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

22.01. to 31.01.2024

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In the period from 22 to 31 January 2024, based on information from the media law enforcement agencies and security services of CARICC Member States seized **1 ton 602 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 11.05 kg, opium - 21.8 kg, cocaine - 1.2 tons, cannabis-group drugs - 329.98 kg, synthetic drugs - 43.6 kg and potent substances - 1.8 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan
Heroin	8.54			2.51		
Opium	2.26			0		19.55
Cocaine	0			1200		
Cannabis group drugs	43.96	44.73		235.3		
Synthetic drugs	4.1	8.36		28.96		2.18
Potent substances				1.8		
Total	58.84	53.09		1468.57		21.73

During the reporting period, other countries seized **28 tons 772 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 24 tons 152 kg of cocaine, 48.2 kg of cannabis-group drugs, 4 tons 572 kg of synthetic drugs and 0.285 kg of potent substances.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN

22.01.2024 10 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances were found in Astara district from a former prisoner. As a result of an operation conducted by officers of Astara District Police Department based on information received, Iman Aliyev, a resident of the district, previously repeatedly convicted, was detained and suspected of drug trafficking. During a personal search, they found and seized **7 kg of marijuana, 2 kg of heroin and 1 kg of methamphetamine**, which he had hidden on the side of a section of the Alyat-Astara road passing through the village of Shakhagadzhi. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/829286>

22.01.2024 Illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances was prevented during operational activities carried out by officers of Geychay District Police Department.

Elmeddin Rzayev, 29, a resident of Masalla, suspected of drug trafficking, was detained as a result of the conducted measures. During a personal inspection, they found and seized 4.625 kg of marijuana, **1 kg of hashish, 2.255 kg of opium, 386 tablets containing psychotropic substances**, as well as a Kalashnikov assault rifle and 30 cartridges in his possession. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/829349>

23.01.2024 In Aghdjabedi district, police officers seized about 20 kg of drugs. As a result of operation conducted by officers of local police department, Khalig Asadov and Imran Gasimov, residents of the district, suspected of drug trafficking, were detained. During a search in the house of Kh. Asadov, they found and confiscated about **10 kg of marijuana**, and during personal search of Imran Gasymov - rolls with heroin and marijuana, in the house - about **8 kg of marijuana**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/829675>

24.01.2024 A man who had intended to bring a large consignment of drugs to Baku was detained in Jalilabad district. As a result of investigative measures carried out by officers of Jalilabad District Police Department, resident of Sumgayit city Azer Huseynov was detained on suspicion of drug trafficking. During a search in his bag they found and seized **5.33 kg of marijuana, 150 g of heroin and 150 methadone tablets**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/830056>

25.01.2024 As a result of investigative measures carried out by officers of the Lankaran district police department, previously convicted persons Elvir Gafarov and Vyusal Abdullayev were detained on suspicion of illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs. In the course of personal search, in the bag of E. Gafarov they found a total of **8 kg of marijuana, about 2 kg of heroin and 1 kg of methamphetamine**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/830417>

25.01.2024 Four suspects in drug trafficking were detained in Surakhani district of Baku. Firearms were also voluntarily surrendered to the police. "As a result of actions carried out by officers of the 33rd Police Department, four more people suspected of illegal drug trafficking were detained in Yeni Guneshli settlement. About **1 kg of methamphetamine and heroin** was found and seized. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/830610>

29.01.2024 Ali Babayev, Nargiz Hasanova, Nadir Mammadov and Sabir Mammadov, suspected of drug trafficking, were detained during operations conducted by officers of the Drug Control Unit of the Absheron District Police Department in Absheron district. During personal searches, as well as searches of their cars and homes, they found a total of **15 kg of narcotics and psychotropic substances, including 9 kg of marijuana, 4 kg of heroin, 2 kg of methamphetamine and 50 tablets of illicit methadone**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/832074>

KAZAKHSTAN

23.01.2024 Officers of the North Kazakhstan Police Department Directorate for Combating Drug Crime detained a suspect in distribution of synthetic drugs. In December 2023, on Naberezhnaya Street, they stopped a Hyundai Elantra car, the passenger of which was a 43-year-old unemployed resident of the capital city temporarily residing in Petropavlovsk. In her possession were seized 80 rolls with a substance, which, as the forensic examination showed,

is mephedrone. Drugs and packaging equipment were also found at the detainee's place of residence. Total weight of the seizures exceeded 0.5 kg, which included **247.8 g of mephedrone and 322.36 g of α -PvP**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/svyshe-polukilogramma-sintetiki-iz-yala-politsiya-v-sko-u-astanchanki/>

25.01.2024 During personal searches and at the place of residence Kokshetau operatives found a wide variety of illegal drugs: from mephedrone and "a-PVP" salt to ecstasy tablets and hashish. The latter substances were sent for examination, which will confirm the exact composition and weight. The so-called stockman was caught red-handed by officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime. The 36-year-old Akmola man had a black bag, in which the police found two plastic bags with mephedrone and **a-PVP** with a total weight of **891.57 g**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/bolee-kilogramma-sintetiki-iz-yali-politsejskie-u-skladmena-v-kokshetau/>

25.01.2024 A pre-trial investigation was launched in Zhambyl region against a 37-year-old resident of Moyinkum district suspected of large-scale drug possession. The man, who works in a livestock farm, collected cannabis in bags for personal use. He was detained by police officers while packing drugs. They seized polyethylene bags with powdery substance, which contained dried **marijuana** weighing **2.8 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/tajnik-s-narkotikami-nashli-politsejskie-na-kryshe-saraya-v-zhambylskoj-oblasti/>

26.01.2024 In the course of investigation, officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime in Aktobe detained a drug dealer. During a personal search, in his pocket they seized two bags with a substance of herbal origin and a large sum of money. In the man's travel bag there were also packaged bags with herbal substance with a specific odor. At the place of residence of the detainee with the use of a service dog, they seized two polyethylene bags with a herbal substance of green color with a specific odor. Examination of seized substances showed that they were all **marijuana**, with a total weight of more than **10 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/sluzhebnaya-sobaka-pomogla-najti-10-kg-marihuany-v-aktobe/>

29.01.2024 Police officers detained a 64-year-old resident of Sarykemer village of Baizak district on suspicion of possession of narcotic drugs on a particularly large scale. The man organized seven dead drops in his house where he concealed narcotics: on the roof, in the cellar of the kitchen room, in the bedroom, in the yard. During a search officers seized a total of **30.7 kg of dried marijuana**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/pryatal-narkotiki-po-vsemu-domu-u-pensionera-iz-yali-bolee-30-kg-marihuany/>

29.01.2024 A 26-year-old man came to the attention of law enforcement officers during drug deposit. During a search of his backpack, the tactical team found a bag of mephedrone, about 1.5 kg. In the course of further actions, they found glass flasks, magnetic stirrers, electronic scales, polyethylene canisters, glass and plastic plates, driers, dry powders, extraction equipment and other equipment in a laboratory. Total weight of seized drug amounted to more than **2 kg of mephedrone**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/26-letnij-muzhchina-varil-narkotiki-v-dome-rodstvennikov-v-almaty/>

29.01.2024 A 26-year-old Almaty resident rented temporary accommodation from his uncle. But his relatives did not suspect that the young man had set up a secret laboratory for

production of synthetic drugs in the house. The man was detained by patrol police officers after he came to the attention of law enforcement agencies while setting up dead drops. A search in the backpack of a young man found **1.5 kg of mephedrone** <https://www.zakon.kz/proisshestiia/6422418-almatinets-ustroil-doma-u-rodstvennikov-podpolnyu-narkolaboratoriyu.html>

30.01.2024 Two cars with drugs were detained in Alatau district of Almaty. Two brothers, born in 1995 and 1997, who, according to intelligence reports, were involved in the sale of narcotic drugs via dead drops, came to the attention of officers of Counter Extremism Unit. During inspection of the car, as well as during authorized search of the rented apartment of the defendants, they seized electronic scales, spoons for packing, as well as already packed plastic bags. Expert analysis showed that the total weight of the seized **synthetic drug** amounted to more than **3.5 kg** <https://polisia.kz/ru/krupnaya-partiya-sintetiki-iz-yata-v-almaty-2/>

30.01.2024 Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime detained a suspect involved in supply and sale of drugs on the territory of Astana. Police stopped a car, where during the search they found 123 packaged zip bags with hashish. During a search of the dwelling of the 46-year-old driver, a dead drop was found, which contained a plastic bag and 28 more zip bags with drugs of the same type, which the detainee intended to sell on the territory of the capital. About **12.5 kg of hashish** were seized as a result. <https://polisia.kz/ru/12-kg-gashisha-iz-yali-u-muzhchiny-v-astane/>

31.01.2024 8 polymer bags with a substance of herbal origin of green color with a specific odor were found by the police in the house of a resident of a village of Mamlut district. The same substance was in two paper rolls. The total weight of the substance amounted to **1.225 kg**. Forensics showed it was dried **marijuana**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/svyshe-kilogramma-narkotikov-iz-yali-politseyskie-v-dome-zhitelya-sko/>

RUSSIA

22.01.2024 In the course of implementation of investigation, officers of the Department for Drug Control of the Directorate General of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Voronezh region in cooperation with colleagues from the State Automobile Inspection stopped a Lada Niva car in Ramonsky district at the 464th km of the M-4 "Don" highway. The vehicle was driven by a 47-year-old resident of the Krasnodar Krai. During a search of the car, the police found a polyethylene package in the cabin, inside of which there were 5 more packages with a yellow-colored substance. According to forensic results, more than **4.1 kg** of the synthetic drug **pyrrolidinovalerophenone** were seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46088587/>

22.01.2024 It was established that suspects, residents of a CIS republic, came to the territory of the Saratov region to sell narcotic drugs. 28 and 27-year-old criminals worked for an underground drug store, acting as couriers and dead droppers. When detained during personal inspection of the suspects, operatives found and seized about **200 g of heroin** prepared for sale. Later, at the place of residence of criminals police found about **700 g of heroin and about 500 g of methadone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46091625/>

22.01.2024 As a result of checking information received, officers of tONK OMVD of Russia for Korenovskiy District established involvement of a 32-year-old local resident in drug trafficking. During inspection of a forest area on the outskirts of Korenovsk, police found two dead drops equipped by the woman, from which they seized about **1 kg of N-methylephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46082535/>

22.01.2024 Officers of the Drug Control Directorate of the Main Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for Moscow Region, together with colleagues from the Department of Internal Affairs of Russia for the city of Podolsk, detained two natives of the Irkutsk Region suspected of attempting to sell drugs in a forest area near the Romantsevo SNT. During a personal search of the perpetrators, the police found 10 rolls of powdery substance, which the criminals had hidden under their clothes and in a sports bag. According to the conclusion of expert of ECC of the Main Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Moscow region, the seized powder with a total weight of more than **10 kg** contains the narcotic drug **mephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46069175/>

23.01.2024 Officers of the Drug Control Department of tUMVD of Russia for the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous District - Yugra detained an interregional drug courier. In the course of working on operational information, with the assistance of state traffic police officers, the police stopped a passenger car driven by a 35-year-old man from Surgut. During inspection of the foreign car 11 polymer bags with light-colored substance were found and seized. Forensic analysis showed that the seized drug was **mephedrone** with a total mass of more than **5.2 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46106663/>

24.01.2024 Police officers of the Michurinskiy MOMVD of Russia stopped a car driven by a resident of Michurinsk when carrying out operational activities on the R-22 highway. During inspection of the vehicle in the cabin and trunk of the vehicle they found bags with a substance of herbal origin with a characteristic odor. The seized substance was **marijuana** weighing **23 kg**, according to forensic expert report. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46173791/>

24.01.2024 Officers of UMVD of Russia for Penza region together with colleagues of OMVD of Russia for Mokshansky district, while working on intelligence information, stopped a car driven by a resident of Krasnodar, born in 1994, suspected of drug trafficking on the 367th km of the highway Nizhny Novgorod - Saratov. During a search of the vehicle, police officers found 10 polymer bags of **mephedrone** with a total mass of more than **4.5 kg** under speakers in the trim of the luggage compartment, as well as in the door itself, which was confirmed by an expert examination. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46168691/>

24.01.2024 Officers of drug control department of the Novorossiysk Department of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs received information that a 27-year-old resident of the Rostov region might be involved in trafficking in potent substances. As a result of operational and search measures, the police managed to locate the traveler. Law enforcers detained the man at his place of temporary residence. In his home, police found and seized five polymer bags of **pregabalin** with a total mass of more than **1.8 kg**, which was confirmed by expert examination. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46156285/>

24.01.2024 In the evening, officers of UNK MVD of the Udmurt Republic detained two local residents near a house on Kommunarov Street in Izhevsk on suspicion of drug trafficking. During a personal search of the suspects, the police found in pockets of their clothes convolutions containing narcotic drugs of **synthetic origin**. Total mass of seized drugs amounted to more than **170 g**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46153708/>

24.01.2024 Large cocaine smuggling from Belgium was detected in the Big Port of St. Petersburg. It is about **1200 kg of cocaine**, the value of which on the black market exceeds 13 billion rubles. The Federal Customs Service points out that the smuggling was detected thanks to the use of equipment for customs control: "Customs officers scanned a container arriving from Antwerp (Belgium) and found rectangular briquettes with compacted white powder among the bags of coffee. Expert analysis confirmed that it was cocaine". <https://www.dw.com/ru/v-portu-sanktpeterburga-tamozna-izala-bolee-tonny-kokaina/a-68069888>

25.01.2024 Officers of the Drug Control Department of the Department of UMVD of Russia in the Pskov Region together with colleagues from the Porkhovskiy District detained a local resident. He is suspected of cultivating cannabis and producing narcotic drugs. It is preliminarily established that the criminal purchased a private house in a village in the region. There he equipped a system of automatic lighting, irrigation, heating and ventilation for cultivation of narcotic plants. He also purchased necessary tools for drying, chopping and manufacturing illicit substances from cannabis. Drug dealer planned to sell them on the territory of the Leningrad and Pskov regions. As a result of operational and investigative measures, police officers detained the suspect. During a search of his house, they found about **900 drug-containing plants** with a total mass of more than **200 kg**, as well as more than **12 kg of marijuana and 300 g of hashish**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46206112/>

25.01.2024 Officers of GU MVD of Russia in the Moscow region detained a resident of the Krasnodar Krai suspected of drug trafficking. At the 111th kilometer of the M-4 "Don" highway, as a result of inspection of the vehicle, they found 5 bundles with powdery contents with a total mass of about **5 kg**. According to expert's conclusion, the contents of one of the bundles is a derivative of the narcotic drug **N-methylephedrone** with a mass of about 1,000 g. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46206236/>

26.01.2024 Officers of transport police in the course of investigative measures on the territory of the railway crossing Arkhangelsk-Gorod - Zharovicha identified two residents of the Arkhangelsk region on suspicion of illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs. As a result of operational activities, drug trafficking control officers seized narcotic drug **mephedrone** with a total mass of more than **204 g**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46254533/>

26.01.2024 Implementing operational information about a drug courier, police officers of the Altai Krai stopped a car on the R-256 highway in the Novosibirsk region in cooperation with regional traffic police. The criminal was a 35-year-old resident of Tomsk, who was returning to his hometown after setting up dead drops with almost **1 kg of N-methylephedrone** in Barnaul and Biysk. On the eve of the suspect's capture, detectives found these dead drops and seized synthetic drugs. In addition, as a result of a search of his

vehicle, operatives confiscated electronic scales and packaging material.
<https://мвд.рф/news/item/46244161/>

27.01.2024 Officers of OMVD of Russia in the Petushinsky district of Vladimir region together with colleagues from the regional Department of Federal Security Service of Russia in the course of operational and investigative measures detained a 34-year-old local resident suspected of illegal trafficking of prohibited substances in a dacha house in a garden community in the Petushinsky district. During inspection of the house law enforcers found and seized specialized equipment, chemical reagents, a container with a solution containing a synthetic drug, as well as 385 g of mephedrone, which was in a polymer container. In the course of further measures, law enforcement officers found two dead drops in a forest area near settlements in the Petushinsky district, which had been set up by the detainee. Over **3.9 kg of mephedrone** were seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46275899/>

30.01.2024 In the framework of efforts to interdict supply channels of narcotic drugs in the region, officers of the Department of Drug Control of UMVD of Russia for the Ryazan region and the Department of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Zheleznodorozhny district of the city of Ryazan detained two members of an ethnic criminal group, trying to establish in Ryazan the work of an illegal online store for the sale of heroin and methadone. During implementation of operational information in the hand luggage of the perpetrator operatives found four large packages and 225 rolls with powdery substance. According to results of examination, a total of over **1.1 kg of heroin and 17 g of methadone** were seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46406913/>

31.01.2024 Officers of tUKPN UMVD received operational information that two residents of Bolkhovsky district may be involved in illegal distribution of narcotic drugs. As a result of operational and investigative measures, this information was confirmed. The police detained these citizens at the entrance to the town of Bolkhov. In the vehicle on which the men were traveling, as well as in the pockets of their clothes, the operatives found and seized 3 rolls with powdery substance of white color. Investigation revealed that it was a synthetic drug, a derivative of **N-methylephedrone**, weighing about **1485 g**.
<https://мвд.рф/news/item/46500001/>

31.01.2024 Officers of the Drug Control Directorate of the Main Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region, as a result of operational and investigative measures, uncovered and foiled two online stores selling illegal substances. The police detained a 25-year-old resident of Nevsky district who organized online drug stores, and his 25-year-old friend, a native of the southern regions of the country, who was engaged in packing and selling criminal products through dead drops. As a result of searches at places of residence of the accomplices, as well as in an apartment, which the accomplices rented and used as a warehouse for illegal substances, the detectives found and seized more than **600 g of mephedrone**. In addition, police officers located 7 dead drops set up by criminals and seized bundles of similar synthetic drugs.
<https://мвд.рф/news/item/46497616/>

UZBEKISTAN



25.01.2024 A total of **9.754 kg** of opium was found in a truck carrying cement from Samarkand to Urgench in Khorezm Province, the press service of the Uzbek State Security Service said. <https://www.gazeta.uz/ru/2024/01/25/drugs/>

25.01.2024 State security and customs officers detained a 53-year-old resident of Urgut district who was trying to smuggle a deadly drug into Khorezm province under the guise of cement products. Law enforcers seized a total of **9.8 kg of opium** concealed in 10 bags of cement. It is reported that drugs entered Uzbekistan from neighboring Tajikistan. <https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/pravookhraniteli-nashli-v-meshkakh-s-tsementom-krupnyu-partiyu-silnodeystvuyushchego-narkotika-koto/>

29.01.2024 Customs Department's Anti-Smuggling Unit together with SGB and MIA operatives conducted an operation in Tashkent city and region. At the border customs post "Gishtkuprik" they found 5 packages weighing 1084 g of synthetic drugs, concealed in a compartment inside equipment "soil compactor" brought from a neighboring country. "When checking on the basis of a citizen's statement of the place of temporary residence of the defendant of the case, found only 60.69 g of synthetic drugs. Also, according to the citizen's report, he buried 1 convolution weighing 1033 g in a bag under a tree in a field on the Nurafshan-Ortasaroy road of Tashkent region. It was found that it was a synthetic drug. A total of **2.178 kg of synthetic drug** was seized <https://anhor.uz/news/drugs-4/>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BELARUS

21.01.2024 A wholesale drug courier was detained in Minsk. The young man was a member of an organized criminal group selling drugs in Belarus. More than **200 g** of a particularly dangerous psychotropic substance **para-methylephedrone** were found and seized in his possession and in dead drops. <https://www.belta.by/regions/view/optovogo-narkokurjera-zaderzhali-v-minske-610838-2024/>

22.01.2024 Drug control officers of the Frunzenskiy district police department of the capital with tactical support of the special unit "Almaz" detained two residents of the Minsk region, who worked as dead droppers for an Internet store selling drugs. Operatives, with participation of a police dog handler, found and seized more than **400 g of mephedrone** from the 33-year-old and 34-year-old defendants, at place of work of the younger of them, as well as in dead drops in forest areas. <https://www.belta.by/incident/view/stolichnye-operativniki-zaderzhali-s-polichnym-dvuh-narkozakladchikov-610953-2024/>

23.01.2024 Drug control officers of Minsk voblast with support of a separate special purpose unit "Lynx" detained a 48-year-old resident of Minsk region, who owned an online drug store, and four of his employees, employed as drug couriers. It was established that the detainee was the owner of the online drug store and delivered drugs from Russia. He divided large shipments and handed over to distributors for further distribution. **7.5 kg of hashish and 3.7 kg of marijuana** were found in the defendant's apartment and dead drops. <https://www.belta.by/incident/view/narkomarket-likvidirovan-v-minskom-rajone-zaderzhan-vladelets-narkoshopa-i-chetvero-kurjerov-611098-2024/>

24.01.2024 Drug control officers, with support of OMON, stopped criminal activity of a couple who worked for a drug store. A man and a woman from Orsha district had been distributing a particularly dangerous substance - mephedrone - for more than a month. In rented accommodation, officers found about **500 g of mephedrone**.

<https://ctv.by/operativniki-zaderzhali-supruzheskuyu-paru-zanimavshuyusya-nezakonnym-oborotom-narkotikov>

24.01.2024 Police officers of UVD of Vitebsk Regional Executive Committee together with operatives of the Polotsk ROVD and with support of OMON carried out an operation to detain drug couriers. It was found that a 41-year-old man and a 39-year-old woman took a large shipment of illegal drugs in the woods near Orsha and drove to Polotsk to place the packets in dead drops. Here they were detained by law enforcers at a rented apartment. About **0.5 kg of psychotropic substances** was seized. <https://www.belta.by/incident/view/u-suprugov-narkokurjerov-v-polotske-operativniki-izjjali-okolo-05-kg-psihotropa-611329-2024/>

26.01.2024 Law enforcers detained a 42-year-old Minsk resident together with his companion for illegal acquisition of psychotropic substances for the purpose of sale. The police received information about their involvement in distribution of drugs in Minsk region. In the course of investigative activities, the dead droppers were detained in Slutsk district. During a personal search of the detainees, more than 90 bundles of substance were seized, with a total weight of at least **300 g of psychotropic substance**.

<https://www.belta.by/society/view/paru-zakladchikov-zaderzhali-v-slutskom-rajone-611914-2024/>

29.01.2024 Two people were detained in Vitsebsk. According to law enforcers, young men were on their way to get another shipment of drugs, which was concealed under the Polotsk overpass near the railway station. Officers found more than 20 n of synthetic drugs. The next day, police detained a 17-year-old student of Postavy College, who was involved in distribution of a particularly dangerous psychotropic substance 4-CMC on the territory of Vitsebsk district. The boy was caught red-handed at the moment of laying 80 g of psychotropic substance in a forest area of Vitebsk district. A total of **100 g of 4-CMS** were seized.

<https://www.belta.by/incident/view/podrostkov-narkokurjerov-zaderzhali-v-vitebskoj-oblasti-612293-2024/>

29.01.2024 In Mogilev drug control officers caught a 28-year-old previously convicted resident of the regional center red-handed while planting drugs. It was found out drug was given to him by a 36-year-old citizen of Mogilev, who was also detained. The latter had about **300 g of mephedrone** with him and at his place of residence.

<https://www.bobrlife.by/news/v-mogileve-pravoohraniteli-zaderzhali-dvuh-optovyh-kurerov-narkomarketa/>

CAMBODIA

24.01.2024 The Cambodian Anti-Drug Department reported that it had seized 1.51 tons of drugs that had entered the country from Laos and were destined for Taiwan. The Anti-Drug Department stated that it had seized **980 kg of ketamine and 532 kg of methamphetamine**, also known as "Ice".

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2024/01/25/sporean-arrested-in-cambodia-for-suspected-drug-trafficking-15-tonnes-of-drugs-seized>

LATVIA

31.01.2024 In January a clandestine methamphetamine laboratory was detected in Latgale - **50 kg of methamphetamine, 550 g of cocaine and about 1000 liters of precursors** were confiscated. A criminal group was detained on suspicion of organizing a drug business. In another criminal case, another group of criminals was detained in January. Police seized **32 kg of marijuana and 55 g of cocaine**. <https://kriminal.lv/news/narotiki-iz-yato-83-kg-veshchestv-nakryli-laboratoriyu-video>

USA

31.01.2024 A Coast Guard crew stopped two drug trafficking groups during a 60-day patrol, preventing **3 tons of marijuana and 1.6 tons of cocaine** worth more than \$55 million from entering the country. <https://www.belta.by/world/view/beregovaja-ohrana-floridy-konfiskovala-partiju-narkotikov-na-summu-bolee-55-mln-612630-2024/>

UKRAINE

25.01.2024 As a result of a special operation in Ternopil, Kyiv, Vinnitsa, Khmelnytsky and Cherkassy regions, a criminal organization of drug traffickers was disrupted and six members of the group who manufactured and sold amphetamine, α -PVP, mephedrone and LSD on an industrial scale were detained. 34 searches were conducted, finding: **8 kg of α -PVP**, amphetamine, more than **500 liters of precursors** for the manufacture of psychotropic substances. <https://korrespondent.net/ukraine/4658548-lykvydyrovan-kanal-prodazh-tiazhelykh-narkotykov-y-psykhotropov-v-strany-es>

22.01.2024 Members of a drug group (four residents of capital) organized sale of cocaine in Kyiv. They offered their "clients" cannabis of their own production. During a series of searches, which took place with support of special forces and with participation of canine experts with dogs, **2 kg of cocaine, about 5 kg of cannabis**, a pistol and a shotgun with ammunition, grenades with a fuse, money, equipment for growing cannabis and cannabis plants were seized. <https://korrespondent.net/ukraine/4657711-perekryt-mezhdunarodnyi-kanal-postavok-kokayna-v-kyev>

28.01.2024 At the border with Poland, border guards detained a Kiev woman who tried to import more than 1000 drug pills into Ukraine. The Warsaw-Kharkiv bus was on its way to Ukraine through the Rawa-Russkaya checkpoint. While passing through the checkpoint, border guards noticed behavior of one passenger - a 38-year-old woman from Kiev. She was



invited for additional inspection, during which they found "Decancit SR" preparations containing **pseudophedrine**. In total, the woman tried to smuggle **1140 pills**, which she hid under the lining of her suitcase and in packs of sweets.
<https://kiev.sg.com.ua/rus/novosti/28.01.2024/na-granice-poimali-kievlyanku-s-cemodanom-narkoticeskix-tabletok>

ECUADOR

23.01.2024 Ecuador Army during a special operation found **22 tons of cocaine**. This is the largest drug seizure in recent times, according to the program News 24 Hours on CTV.
<https://ctv.by/krupneyshuyu-partiyu-kokaina-obnaruzhili-v-ekvadore>

ESTONIA

28.01.2024 Ida Prefecture police officers detained five men and one woman in Lääne-Virumaa who were suspected of handling drugs illegally in large amounts. During arrest and search, about **50 g of cocaine** were found and seized.
<https://rus.postimees.ee/7950556/foto-zaderzhany-shest-chelovek-kotorye-rasprostranyali-na-ulicach-opasnyy-narkotik>