Port of St. Petersburg. Its value on the black market exceeds 11 billion rubles. Customs officers discovered drugs during inspection of a container arriving from Nicaragua. Smugglers concealed 1 000 briquettes of compressed white powder in the upper part of a cargo module. <https://customs.gov.ru/press/federal/document/559016>

12.01.2024 Police officers in the course of investigative operations in the Tambov region detained two women and seized **520 g of heroin**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/45801340>

13.01.2024 Police officers at 545 km of the Voronezh region highway stopped a car driven by a 27-year-old man. During a search of the car, they found and seized **4.9 kg of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/45805883>



17.01.2024 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Vladivostok detained two foreign citizens, a 26-year-old man and a 28-year-old woman, who were engaged in the sale of drugs via dead drops. During a search, **1 kg of heroin** was found in the possession of the detainees. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/45917472>

17.01.2024 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the city of Apatity, Murmansk region, detained a 32-year-old man and seized **500 g of amphetamine**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/45911969>

18.01.2024 Police officers in the course of investigative actions in the Smolensk region detained a 47-year-old man who had organized a laboratory for production of synthetic drugs at his place of residence. During a search they found and seized chemical reagents and precursors, laboratory utensils, measuring scales and **4.5 kg of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/45972579>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BELGIUM

12.01.2024 Customs officers at the port of Antwerp, during an inspection of a container arriving from Uruguay among bottles of pudding found and seized **2.1 tons of cocaine**. <https://ladiaria.com.uy/justicia/articulo/2024/1/cocaina-incautada-en-belgica-se-embarco-en-terminal-cuenca-del-plata-los-controles-son-de-aduanas-afirma-la-empresa/>

BULGARIA

14.01.2024 Customs officers at the Kapitan Andreevo checkpoint stopped a truck driven by a Turkish citizen. During a search of the truck, they found and seized **3.2 kg of cocaine**. <https://customs.bg/wps/portal/agency-en/media-center/news-details/16-10-2024-cocaine-en>

BRAZIL

14.01.2024 Officers of the Federal Revenue Service in the city of Foz do Iguacu stopped a truck with Paraguayan license plates. During a search of the truck, inside the body in a double bottom they found and seized **357 kg of cocaine**.

<https://www.gov.br/receitafederal/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/janeiro/receita-federal-apreende-357-kg-de-maconha-na-aduana-da-ponte-internacional-da-amizade200b>

15.01.2024 Federal Police officers in the port of Paranaguá, during an inspection of a vessel bound for Africa in the hull of the vessel inside a shipping crate found and seized **75.5 kg of cocaine**. <https://www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/01/pf-apreende-droga-em-casco-de-navio>

INDIA

20.01.2024 Police officers in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, arrested five men and seized **4.6 kg of methamphetamine and 1.6 kg of opium**.

<https://www.dnnext.in/news/tamilnadu/five-youths-held-with-46-kg-meth-14-kg-opium-in-chennai-762488#bypass-sw>

MALAYSIA

17.01.2024 Police officers in Gopeng detained a man and seized **13 kg of heroin**. <https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2024/01/18/over-13000kg-of-drugs-seized-one-suspect-arrested-in-gopeng>

SRI LANKA

20.01.2024 Naval officers stopped a fishing vessel near Dondra Head. During an inspection of the vessel, they found and seized **65 kg of heroin**. Five crew members of the vessel were detained. <https://www.newsfirst.lk/2024/01/20/navy-seized-rs-1-6-billion-worth-of-heroin-in-major-drug-bust-on-high-seas>

TÜRKIYE

20.01.2024 Police officers in Şanlıurfa province detained a man at whose place of residence they found and seized **8 kg of marijuana**. <https://www.sondakika.com/3-sayfa/haber-sanliurfa-da-8-kilogram-skunk-ele-gecirildi-1-suph-16761953/>

20.01.2024 Police officers in the town of Balıkesir stopped a car with two men inside. During a search of the car, inside luggage of the car they found and seized **3 kg of methamphetamine**. <https://www.sondakika.com/guncel/haber-balikesir-de-elektrik-supurgesi-ve-tost-makinesind-16766244/>

USA

17.01.2024 Police officers in Farmingdale, New Jersey, stopped a vehicle driven by a 29-year-old man. During a search of the vehicle, they found and seized **3 kg of cocaine**. <https://wgme.com/news/local/2-arrested-cocaine-fentanyl-found-during-traffic-stop-farmingdale-meth-new-york-maine>

19.01.2024 Border Patrol agents in El Centro Sector, California, stopped a truck driven by a Mexican national. During a search of the truck, inside the gas tank they found and seized **75 kg of liquid methamphetamine**. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/k-9-sniffs-out-250k-worth-liquid-methamphetamine-truck-s-gas-tank>

VENEZUELA

14.01.2024 National Guard officers seized **33.5 kg of cocaine** concealed in works of art (paintings) destined for the Netherlands. Drugs were discovered when a woman attempted to ship several paintings through the parcel delivery company DHL. <https://sandyaveledo.net/gnb-captura-a-mujer-que-intento-enviar-cocaina-oculta-en-obras-de-arte-a-holanda/>