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

**01.02. to 10.02.2024**

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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 **240.31 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 30.01 kg, cocaine - 0.27 kg, cannabis-group drugs - 151.81 kg, synthetic drugs - 58.22 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

| Type of drug (in kg) | Azerbaijan   | Kazakhstan   | Kyrgyzstan | Russia        | Tajikistan | Turkmenistan |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| Heroin               | 19,91        | 2            |            | 8,1           |            |              |
| Opium                |              |              |            |               |            |              |
| Cocaine              |              |              |            | 0,27          |            |              |
| Cannabis group drugs | 61,78        | 27,9         | 1          | 60,36         |            | 0,77         |
| Synthetic drugs      | 7,62         | 5,44         |            | 40,56         |            | 4,6          |
| Potent substances    |              |              |            |               |            |              |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>89,31</b> | <b>35,34</b> | <b>1</b>   | <b>109,29</b> |            | <b>5,37</b>  |

During the reporting period, other countries seized **23 tons 627 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 1 tons 400 kg of heroin, 2 tons 585 kg of cocaine, 18 tons 800 kg of cannabis-group drugs, 776,5 kg of synthetic drugs and 14.9 kg of potent substances.**

**CARICC MEMBER STATES**

**AZERBAIJAN**

**02.02.2024** Residents of the district - Mubariz Mustafazade, previously convicted for hooliganism and other crimes, and his neighbor Firuz Yusifov - were detained during an operation in the Gakh district. During a personal examination of the detainees and a search of their homes, they discovered **marijuana** with a total weight of **4.23 kg**, as well as cannabis seeds. During investigation it turned out that they obtained these drugs from cannabis bushes, which they had grown in a forest area last spring for sale and personal use. During inspection of the site, the remains of 65 **cannabis** bushes with a total weight of **14 kg** were found and seized as material evidence. In their testimony, both admitted that they were involved in drug trafficking. <https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/833534>



**02.02.2024** In the course of investigative measures carried out by officers of Nizami RUP, a resident of Masalli district, previously convicted for drug crime, was detained. According to the information, **50 methadone tablets** were seized from the man. In addition, during a search of a Toyota car driven by O. Mammadov, law enforcers found drugs weighing more than 11 kg and **300 methadone tablets**. It is noted that of the narcotic drugs **2.538 kg was heroin, 1.517 kg was methamphetamine, more than 7 kg was marijuana**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/833786>

**03.02.2024** Officers of the Barda District Police Department (PD) detained two residents of the district suspected of drug trafficking. During a personal inspection of one of them and a search of his house, they found and seized **2.35 kg of marijuana**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/833933>

**06.02.2024** As a result of investigative measures carried out by officers of the Lerik District Police Department, Nurlan Mustafaly, a resident of Chunzeli village, Jalilabad district, and his fellow villager, Niyameddin Amadullaev, previously convicted, were detained on suspicion of purchase and transportation of narcotic drugs. **3 kg of marijuana, 100 g of heroin and 100 g of methamphetamine** were found and seized in the latter's bag. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/834877>

**09.02.2024** Officers of the Shirvan City Police Department detained a suspected drug courier as a result of operational activities. During a personal search, more than **1.5 kg of marijuana and 720 g of heroin** were found and seized. During interrogation, the man confessed that he was a courier of an Iranian drug trafficker, whom he met on social networks, and added that he had to deliver the specified batch of drugs to Baku in exchange for a certain amount of prohibited substances. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/836330>

**09.02.2024** Bilasuvar District Police Department officers conducted a series of operations in the district, during which they detained Elburus Guliyev, a resident of Sabirabad district, Tehmuraz Kazimov, a resident of the capital, and Huseyn Aliyev, a native of Salyan district, suspected of drug trafficking. About **4 kg of methamphetamine and opium** were found in their possession. The detainees stated that they had purchased drugs smuggled into the country from Iran for the purpose of selling them, for which purpose they delivered them to different addresses. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/836311>

**09.02.2024** Officers of Shirvan City Police Department detained a suspected drug courier as a result of operational activities. It is noted that the detainee is a resident of Absheron district. In the course of personal search they found and seized more than **1.5 kg of marijuana and 720 g of heroin**. During interrogation, the man confessed that he was a courier of an Iranian drug trafficker, whom he met on social networks, and added that he had to deliver the specified batch of drugs to Baku in exchange for a certain amount of prohibited substances. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/836330>



**09.02.2024** Smuggling of narcotic drugs from Iran to Azerbaijan has been prevented in the service territory of "Goradiz" Border Guard Unit of the State Border Service (SBS) of Azerbaijan. It was noted that a resident of Kurdamir district was detained. During inspection of the territory they discovered and seized **11.7 kg of marijuana**.  
<https://ru.oxu.az/society/836504>

**10.02.2024** In the course of operative measures in the territory of Archivan settlement of Astara district, a resident of Baku city who is wanted under articles on illegal sale of drugs and smuggling was detained. A total of **15 kg of heroin, 16 kg of marijuana, 2 kg of methamphetamine and 10,000 methadone tablets** were found and seized in two bags from the trunk of the Chevrolet Nexia car he was in. It was found that the detainee smuggled drugs from Iran. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/836677>

## KAZAKHSTAN

**05.02.2024** Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime stopped a Mercedes-Benz car, in which a suspected drug dealer was a passenger in Kokshetau. During a search, they seized a bag with a prohibited substance, which the 45-year-old from Akmola tried to hide under his outer clothing. Expert examination showed that man was carrying **hashish**, weighing more than **905 g**. It is preliminary established that the man purchased drug in the capital and planned to distribute it in Akmola region.  
<https://www.zakon.kz/proisshestiia/6423318-podozrevaemogo-v-perevozke-krupnoy-partii-narkotikov-zaderzhali-v-akmolinskoy-oblasti.html>

**05.02.2024** On 5 February, a drug courier was detained in Taraz, where almost one kilogram of mephedrone was seized. The special operation was carried out by officers of the regional department for combating drug crime. During a personal inspection of the man they seized 35 packages wrapped with black tape, inside of which there was a powdery substance with a specific odor and fine crystalline structure. In the apartment rented by the detainee, with the help of Merry service dog, they found 430 more packets of packaged substances. Magnets were also found to fix the bags in dead drops on both sides. According to conclusion of forensic chemical examination, the seized substance was **mephedrone** with a total weight of **978 g**.

<https://www.zakon.kz/proisshestiia/6423264-spetsoperatsiya-v-taraze-u-kurera-izyali-narkotiki-na-36-mln-tenge.html>

**05.02.2024** As part of the OPM "Zaslon", officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Department of Internal Affairs of Zhambyl region conducted a special operation to interdict a channel for delivery and distribution of mephedrone. A 26-year-old resident of Almaty region was detained on suspicion of possession of narcotic drugs on a particularly large scale. During a personal inspection of the man they seized 35 packages wrapped with black tape, inside of which there was a powdery substance with a specific odor and fine crystalline structure. In the apartment rented by the detainee, with the help of the service dog Merry they found another 430 packets. Magnets were also found to secure the bags on

both sides. Forensic chemical examination concluded that the seized substance was **mephedrone** with a total weight of **978 g**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/narkokur-era-gastrolera-s-mefedronom-zaderzhala-politsiya-v-taraze/>

**06.02.2024** East Kazakhstan police seized over a thousand single doses of marijuana. During investigative measures, law enforcement officers identified a resident of the region who had dried **marijuana** confiscated during a search of his home, the total weight of which reached almost **5 kg**. Drug was spread in glass jars. <https://kokshetau.asia/inastana/bolee-10-banok-s-narkotikami-zakatal-na-zimy-jitel-vko-4/>

**06.02.2024** A man was transporting 9 packets of mephedrone in a Hyundai Elantra. The car was stopped by officers of city police department during investigative measures. When the driver stopped the car in front of the police officers, he hastily started throwing bags with "powder" into the street. But of course, he did not manage to clear himself of suspicion this way. When checking the detainee's rented accommodation, operatives found another 150 g of synthetic drugs. Seizures of psychotropic substances totaled almost **3.5 kg of mephedrone**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/bolee-4-tysyach-doz-sintetiki-iz-yali-politsejskie-v-shymkente/>

**07.02.2024** In the course of investigative measures, officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Karaganda Region Department of Internal Affairs revealed in Karaganda a mini-production facility for packaging "synthetics". It was organized in a rented apartment by a 23-year-old city dweller. During inspection of the rented apartment, police seized about 500 g of powdery substance, 500 zip-packs, 20 skeins of duct tape and two scales. Expert opinion shows that the seized substance is a potent drug **mephedrone** with a total weight of **498 g**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/mini-proizvodstvo-po-rasfasovke-sintetiki-organizovala-zhitel-nitsa-karagandy/>

**08.02.2024** Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Department of Internal Affairs of Karaganda region in cooperation with the Agency for Financial Monitoring of the Republic of Kazakhstan as a result of the conducted activities in Karaganda on suspicion of possession of narcotic drugs on a particularly large scale for the purpose of sale detained a 34-year-old resident of Almaty region. During the examination of the man 171 rolls with powdery substance of white color were found and seized from him. Expert opinion concluded that this substance is a highly potent drug of **synthetic origin** with a total weight of **191 grams**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/narkodillera-gastrolera-s-krupnoj-partiej-sintetiki-zaderzhali-v-karagande/>

**08.02.2024** Police in Kostanai detained a "synthetics" trafficker, reports Polisia.kz. She had in her bag 29 rolls with powdery substance of white color. Expert examination showed that it was a synthetic drug **a-PVP**, weighing more than **20 grams**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/zakladchitsu-sintetiki-zaderzhali-v-kostanae/>



**08.02.2024** Drug "swallowers" were detained by KNB officers at Aktau airport. Border guards suspected something wrong and sent two foreign passengers for X-rays. The X-rays showed that they had swallowed containers of opium-group drugs. They took out 295 vessels from their stomachs. Total weight was more than **2 kilograms of heroin**. <https://liter.kz/295-konteinerov-s-narkotikami-nashli-v-zheludkakh-inostrantsev-v-aktau-1707370578/>

**10.02.2024** Operatives of the KNB department in Ulytau region detained four residents of Zhezkazgan and Satpayev cities on suspicion of selling narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. During searches, they seized **20 kg of marijuana, 2 kg of hashish, 250 g** of the psychotropic substance "**alpha-PVP**" and **30** so-called "stamps" of the drug **LSD**. <https://liter.kz/knb-presek-krupnyi-narkokanal-v-ulytauskoi-oblasti-1707555381/>

## KYRGYZSTAN

**08.02.2024** In the course of investigative activities in the city of Osh, operatives of the SBNON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic together with the Border Guard Service of the SCNS of the Kyrgyz Republic detained citizen R.Sh., born in 1993, in an attempt to sell more than **1 kg** of narcotic drug "**hashish**" of Afghan origin. <https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/2842>

## UZBEKISTAN

**08.02.2024** In the course of investigation officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and SGB detained a 24-year-old man in Yunusabad district of the capital, who was under surveillance on suspicion of sale and possession of narcotic substances. When checking temporary place of residence of the young man, law enforcers found 38 packets of heroin and 58 vials of mephedrone ready for dead dropping. In addition, it was revealed that he buried **1.7 kilograms of illicit substances** in a field in Kibray district. Several more dead drops were discovered in the Yukorichirchik district - **1.9 kilograms of mephedrone, 1 kilogram of synthetic narcotics and 385 grams of heroin** were found here. More than five kilograms of illicit substances were seized in total. <https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/v-tashkente-zaderzhali-ocherednogo-narkokurera-u-nego-izyali-bolshe-5-kilogrammova-zapreshchennykh-ve/>

**08.02.2024** According to the Fergana Regional Department of Internal Affairs, a 40-year-old resident of Logon mahalla was detained red-handed during an operational activity. He arrived in Fergana on Yassavi Street and was arrested while trying to sell **2.01 kilograms of hashish** for 15 thousand dollars. <https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/operativniki-fergany-poymali-narkodilera-kotoryy-pytalsya-prodat-bolee-dvukh-kilogrammova-gashisha/>

## RUSSIA

**01.02.2024** In the evening of 25 January, a Toyota Camry was stopped on the M-12 "Vostok" highway by a traffic police crew of the Komsomolsky inter-municipal department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation, based on information from the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Chuvash Republic. During inspection of the vehicle in the equipped compartment operatives found about **20 kilograms of hashish** intended for sale in the regions of the country. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46566821/>

**01.02.2024** In the course of implementation of operational information, officers of the Department for Drug Control of the Department of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Omsk Region detained a wholesale courier red-handed at the exit from a forest area in the suburbs of the regional center. In the course of personal inspection of the 36-year-old man, a polymer bag with a light-colored powdery substance was found and seized. Results of the chemical examination determined that the powder is a synthetic group drug - a derivative of **ephedrone** (methcathinone) with a mass of **487 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46556109/>

**02.02.2024** In January this year, during operational measures officers of the Perm Line Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia on transport detained a 27-year-old unemployed and previously unconvicted resident of the Republic of Tajikistan on suspicion of drug trafficking at the Perm-2 - Bakharevka railway station. During personal search in the building of the railway station of Perm-2 station, transport police officers found 20 rolls of heroin in the suspect's jacket. On the same day, police searched the apartment of the detainee, which the 27-year-old immigrant rented in Perm. There operatives found on the floor, on the table, under the bed and on the shelving unit scattered and in a container a total of about **1 kilogram of heroin**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46702311/>

**02.02.2024** "Operatives of the Linear Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia at Yekaterinburg-Passazhirsky station detained red-handed a 33-year-old freight train driver who had set up so-called "bookmarks" with drugs along the railroad tracks. Experts confirmed that at least **200 grams of mephedrone** had been seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46685647/>

**05.02.2024** Officers of Drug Control Department detained three residents of Dzerzhinsky District of the Sverdlovsk Region in a rented apartment in the course of operational and investigative measures. During a visual inspection of the apartment, drug police officers found evidence of the suspected citizens' involvement in illicit trafficking of illegal substances. An investigative and operational team and a service dog went to the scene. In total, police officers seized from the apartment more than 200 rolls, which, according to the results of the study, contained more than **150 grams of N-methylephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46891315/>

**05.02.2024** Officers of the Department for Drug Control of the Department of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Omsk Region in the course of investigative measures established that a 43-year-old Omsk woman was involved in drug trafficking. The policemen detained the woman in the entrance of an apartment building. In the course of personal search police found and seized a bundle with powder, which, as expert examination showed, is a synthetic drug - a derivative of **ephedrone** (methcathinone) with a mass of **502 grams**, which is a particularly large size. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46873359/>

**05.02.2024** Officers of the Drug Control Department of the North Ossetian Ministry of Internal Affairs, together with representatives of the UFSB of Russia in RNO-Alania and the VOG of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation in RNO-Alania, detained a local resident suspected of attempted drug trafficking. It was established that the 37-year-old man received geolocation of a dead drop on the territory of the republic via messenger, from where he took narcotic substance, which he subsequently divided into several parts and placed in dead drops. During a personal search of the criminal, police found and seized rolls with powdery substance wrapped with transparent insulating tape. Also were found identical rolls in the suspect's car and in the house. He tried to disguise the "dead drops" as candy by wrapping each one in a wrapper. Experts concluded that the substance found was the synthetic narcotic drug **methadone**. The total mass of the seized substance amounted to over **120 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46882732/>

**06.02.2024** At night, crew of a separate battalion of the patrol and checkpoint service of the police of the Department of Internal Affairs of Russia for the city of Tyumen, being on a patrol route, noticed a woman who was coming out of a forest belt, holding something under the hollow of her jacket. The police officers decided to check the citizen's documents. In the course of conversation with the officers, the 50-year-old resident of Omsk reported that she had with her a prohibited substance, which she took at the coordinates specified to her. In the presence of witnesses, a polyethylene roll with powdery substance was seized from her, and after that two more similar rolls were seized from the trunk of her car, which she had taken from a stash previously. Expert examination revealed that the substance was **heroin** with a total mass of more than **1.5 kilograms**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46953710/>

**06.02.2024** Operatives of the Drug Control Department of the Murmansk Region Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia received information about the possible involvement of a local resident in the trafficking of illegal substances. In order to check the information, police officers carried out a number of investigative measures, as a result of which a 32-year-old resident of the Leninsky District of Murmansk was detained. During inspection of a garage, operatives found a dead drop of light-colored substance, which was packed in various rolls. The seized substance was sent for examination, the results of which confirmed that the suspect had illegally stored more than **620 grams of mephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46934400/>

**06.02.2024** In Nevsky district of the Northern capital as a result of realization of operative information employees of the Main Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in St. Petersburg and Leningrad region liquidated a drug laboratory for the manufacture of illegal substances. Illegal production of "synthetics" was organized in the apartment of a house on Krylenko Street. There the operatives found and seized equipment intended for the manufacture of narcotic drugs, as well as various containers, canisters and containers with dark brown colored liquid and chemical reagents. All mixtures were sent to police for examination, which established that they contained **mephedrone** with a total mass of over **3.6 kg**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/46945198/>

**07.02.2024** A 43-year-old visitor from Voronezh was detained in the forest near Kolomna on suspicion of drug distribution, according to the press service of the Moscow Region's Interior Ministry. During the search the man was found two bundles of powder with a total weight of about 1.5 kg. The powder was hidden in a bag of dog food. In addition, in the suspect's phone, police found the coordinates of four bookmarks with drugs, from where they took bags of powder weighing more than 5 kg. Experts checked one of the packages and determined that it was the drug mephedrone. A total of **6.5 kilograms of mephedrone** was seized. <https://radio1.ru/news/proisshestiya/u-lesa-v-kolomne-zaderzhali-muzhchinu-s-6-kg-narkotikov/>

**07.02.2024** As a result of investigative measures in the town of Mayskoye, officers of the Russian Interior Ministry's department for the Mayskiy district found large-scale marijuana in the possession of a local resident. They seized **1235 grams of marijuana and more than 95 grams of cannabis** in the house in which the 48-year-old Mayskiy resident lives. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/47008897/>

**07.02.2024** Officers of UMVD of Russia in Penza region with tactical support of the regional Rosgvardia, as a result of working out operational information, stopped a car in the territory of the regional center, in which a resident of the Moscow region born in 1991 and a foreign citizen born in 1999, suspected of drug trafficking, were traveling. During inspection of the vehicle of the criminals, law enforcement officers found and confiscated 27 wrappers with unknown substance. Examination determined that the contents were **5 kilograms of mephedrone and 3 kilograms of hashish**. During further activities, law enforcers found in Issinsky district of Penza region, a dead drop equipped by accomplices, and seized from there about **4 kg of hashish**, which was confirmed by expertise. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/46989961/>

**07.02.2024** In the course of investigative measures, officers of the Udmurt Republic UNK MVD found a dead drop in the territory of one of the SNTs located in the Zavyalovsky district, which contained an envelope with a drug of **synthetic origin** weighing **99.8 grams**. Police officers found another dead drop in a forest belt near the village of Staroye Martyanovo. The operatives seized a **199.7 g** package of a similar drug from it. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/46993250/>





**07.02.2024** Operatives of the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Tyva, with the support of officers of the Rosgvardiya Department of the Republic of Tyva, stopped illegal trafficking of narcotic substances in the territory of Ulug-Khemsy District in the course of investigative measures. A local resident, born in 1998, who had previously been repeatedly prosecuted for crimes against person, was collecting cannabis and storing narcotic substances in the locality "Farm" of Ulug-Khemsy district. At the time of arrest, about 10 bags of narcotic drugs were seized from this citizen.

Expert examination conducted at the Expert-Criminalistic Center of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Tyva Republic established that the seized substances were **marijuana** weighing more than **28 kilograms** and **hashish** weighing more than **25 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46989995/>

**07.02.2024** Officers of drug control department of the Georgievsky District Department of Internal Affairs received information that two residents of the Astrakhan region were planning to sell narcotic drugs in the territory of the Georgievsky District. In the course of processing information received, a polymer bag was seized, which contained convolutions with powdery substance. It was also established that the men had managed to make one dead drop on the territory of Mineralovodsk district, from where the police seized a polymer package with similar contents. Analysis showed that the seized substance was a narcotic drug of **synthetic origin** with a total mass of more than **340 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46979501/>

**07.02.2024** In the Churapcha district of Yakutia inspectors of traffic police of the Churapcha district department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia at the 141st kilometer of the federal highway "Kolyma", near the village of Maralai, during a car check, seized a polyethylene bag containing 4 bundles with a powdery substance of light color. Testing revealed that the bundles contained more than **2 kilograms** of the narcotic drug **a-PVP**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46972013/>

**07.02.2024** Officers of the Drug Control Department of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Altai Krai detained a resident of the city of Barnaul, born in 1993, suspected of drug trafficking, during an operational search. During the search of the car in which the detainee was traveling, police found **148 grams of synthetic narcotics**, packaged and prepared for non-contact sales. During further operational activities, law enforcers found a dead drop in a forest belt, equipped by the criminal. **500 grams of "synthetics"** were seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46986248/>

**07.02.2024** Officers of the State Automobile Inspectorate of the Department of Internal Affairs of Russia in Kolomna detained a 43-year-old suspect in drug trafficking in a forest area near Shosseynaya Street. As a result of inspection of the vehicle, the police found 2 packages with powdery substance with a total weight of about **1.5 kilograms**. During examination of the suspect's phone, 4 locations with the coordinates of "dead drops" were found. During a visit to the specified addresses, 4 polymeric packages with a total weight of more than **4 kilograms** were seized. According to expert opinion, the substance turned out

to be a derivative of the narcotic drug **N-methylephedrone**.  
<https://мвд.рф/news/item/46979235/>

**07.02.2024** During investigative measures officers of drug control department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia "Krasnoyarsk" in the Sverdlovsky district of the regional center detained two men, born in 1993 and 1998, who had arrived in Russia from a near abroad country for work. In their car operatives found 5 wrappers with a substance of gray color. During examination of the rented apartment of the detainees, police found 30 wrappers and several bags of drugs, as well as electronic scales and packaging material for packing. Examination showed that the total mass of **heroin** seized amounted to more than **400 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/46976536/>

**08.02.2024** Officers of drug control department of the Mezhdurechensk Department of Internal Affairs of Russia received information that a local resident was planning to sell narcotic drugs. In the course of investigative measures, police identified and detained the suspect. She turned out to be a 36-year-old woman. During a personal search, police officers found 39 rolls of synthetic drug "salt", and 6 more rolls were seized from dead drops equipped by the drug trafficker. In addition, police found a wholesale shipment of drug in a nightstand in the office space where the suspect worked. The total mass of **"salt"** amounted to almost **180 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47045103/>

**08.02.2024** Police officers in the Chelyabinsk region suppressed the illegal activities of a drug ring whose members were citizens of the Republics of Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic. Twenty-four people were taken into custody. The organizer of the drug business and two of his assistants are wanted. It has been established that the defendants committed at least 75 crimes. Places of hidden storage of drugs were located in different regions of the Russian Federation: Chelyabinsk, Moscow, Sverdlovsk, Kurgan and Samara regions, Perm Krai and Moscow. From the stash houses, bulk quantities were transferred to pawnbrokers for subsequent sale. Police seized more than **5 kilograms of heroin and methadone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47005925/>

**08.02.2024** Police officers seized cocaine packages from two detained citizens. This is reported on the portal "MIA Media". According to the agency, law enforcers on Ozernaya Street in Moscow stopped two foreign citizens to check their documents. Communicating with the law enforcement guards, the men were visibly nervous, so it was decided to conduct a personal search of them. "In the bag of one of them was found and seized 107 rolls with an unknown substance with a total mass of more than **270 grams**. Examination of 12 packages showed that they contained **cocaine**," the report said. <https://icmos.ru/news/policeiskie-nasli-u-dvoix-muzcin-svyse-270-g-narkotikov-na-zapade-moskvy>

**08.02.2024** Almost a kilogram of mephedrone was seized from two residents of the city of Asino. This was reported by the press service of the regional administration. It is specified that as a result of working out operational information in the area of Komsomolsky Avenue in Tomsk two residents of Asino, born in 1990 and 1986, suspected of illegal drug trafficking

were detained. In the course of search, scales, packing material and 21 packages with unknown substance were seized from the man's sports bag, and 2 packages with similar contents were seized from the pockets of his cohabitant's jacket. Examination determined that the powder found was **mephedrone** with a total weight of about **1 kg**. <https://www.tvtomsk.ru/news/92399-pochti-kilogramm-mefedrona-izjali-u-dvuh-zhitelej-goroda-asino.html>

**08.02.2024** Two drug sellers were caught red-handed in the village of Sokol in the Dolinsk district of Sakhalin. They found more than 100 bags of marijuana and seized more than **4 kg of marijuana**. The buddies will soon stand trial, reports the Sakhalin Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Investigation of the criminal case has been completed, Sokol residents are charged with selling marijuana and making a mixture of marijuana and tobacco. The case files are being submitted to the court. <https://astv.ru/news/criminal/2024-02-08-dvuh-narkotorgovcev-na-sahaline-otpravili-v-sud-iz-yali-meshok-tabaka-s-kannabisom>

**09.02.2024** A 31-year-old convicted Kurgan resident was detained on suspicion of drug trafficking in Ketovsky district of Kurgan region on 6 February. During personal search they found more than **200 grams of heroin** in his possession. The man planned to sell drug. <https://kikonline.ru/2024/02/09/u-sudimogo-kurganca-nashli-bolee-200-grammov-geroina/>

**09.02.2024** Police officers received information about possible involvement of a resident of the city of Vologda, actually residing in the territory of the Kola District of the Murmansk Region, in the illegal trafficking of prohibited substances. In the course of realization of the received information, the officers of the State Automobile Inspectorate at the stationary post in the Kandalaksha district stopped and inspected a Nissan car. In the luggage compartment of the SUV police officers found a dense package packed in opaque polyethylene. Its contents were promptly sent for examination, as a result of which it was found that the man was transporting in the car a narcotic substance **N-methylephedrone** with a total mass of almost **2 kilograms**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47090294/>

**09.02.2024** As a result of implementation of operational information, officers of drug control department of the Department of Internal Affairs of Russia for Bugulma district detained a 41-year-old resident of Naberezhnye Chelny. The police found out that the man was involved in drug trafficking. During personal search of the detainee, during inspection of his car and at his place of residence, operatives seized more than **1.2 kg of mephedrone, 2.19 g of synthetic drug PVP and 3.7 g of marijuana**, as well as packaging materials. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47083152/>

**09.02.2024** In the Kirov region, police officers received information that a large consignment of synthetic drugs would be transported through the region. Upon verification, the information was confirmed. Employees of the Department for Drug Trafficking Control of the Kirov region stopped a car driven by a 50-year-old man suspected of trafficking in illegal substances in the town of Slobodskoye. During the inspection of the vehicle, law enforcement officers found a bag hidden under skeins of yarn in the interior of the car. More than 60



wrappers with "synthetics" weighing about 8.7 kg were seized from it, which was confirmed by expert examination. In the course of further work law enforcers found in the forest area of Slobodsky district 13 caches with similar contents, equipped by the attacker. They also found the materials used for packing the deadly potion and a large sum of money, presumably obtained by criminal means. A total of about **10 kilograms of synthetic drugs** were seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47085079/>

**09.02.2024** Officers of the drug control department of the Dinsky District Department of Internal Affairs of Russia received information that a 24-year-old resident of Gelendzhik might be involved in the illegal sale of illegal substances. Upon verification, the information was confirmed. As a result of operational and investigative measures, the police detained the perpetrator in one of the streets of the village of Naydorf. In the trunk of the foreign vehicle on which the young man was traveling, operatives found a package with **mephedrone** weighing about **900 grams**, which was confirmed by expert examination, as well as electronic scales and packaging material. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47080761/>

**09.02.2024** As a result of operational activities, officers of drug control department of the Kovrovsky MIA of Russia detained a 30-year-old local resident suspected of involvement in the distribution of drugs of synthetic and plant origin in the district center. During a personal search and further in the car interior, police officers found **methylephedrone and mephedrone** with a total mass of **519 grams** in the detainee's possession. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47077043/>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### AUSTRALIA

**05.02.2024** Two men from Victoria will face trial after **139 kilograms of cocaine** were found concealed in luxury buses in an international shipment arriving in Adelaide. Border officials said cocaine shipments were being seized in the country in "unprecedented quantities". According to police, the value of the seized cocaine was about \$45 million dollars. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-02-05/cocaine-hidden-in-luxury-buses-on-board-cargo-ship/103426894>

### BELARUS

**01.02.2024** Drug control officers of Frunzenski District Department of Internal Affairs of Minsk with the support of the Minsk OMON detained two teenagers, residents of Minsk region, who worked as dead droppers for an online drug store. During detention the operatives with the participation of a cynologist of the Main Department of Internal Affairs found and seized more than **56 grams** of a particularly dangerous psychotropic substance **alpha-PVP** from an 18-year-old college student and a 15-year-old schoolboy and in caches in forest areas. <https://www.belta.by/incident/view/shkolnik-i-uchaschijsja-kolledzha-rabotali-narkozakladchikami-ih-zaderzhali-v-minske-s-polichnym-612896-2024/>

**01.02.2024** Operatives of the Pinsk City Department of Internal Affairs detained a 16-year-old student of one of the specialized secondary educational institutions who was engaged in packing and laying drugs, the Ministry of Internal Affairs told BELTA. The law enforcers found out that the teenager was taking large batches of mephedrone and packing them into smaller doses. The young man made bookmarks in stash houses in Pinsk and the suburbs. His criminal business lasted less than two months. During the search of the defendant and at his place of residence, officers found more than **150 g of mephedrone**. <https://www.belta.by/regions/view/v-pinske-s-polichnym-zaderzhali-16-letnego-narkokurjera-emu-grozit-do-15-let-kolonii-612945-2024/>

**02.02.2024** Officers of drug control department of Brest region police department detained a drug courier. Law enforcers found and seized about **1 kilogram** of a particularly dangerous psychotropic substance **alpha-PVP from**. It was found out that the detainee came to drug market on his own when he was looking for a part-time job on the Internet. Following instructions of his handler, the detainee placed stashes of psychotropics in Brest region. The criminal business of the drug dealer lasted less than two months. <https://www.belta.by/incident/view/okolo-kilogramma-opasnogo-psihotropna-obnaruzhenie-pri-zaderzhanii-zakladchika-v-brestskoj-oblasti-613177-2024/>

**04.02.2024** A 24-year-old Minsk resident was a cab driver and at the same time worked for an online store selling psychotropics. About **200 g of para-methylephedrone** were seized from the man and in caches he had set up. The detainee had been engaged in criminal activity since December last year. He entered the marketplace on his own in search of an additional source of income. He equipped stashes with psychotropics in Vitebsk, Gomel and Minsk regions. <https://www.belta.by/incident/view/v-minske-zaderzhali-taksista-narkokurjera-613465-2024/>

**06.02.2024** Drug control officers of Zavodskiy police department of the capital detained a 29-year-old resident of Minsk region on suspicion of drug trafficking. The man worked for an online store selling drugs: he packed psychotropics and placed in dead drops. At the place of residence of the detainee and in dead drops, which he equipped in forest areas, operatives found and seized more than **300 g of hashish**, as well as items used for packaging. <https://www.belta.by/regions/view/zhitel-pristolichjja-fasoval-narkotiki-i-delal-zakladki-ego-zaderzhali-v-minske-613784-2024/>

**07.02.2024** In Mozyr law enforcers detained a citizen who was moonlighting for a drug shop. The 22-year-old drug shop courier was detained thanks to a call from a vigilant Mozyryan woman. A woman contacted the service line 102 and reported that a young guy, being in the area of Internatsionalnaya Street, possibly making bookmarks. The investigative and operational team immediately went to the scene. Indeed, in the fence not far from the apartment building was found a package containing drugs. A few hours later, the police detained a 22-year-old resident of Mozyr, who was a courier of the drug shop. Total seizures



amounted to **50 grams of mephedrone**. <https://www.belta.by/incident/view/mozyrjaninu-za-podrobotku-na-narkoshop-grozit-do-15-let-lishenija-svobody-613975-2024/>

**08.02.2024** Hrodna customs officers seized **85.5 kilograms of psychotropic drug** from a citizen of Lithuania, which he tried to import to Belarus in the caches of a passenger car. The Lithuanian transported the synthetic psychotropic in a car entering the country through the checkpoint "Kotlovka". The drugs were found thanks to the inspection and search complex - the packages were under the lining of four doors and in the gas cylinder of the Audi. GKSE experts confirmed that it was drug **4-CMC**, about 300 thousand doses in total. Presumably, the psychotropic was intended for distribution on the territory of the republic. <https://virtualbrest.ru/news127264.php>

## GUATEMALA

**10.02.2024** Guatemalan drug authorities seized **525 kilograms** (1,157 pounds) of **cocaine** concealed in a container that arrived at a Pacific port from Costa Rica. Drugs were found in a metal box inside a container at the APM port complex in the southern department of Escuintla, about 110 kilometers (68 miles) from Guatemala City. The operation began Friday afternoon, and more drug seizures cannot be ruled out as the event continues. The operation involves members of the Drug Trafficking Crimes Prosecutor's Office in coordination with the National Civil Police and the Guatemalan Army through the Naval Defense Headquarters. <https://ticotimes.net/2024/02/10/guatemala-seizes-over-half-a-ton-of-cocaine-from-costa-rica>

## INDIA

**10.02.2024** Assam Rifles recovered four containers of **heroin** weighing **124 grams**. Drugs were seized in the Melbuk Road Junction and New Khruikown areas of Zokhawthar, Chumphai District, in two separate operations on February 10. Operations were conducted by joint Assam Rifles teams with Zokhawthar Police Department officials based on specific information. <https://www.indiatodayne.in/mizoram/story/mizoram-drugs-worth-rs-175-crore-seized-in-champhai-district-869820-2024-02-11>

## CANADA

**01.02.2024** The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) said its officers discovered and seized **406.2 kilograms of methamphetamine**, approximately four million illicit doses worth more than \$50,780,000 Canadian dollars, after inspecting a commercial truck at the Boissen Port of Entry in Canada. "This is the largest seizure of illegal drugs in the Prairie Region. The driver was carrying a shipment bound for Winnipeg," the report said. The Prairie Region covers the Canadian provinces of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/canada-police-seize-over-400kg-of-drugs-at-border-101706766828430.html>

**07.02.2024** The Thunder Bay Police Service (TBPS) has announced details of an investigation that resulted in the largest cocaine seizure in police history. The Project Marble investigation, which began in January, was conducted by the service's intelligence unit and led to several search warrants and several arrests last week. More than \$2 million worth of illicit substances were seized, including nearly **20 kilograms of cocaine**. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/thunder-bay-drug-bust-cocaine-seizure-1.7107720>

## MALAYSIA

**10.02.2024** On 8 February, a drug trafficking syndicate was busted in Hulu Selangor, resulting in the arrest of four people and the seizure of **15.28 kilograms** (kg) of **cannabis** in Bukit Beruntung and Bukit Sentosa. Hulu Selangor district police chief Supt Ahmad Faizal Tahrim said most of the marijuana found during the raid was packaged as lemang pieces with an estimated value of 43,710 ringgit. <https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2024/02/10/police-bust-drug-syndicate-with-arrest-of-four-seizure-of-1528-kg-of-cannabis-in-hulu-selangor/117353>

## NIGERIA

**05.02.2024** The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) in Nigeria has announced the interception of a large shipment of Ghanaian Loud, a highly potent **cannabis** sativa strain smuggled into Lagos from Ghana. The NDLEA said in a statement that the seized property with a total weight of **14524.8 kilograms** was loaded into two trucks and a J5 bus. The vehicles were intercepted at Okhuelegba area of Lagos in the early hours of Sunday, January 28, 2024. During the operation, two of the drivers jumped off the moving vehicles while the third driver, 66-year-old Nasiru Ojomu, was arrested. <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/nigerias-drug-enforcement-agency-announces-seizure-of-14-000kilos-of-cannabis-from-ghana.html>

## NEW ZEALAND

**08.02.2024** New Zealand Customs seized nearly **150 kilograms of ecstasy and 67 kilograms of methamphetamine** at the ports of Auckland, which were hidden in vans that had recently arrived from Europe. Police officers discovered the drugs concealed in the panels of the vans. Customs Group Border Operations Manager Dana MacDonald described the seizure as "an extremely good result in stopping these drugs from entering New Zealand and harming our communities". <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/customs-seize-up-to-24-million-worth-of-meth-in-ports-of-auckland-bust/XQ6ZWD2YEZGYBOTKDCDVI3Y5FA/>

## USA

**01.02.2024** Four suspected drug traffickers with apparent ties to a Mexico-based transnational criminal organization face federal charges today after they were caught transporting nearly **1400 liters of liquid heroin**. 4 citizens, residence unknown, were charged with criminal conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute heroin and possession with intent to distribute heroin. <https://www.justice.gov/usao-or/pr/four-suspected-drug-traffickers-face-federal-charges-after-law-enforcement-seize-370>

**05.02.2024** The Texas Department of Public Safety seized more than **9.5 kilograms of cocaine** after a Texas Highway Patrol officer stopped a vehicle in Carson County traveling eastbound on I-40 near Groom for a traffic violation. <https://www.newschannel10.com/2024/02/05/dps-traffic-stop-leads-cocaine-drug-seizure-carson-county/>

**05.02.2024** A Manassas police investigation into a drug distribution and firearms trafficking case ended on January 30 with four arrests and the seizure of 66,000 fentanyl pills. During the investigation, police seized more than \$6,500 in cash, \$40,000 in expensive jewelry, **66,000 fentanyl pills, 2300 grams of marijuana, 40 grams of psilocybin mushrooms, 142 grams of cocaine** and six firearms. [https://www.insidenova.com/headlines/police-seize-66-000-fentanyl-pills-in-manassas-drug-raid-four-arrested/article\\_9c0cb84c-c3fd-11ee-a66e-7bc41648667f.html](https://www.insidenova.com/headlines/police-seize-66-000-fentanyl-pills-in-manassas-drug-raid-four-arrested/article_9c0cb84c-c3fd-11ee-a66e-7bc41648667f.html)

**06.02.2024** A sweep aimed at curbing drug trafficking in Philadelphia's Kensington neighborhood arrested six people and seized about **5 kilograms of fentanyl**, Attorney General Michelle Henry said Tuesday. According to Henry's office, the effort, conducted in cooperation with the Philadelphia Police Department, Pennsylvania State Police and Homeland Security, followed a months-long investigation into drug trafficking in the Kensington neighborhood. Six Philadelphia residents were arrested during the operation.

**07.02.2024** During an operation, a joint venture involving the Bureau of Narcotics Investigation of the Attorney General's Office, the Philadelphia Police Department, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Department of Homeland Security, 5 kilograms of fentanyl were seized, along with other drugs, firearms and cash. On February 1, three residences in the Kensington area were searched as well as vehicles. The search resulted in the arrest of six alleged traffickers, all originally from Philadelphia. The operation seized **5015 grams of fentanyl, 93 grams of crack cocaine, 81 grams of marijuana, 33 grams of methamphetamine**, two firearms and \$6,889 in cash. <https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/regional/massive-drug-seizure-in-kensington-six-alleged-traffickers-arrested/>

**07.02.2024** A Canadian resident is facing charges after U.S. Customs officials discovered a large quantity of drugs. The seizure was made late Monday night on the Detroit side of the



Ambassador Bridge. U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents were monitoring incoming traffic when they selected the truck for secondary inspection. About **290 kilograms of cocaine** were packed in 13 Home Depot boxes and had a street value of \$8.7 million. The driver, identified in court documents as Gagandeep Singh, is an Indian citizen living in Canada. <https://windsornewstoday.ca/windsor/news/2024/02/07/bridge-bust-in-detroit-results-in-87m-cocaine-seizure>

**09.02.2024** On the 6th of February, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) arrested and charged Vincent Simon, 39, of Ellenwood, with violating the Georgia Controlled Substances Act. This arrest was the result of a joint narcotics investigation conducted by GBI West. GBI, in conjunction with the DeKalb County Police Department, executed two search warrants in the 2900 block of Ward Lake Way, Ellenwood, and in the 3400 block of Misty Valley Road, Decatur. During the execution of these search warrants, law enforcement seized approximately **61 kilograms of marijuana, approximately 405 grams of cocaine, approximately 2 kilograms of MDMA/ecstasy,** and 45 firearms. <https://www.fox5atlanta.com/news/drugs-multiple-guns-seized-during-searches-in-ellenwood-decatur>

**09.02.2024** Refugio and Goliad County Sheriff's deputies seized approximately **57 kilograms of marijuana** wrapped in bundles that criminals were attempting to smuggle into Texas during Operation Lone Star in Zapata County. [https://www.crossroadstoday.com/news/area-sheriffs-deputies-take-part-in-rio-grande-valley-drug-seizure/article\\_c772e3ec-c792-11ee-becc-a7cb2424d0d1.html](https://www.crossroadstoday.com/news/area-sheriffs-deputies-take-part-in-rio-grande-valley-drug-seizure/article_c772e3ec-c792-11ee-becc-a7cb2424d0d1.html)

**09.02.2024** The patrol boat USCGC Resolute returned to its home port in St. Petersburg, Florida, after a 60-day patrol that resulted in the seizure of approximately \$55 million worth of illegal drugs. Despite being deployed during the holiday season, the crew operated in a professional manner. During a patrol in support of Joint Interagency Task Force (JIATF)-South, the Resolute crew intercepted two suspected drug trafficking operations, resulting in the arrest of six suspected traffickers, the seizure of **3 tons of marijuana and 1.6 tons of cocaine.** <https://americanmilitarynews.com/2024/02/pic-us-coast-guard-cutter-offloads-55m-worth-of-drugs-in-fla/>

## UKRAINE

**5.02.2024** Five laboratories for ecstasy manufacture have been dismantled in Kyiv region. This was reported by the deputy head of the National Prosecutor-General's Office, Andriy Nebytov. According to him, the criminal organization served the capital and other regions of the country. Police detained the entire chain: organizers - chemists - sellers - a total of 10 citizens and conducted 28 searches. Almost **5 kg of amphetamine, 300 finished MDMA tablets** and 6 kg of materials for manufacture, more than **1000 liters of precursors** (which could have been used to manufacture 40 kg of amphetamine), and **2 kg of cannabis** were seized.. <https://korrespondent.net/ukraine/4661332-v-kyevskoi-oblasty-lykvydyrovaly-piat-narkolaboratoryi>

## JAMAICA

**04.02.2024** The Jamaica Defense Force (JDF) Coast Guard on Saturday seized about **1200 kilograms of cannabis**, with an estimated value of \$26.2 million dollars. In its press release, the Army explained that the vessel was initially spotted about 18 nautical miles southwest of Bowdoin Bay on St. Thomas and a team was dispatched to it. According to the JDF, the area is within a known drug trafficking vector between Jamaica and Haiti.

Noting that the drug-for-weapons trade between Jamaica and Haiti continues to be a major source of illegal firearms for gangs on the island. <https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20240204/over-2600-pounds-ganja-seized-offshore-st-thomas-men-arrested>