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

21.02. to 29.02.2024

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In the period from 21 to 29.02.2024, based on information from mass media law enforcement agencies and security services of CARICC Member States seized **225.03 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 22.75 kg, opium - 4.73 kg, cannabis group drugs - 140.74 kg, synthetic drugs - 51.78 kg and potent substances - 5.04 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	22.03	0.23	0	0.491		0
Opium	0,23			0		4.49
Cocaine	0			0		0
Cannabis group drugs	52.1	55	0.65	30.30		2.69
Synthetic drugs	0.02	4.54	0.06	47.16		0
Potent substances	0	0	0	0		5.04
Total	74.38	59.77	0.708	77.96	0	12.22

During the same period, other countries seized **25 tons 468 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 134.53 kg of heroin, 11 tons 449 kg of cocaine, 5 tons 610 kg of cannabis-group drugs, 8 tons 261 kg of synthetic drugs and 13.5 kg of potent drugs.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN

24.02.2024 During a regular operation conducted by officers of the 19th section of the Nasimi district police department, a resident of Absheron district involved in drug trafficking was detained and **2.355 kg** of heroin was found in his possession.
<https://ru.oxu.az/society/842103>

27.02.2024 Acting on information received, officers of Yardimli district police department conducted an operation at the 39th kilometer of Masalli - Yardimli road, during which suspected drug traffickers from Lankaran district, who were driving a VAZ-2106 car, were detained. During inspection of the vehicle they found and seized a bag with more than **15 kg of marijuana.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/842983>

28.02.2024 As a result of an operation conducted by officers of Zagatala Regional Police Department, illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances was foiled. A

resident of Ganja city was detained during the operation. During examination of his bag they found about **2 kg of marijuana, 20 methadone tablets, 34 g of opium, 22 g of methamphetamine and heroin.** <https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/843381>

29.02.2024 Based on information received, officers of Jalilabad District Police Department conducted an operation in the territory of Farzili village, which resulted in the detention of a resident of Baku. In his sports bag they found **4.5 kg of heroin and 7.5 kg of marijuana** in packages. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/843835>

29.02.2024 On 29 February police officers detected about 43 kg of drugs in the territory. It was reported that about **15 kg of heroin, more than 27.6 kg of marijuana, about 200 g of opium and methamphetamine and 833 methadone tablets** were seized. <https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/844400>

KAZAKHSTAN

26.02.2024 Specially established investigative and operational teams with support of special forces conducted a series of arrests on the territory of Almaty city and Almaty region. Operatives identified the organizer and 11 persons involved in illicit sale of marijuana and hashish. Among them were buyers, transporters, accompanying persons, tenants of premises for storage, packers and sellers. During searches they found and seized **40 kg of marijuana and 15 kg of hashish**, packed in cellophane bags, and cell phones with evidence of involvement in criminal business. <https://polisia.kz/ru/mvd-presechena-deyatel-nost-prestupnoj-gruppy-sbyvavshej-narkotiki-kannabisnoj-gruppy/>

27.02.2024 Operatives of DP of Pavlodar region detained a 19-year-old young man suspected of distributing illicit substances via the Internet via dead drops. Police officers seized a package wrapped in duct tape in the car of the detainee. Also at the place of residence they seized scales, packaging material, cards and a phone. There was also another roll with a narcotic substance. More than **40 g of psychotropic substance** was found in the man's possession. <https://polisia.kz/ru/psihotropnoe-veshhestvo-iz-yali-politseyskie-v-pavlodarskoj-oblasti/>

28.02.2024 OPM "Darmek" is taking place in Karaganda region. In the course of this OPM in Karaganda, officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of DP of the region, together with a unit of the patrol police regiment of the Karaganda City Police Department, detained a 20-year-old young man on suspicion of possession and distribution of synthetic drugs in a particularly large amount. At the scene of the incident during investigative actions was seized a backpack owned by him, which contained three vacuum bags with a beige-colored powdery substance. According to the expert's conclusion, this substance is **mephedrone** with a total weight of **1.5 kg.** <https://polisia.kz/ru/narkodillera-s-1-5-kg-sintetiki-zaderzhali-patrul-nye-v-karagande/>

28.02.2024 In the course of OPM "Darmek" the capital's police identified a man involved in possession and sale of narcotic drugs. In the course of investigative actions and during search at his place of residence, they seized **mephedrone, alpha-PVP, hashish, cannabis oil** and three electronic scales. Total weight of seized drugs amounted to more than **2.5 kg.** <https://polisia.kz/ru/2-5-kg-narkotikov-iz-yali-u-zakladchika-v-astane/>

29.02.2024 As a result of a long-term investigation and a set of operational and investigative measures, police with support of a special unit in the city of Semey stopped activities of large-scale sellers of synthetic drugs. Officers of the police department of Abay region during a search of the residence of the detainees found and seized the psychotropic substance **mephedrone** weighing more than **500 g**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/mefedron-na-20-mln-tenge-iz-yali-u-krupnyh-narkosbytchikov-v-semee/>

KYRGYZSTAN

27.02.2024 According to information of UVD of Issyk-Kul region, 20-year-old resident of Ananyevo village S.A. was detained as part of a criminal case under Article 282 of the Criminal Code of the Kyrgyz Republic. During personal inspection of the man, the police found 31 sachets with substances of unknown origin. He also showed the places where he put another 16 sachets with the same substance for further sale. Expert examination established that the sachets contained synthetic drug "**Alpha PVP**" with a total mass of over **58 grams**. <https://vesti.kg/obshchestvo/item/121197-na-issyk-kule-zaderzhali-zakladchika-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov.html>

28.02.2024 The GKNB together with the Chui District OVD detained a suspect in distribution of drugs - Afghan chars - in the territory of Chui region and Bishkek. On February 26, M. M. K., born in 1985, was detained in Ivanovka village of Ysyk-Ata district while driving his car Subaru Legacy. During a search they found ten matchboxes with a specific odor of cannabis weighing 152 g, as well as more than 200 thousand soms. In addition, similar narcotic substances weighing 496 g were found in the house of the detainee. Total weight of the seized drugs amounted to about **650 g of hashish**. https://kaktus.media/doc/496565_gknb_soobshil_o_zaderjanii_predpolagaemogo_barygi_s_narkotikami_na_13 mln_somov.html

RUSSIA

21.02.2024 In the village of Britovo, police officers stopped a car with a husband and wife traveling. The man was visibly nervous and after several clarifying questions from operatives said that hashish was concealed in the car under ceiling lining. In the presence of witnesses, police officers removed from the cache two hundred compressed briquettes with a substance of herbal origin packed in transparent polymer material. When searching the apartment of the detainees in the freezer operatives found another 311 rolls with similar contents. Experts confirmed the seizure of over **30 kilograms of hashish**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47467848/>

22.02.2024 At night officers of the Udmurt Republic UNK UMVD with support of a special unit of the Rosgvardia detained a 42-year-old resident of the Novgorod region in a forest belt near the village of Baikuzino on suspicion of drug trafficking. During personal search of the suspect operatives found a package containing several rolls. According to conducted examination, they contained the narcotic drug **mephedrone** weighing **4.878 kg and 14 g** of the psychotropic substance **amphetamine**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47526378/>

22.02.2024 As a result of investigative measures in the Sredneakhtubinsk district of the Volgograd region, a cache was found in the territory of the Sredneakhtubinsk district of the

Volograd region, which contained rolls with powdery substance. Several more rolls, scales and packing material were seized at the place of residence of the detainee. An expert examination showed that contents of the packages were the synthetic drug **mephedrone** with a total weight of almost **1 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47509657/>

22.02.2024 In the center of Vologda, officers of the patrol-post service noticed a man digging in the snow. The patrol officers called an investigative and operational team to the scene. In the course of personal examination of the detainee and inspection at the place of residence, police found and seized bags with unknown substance. According to conclusion of experts, the seized substance was a **drug of synthetic origin** weighing about **450 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47504473/>

22.02.2024 In the Tyumen region police seized about **4 kg of mephedrone** from a wholesale drug courier. The criminal was detained at the moment of setting up a dead drop with "synthetics" on the territory of a garage cooperative within the regional center. <https://ura.news/news/1052736177>

23.02.2024 Police patrol officers together with criminal investigation officers of the line department of the MVD of Russia at Kavkazskaya station, while following a passenger train traveling from St. Petersburg to Makhachkala, detected a 30-year-old resident of Moscow suspected of illegal sale of narcotic drugs. He was taken to police department's on-duty section, where during personal search transport policemen seized a polyethylene bag with powdery substance of white color. According to examination conducted by forensic experts, the contents were **mephedrone** with a mass of about **980 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47530955/>

24.02.2024 Police of the Moskovsky district of St. Petersburg initiated criminal proceedings against a local resident, in whose apartment they found almost half a kilo of two types of drugs. Criminal investigation officers detained a 35-year-old St. Petersburg resident during operational activities in the Admiralteysky district. During search in his apartment they found two polymer cans of white color, inside of which there were two bags with powdery substance of white color. The seized items were sent for examination. According to results, the jars contained a drug - "**mephedrone**", weighing **199 grams**, and a substance containing "**phenethylamine**" in a concentration of more than 15%, weighing **297.8 grams**. <https://megapolisonline.ru/u-peterburzhtsa-v-kvartire-nashli-pochti-polkilo-narkotikov/>

24.02.2024 A St. Petersburg resident's dog found almost 9 kilograms of drugs during a walk at his dacha near Vsevolozhsk. The day before the police received a call from a 27-year-old young man. He said that in the forest near the SNT "Diesel" his dog found a large black bag. St. Petersburg resident suggested that inside may be drugs. The police squad that arrived on the scene confirmed this hypothesis. Inside the black bag were 9 smaller bags with white powder. The mass of the dead drop exceeded **8.5 kg**. One of the packages was opened in laboratory and tested. Expert analysis showed that it was a **synthetic drug**. <https://www.fontanka.ru/2024/02/24/73266107/>

25.02.2024 Employees of the Ozon distribution center in Kolpino district of St. Petersburg found two boxes with drugs when receiving merchandise. The discovery was handed over to the police. Express analysis showed that it contained a narcotic substance of synthetic origin.

The boxes contained about **209 grams** of **amphetamine**.
<https://weacom.ru/news/russia/crime/219166>

26.02.2024 Police officers of Mozhaisky district detained a 24-year-old driver of a Mazda on suspicion of possession and attempted sale of about 500 g of a narcotic drug. During inspection of the vehicle parked near a house on Kubinka Street, they found **N-methylephedrone** with a total mass of about 0.22 grams. In the apartment of the previously convicted suspect citizen, they seized a bag containing **470 g** of the drug, scales, measuring spoons and bowls. <https://mozhaiskiy-gazeta.ru/na-ul-kubinka-zaderzhan-muzhchina-podozrevaemyj-v-popytke-sbyta-okolo-500-g-narkotika>

26.02.2024 Moscow police officers found 100 rolls of heroin in possession of a cab passenger near Marshal Eremenko Street. A traffic police inspector stopped the cab, but while talking to the driver he noticed strange behavior of the 22-year-old passenger. Inspecting him, the inspector found a plastic bag with a hundred rolls of substance with a total mass of more than **245 grams**. Expert examination showed that the parcels contained **heroin**.
<https://vm.ru/news/1117223-svertki-s-geroinom-obnaruzhili-u-passazhira-taksi-v-moskve>

26.02.2024 In February this year, in the Komi Republic officers of the Federal Security Service of Russia detained a 27-year-old resident of Syktyvkar who was involved in an attempt to sell a large shipment of drugs. The man was a member of an organized group that specialized in the sale of illegal substances by contactless method via the Internet. The criminal received coordinates of dead drop from operator of the online store and collected **997 grams of synthetic narcotic substance** from it near the village of Vizinga, Sysolsky district. The drug courier planned to deliver drug to the regional capital for further illegal sale, but he was detained by security service officers. <https://progoroduhita.ru/news/50005>

26.02.2024 Officers of the Department for Drug Control of UMVD of Russia in the Omsk region during operational activities detained a 26-year-old Omsk man on suspicion of illegal operations with illicit substances. During a personal search of the man and his place of residence, they seized a total of **202 g of mephedrone** (4-methylcathinone) and **8.6 g of MDMA**, which was confirmed by expert examination. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47592070/>

27.02.2024 Officers of GUNK MVD of Russia together with colleagues from the Drug Control Department of the Regional Department of MVD of Russia with support of the Rosgvardiya in Rameshkovsky Municipal District stopped illegal activities for production and sale of synthetic drugs. During searches, police officers seized **11 kilograms of mephedrone and more than 1700 liters of precursors** and chemical reagents used for production of synthetic drugs. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47648990/>

27.02.2024 In the course of information verification by police officers of MO MVD of Russia "Khanty-Mansiysky" police detained a resident of the village of Shapsha, Khanty-Mansiysky district, born in 1999. During inspection at her place of residence 5 polymeric bags with powdery substance and substance of herbal origin were found. According to examination, contents of the bags were found to be the narcotic drugs **mephedrone and hashish**, with a total mass of **303.48 grams**. In addition, in the course of inspection of a plot of land in a forest area in the Khanty-Mansiysk district, police officers seized a polymer bag containing

about **1 kg** of **mephedrone** intended for subsequent sale. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47638606/>

27.02.2024 Officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia for the city of Bryansk detained a 28-year-old citizen of a neighboring country on the territory of the Bezhitsky district of Bryansk. During search in the apartment where the detained young man temporarily lived, police officers found and seized a package with narcotic substances, which he concealed inside a vacuum cleaner. According to results of tests, the conclusion was made that seized substances were **heroin** with a total weight of more than **200 grams** and **methadone** with a weight of more than **46 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47653038/>

27.02.2024 Officers of UNK GU MVD of Russia in the Samara region, with the assistance of special unit officers of the Rosgvardiya Department in the Samara region, detained a man born in 1997 near a residential building on Tukhachevskogo str. During examination of his backpack in the presence of witnesses, police found and seized 4 polymeric bags with a substance of white color and sent for examination. Expert analysis determined that the seized substance was **mephedrone** with a total mass of more than **3 kilograms**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47637521/>

27.02.2024 Officers of the Department for Combating Illicit Trafficking of Opium Group of the Drug Control Department of the Primorsky Krai UMVD of Russia foiled illegal activities of two Vladivostok residents. The 27-year-old young man together with his 28-year-old female cohabitant organized a channel of mephedrone supply to the territory of the Far Eastern capital. In the course of operative-search activities, police officers caught the couple red-handed in Pervomaisky district of Vladivostok. A forensic examination established that the seized substance was **mephedrone** with a total weight of **2 kilograms**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47634483/>

28.02.2024 Officers of the Drug Control Department of OMVD of Russia for the Mozhaisky City District detained a 24-year-old resident of Moscow, suspected of drug trafficking, who had a previous conviction. During examination of laboratory premises, police found and seized a container and four plastic bags with powdery substance weighing about 4 kilograms in total, canisters with liquid, electronic scales, various equipment, a gas mask, as well as laboratory utensils. According to conclusion of a forensic expert, contents of a bag are a derivative of the narcotic drug **N-methylephedrone** with a total weight of more than **700 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47683204/>

28.02.2024 In the course of operative-search activities, officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia for Yaroslavl region detained a man born in 1998 in the village of Kuznechikha in Yaroslavl district, and found and seized two bundles of substances. According to results of examination conducted by the EKC, it was established that the bundles contained **synthetic narcotic drugs** with a total mass of more than **527 g**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47686839/>

28.02.2024 Officers of the Drug Control Department of the regional MVD caught two natives of Solikamsk born in 2000 red-handed. During a personal search, they found a bundle of **amphetamine** weighing about **500 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/47678187/>

28.02.2024 Last Monday, 26.02.2024 at about 14:30 in the forest area in the territory of Koltushsky rural settlement of Vsevolozhsk district of the Leningrad region officers of the Drug Control Department of the district UMVD of Russia in the course of operational and search activities detained a 37-year-old previously convicted non-working resident of Primorsky district of St. Petersburg. The detainee was taken to the police department for investigation. An expert examination showed that the package contained the drug **mephedrone** with a total mass of **99.6 grams**. <https://piterets.ru/proishestviya/44347-v-lenoblasti-v-lesu-u-koltushej-zaderzhali-narkokurera.html>

29.02.2024 Implementing intelligence, officers of the Kabardino-Balkar Republic UNK MVD together with colleagues from the Chegemsky District OMVD of Russia discovered a dead drop with a prohibited substance of synthetic origin, which had been set up on the territory of a gas station located on the federal road R-217 "Kavkaz". Police seized eight packets of **N-methylephedrone** with a total mass of over **800 grams**.

As a result of further measures, the Kabardino-Balkarian police identified the young man who had concealed drugs and detained him in Moscow. He was a 23-year-old citizen of a neighboring foreign republic. Later, operatives seized more than **5.8 kg of N-methylephedrone**, which was packaged in 50 bundles, from a dead drop in Moscow region. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/47731861/>

29.02.2024 Officers of the Linear Department of MVD of Russia at Orel station in the course of operative-search activities on the station square detected an unemployed 41-year-old local resident suspected of illegal sale of narcotic drugs. The man was taken to duty section of the linear department, where, in the course of personal examination seized from him three rolls with white crystalline substance. According to conducted examination, their content was "mephedrone" with a mass of 2.78 grams. In the course of further measures, a total of more than 40 grams of packaged mephedrone was seized from the places of deposit and from the place of residence. The total mass of the seized drug amounted to more than **43 grams of mephedrone**. <https://www.infoorel.ru/news/nanbspprivokzalnoy-ploshchadi-vnbsporle-zaderzhan-narkosbytchik.html>

UZBEKISTAN

21.02.2024 Pharmacies in Surkhandarya and Namangan regions illegally sold potent psychotropic drugs. In total law enforcers seized **600 packs of the drug "Regapen"** banned in free sale.

134 packs of potent medicines were confiscated in Surkhandarya region in an attempt to sell without prescription. Meanwhile, 467 packs of potent drugs were seized in pharmacies of Namangan region.

<https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/pravookhraniteli-v-dvukh-regionakh-uzbekistana-poymali-farmatsevtov-nezakonno-torgovavshikh-silnymi/>

29.02.2024 The State Security Service reported about the latest cases of detention of drug couriers with large consignments of drugs from Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. According to the press service of the agency, they seized more than 7 kilograms of opium and hashish worth more than 50 thousand dollars in total.

During an operational activity in Nurabad district of Samarkand province, two citizens - a 20-year-old resident of Urgut district and a 40-year-old resident of Nurabad district - were

detained. They tried to sell **2.875 kg of opium** imported from the Republic of Tajikistan for 40.5 thousand dollars.

Another operational activity was conducted in Samarkand region. A Cobalt car traveling in the direction of Samarkand-Tashkent was stopped for inspection in Jambay district. A search of the car found **opium** in the amount of **1.616 kg**. The driver and passenger were detained. Officers of the SGB Department in Fergana region together with colleagues from MVD carried out one more operational activity. At a traffic police post in Pap district, a Nexia car was stopped for inspection, which was traveling in the direction "Tashkent - Fergana". The passenger tried to get rid of a package by throwing it out the window. But operatives picked up the package, which contained **1.915 kg of hashish**.

And the last operational activity, which was reported by the SGB, was conducted in Altyaryk district of Fergana region. A 33-year-old resident of Fergana district, previously convicted for a similar crime, was detained at the moment of the transaction for the sale of **770 g of hashish** for 7000 dollars. <https://nuz.uz/2024/02/21/sgb-izyala-bolee-7-kg-opiya-i-gashisha-kontrabandoj-privezennyh-v-uzbekistan/>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BELARUS

27.02.2024 According to police, a suspicious man came to the attention of law enforcers on 25 February. The man was carrying rolls wrapped with duct tape. It was found that the packages contained psychotropic substance **4-CMC** with a total mass of **96 g**. <https://www.belta.by/regions/view/v-grodno-zaderzhali-rabotnika-narkomarketa-iz-stolitsy-618109-2024/>

27.02.2024 Drug control operatives of Vitebsk region together with their Brest colleagues with support of the special purpose unit "Storm" detained wholesale dead droppers. The culprits were detained in Brest region and were residents of Minsk region, aged 20 to 26 years old. Total seizure amounted to **1.5 kg of mephedrone**. <https://www.belta.by/regions/view/optovyh-narkozakladchikov-zaderzhali-operativniki-vitebskoj-i-brestskoj-oblastej-618051-2024/>

UNITED KINGDOM

23.02.2024 The UK's National Crime Agency (NCA) and the Border Agency said Friday (23 February) they seized **5.7 tons of cocaine** at a port in southern England, in what is believed to be the largest seizure of class A drugs in the United Kingdom. The NCA said in a statement that the cocaine shipment was discovered in a container at the port of Southampton on 8 February. Blocks of the drug were found concealed in a shipment of bananas that had been transported from South America. <https://www.wionews.com/world/uk-authorities-make-record-breaking-57-tonnes-cocaine-seizure-drugs-were-found-hidden-in-cargo-of-bananas-693152>

ISRAEL

21.02.2024 The Police Investigation Unit, in cooperation with IRS customs officers working in the arrivals hall at Ben-Gurion Airport, prevented the smuggling into Israel of about **4**

liters of GHB: gamma-oxybutyric acid, known as the "date-rape drug" in bottles of cosmetics. A Tel Aviv resident in his early 30s was arrested on suspicion of drug smuggling. According to police, the suspect arrived on a direct flight from France and was stopped for inspection. <https://www.newsru.co.il/israel/21feb2024/samaonesl103.html>

INDIA

22.02.2024 In a joint drug seizure operation, Delhi and Pune police seized over **1600 kg of mephedrone**, often referred to by its street name "Meow Meow", at different locations in Delhi and Pune. The seizures in Delhi were made as part of a joint operation with Pune police after the latter requested a raid in Delhi in connection with a drug bust in Pune where over 700 kg of mephedrone was confiscated. <https://www.thehindu.com/incoming/over-1600-kg-of-mephedrone-seized-from-delhi-pune/article67872178.ece>

24.02.2024 Gujarat Police seized heroin worth Rs 350 crore from a fishing boat near Veraval harbor in Gir Somnath district and arrested nine crew members. According to information received, the fishing boat was carrying **50 kg of heroin**. <https://www.ahmedabadmirror.com/rs-350cr-heroin-seized-from-veraval/81862747.html>

28.02.2024 The Indian Navy carried out one of the largest maritime drug seizures to date in a major operation conducted by the Narcotics Control Bureau, NCB Operations Branch, in collaboration with the Indian Navy and the Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad. The operation, codenamed SAGAR-MANTAN-1, seized **3110 kilograms of hashish, 158.3 kilograms of methamphetamine and 24.6 kilograms of heroin**. Five foreign nationals without identity documents were also detained on board the vessel. <https://newsonair.gov.in/Main-News-Details.aspx?id=478121>

28.02.2024 A sea operation conducted jointly by the Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS), Delhi Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Operations Branch and the Indian Navy seized **2500 kilograms of hashish**. This is considered one of the largest drug seizures off the coast of Gujarat. http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/108059222.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

29.02.2024 Border security forces once again foiled a drug smuggling attempt by intercepting a drone near Uttar Dhariwal village near the international border. During a search of the area, the border guards seized a hexacopter, three packets of **heroin** attached to it weighing about **3.03 kg** and a glowing rubber balloon. <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/punjab/drone-3kg-heroin-seized-near-border-595919>

29.02.2024 Police said they have busted a cross-border drug cartel run by a US-based drug trafficker. The police seized **5 kg of heroin** and arms smuggled from Madhya Pradesh. The drug trafficker, who has links with the US-based trafficker Jasmeet Singh alias Lucky, has been identified as Gurpreet Kumar alias Deep of New Shanti Nagar Bhajwar, Hoshiarpur. <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/punjab/5-kg-of-heroin-seized-three-peddlers-nabbed-595899>

CANADA

22.02.2024 On Friday, 16 February, officers with the Regina Police Service executed a search warrant in a neighbourhood on Saskatchewan Drive. The operation resulted in the arrest of two adult males and an adult female, with one of the male suspects found to be in possession of a loaded handgun at the time of arrest. During a search, authorities seized **9 kilograms of fentanyl, 0.5 kilograms of carfentanyl, 1.5 kilograms of cocaine, 1 kilogram of methamphetamine**, as well as cash and firearms. <https://www.620ckrm.com/2024/02/22/three-arrested-in-largest-fentanyl-seizure-in-regina-police-history/>

27.02.2024 On 9 February, while inspecting a flight departing from outside Canada CBSA border agents discovered two unclaimed suitcases. Upon examining the suitcases, police found 60 individually wrapped bags of suspected cocaine valued at more than \$9 million. **Cocaine** weighed a total of **74.8 kilograms**. This seizure is the largest drug seizure at an airport in the region. <https://www.miragenews.com/cbsa-officers-conduct-record-cocaine-seizure-at-1182513/>

MEXICO

23.02.2024 The Mexican Navy recently seized a shipment of **cocaine** weighing **672.9 kilograms** off the coast of Oaxaca, the Secretariat of the Navy (SEMAR) said Thursday. The seizure included a small vessel with two outboard motors and 29 barrels with 1219 liters of fuel. The seizure occurred in the Pacific Ocean about 73 nautical miles (135 kilometers) southeast of the port of Santa Cruz Huatulco, in the 18th Naval Zone. <https://mexiconewsdaily.com/news/mexican-navy-seizes-672-kilograms-of-cocaine-off-oaxaca-coast/>

NIGERIA

27.02.2024 The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) says it has intercepted the largest shipment of heroin at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport in Lagos. The agency stated it successfully identified and arrested members of an organized criminal organization that specializes in heroin trafficking through Nigeria, South Africa, Mozambique, Europe and America in a 12-day well-coordinated operation that led to apprehension of the criminals and seizure of drugs. The operation resulted in the seizure of **51.9 kilograms of heroin**. <https://thenigerialawyer.com/ndlea-intercepts-49-7kg-heroin-in-lagos-arrests-drug-syndicate-members/>

USA

24.02.2024 U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials seized **6.5 tons** (13 101 pounds) of **methamphetamine** on Sunday. The agency reports that it is the largest methamphetamine shipment recorded at a point of entry, and methamphetamine is estimated to be worth \$117 million. The seizure took place on the Camino Real International Bridge between Mexico and Texas. <https://www.kltv.com/2024/02/23/border-patrol-agents-seize-over-13000-pounds-meth-record-drug-bust/?outputType=apps>

27.02.2024 The U.S. Coast Guard has seized nearly **5 tons** (11 000 pounds) of **cocaine** worth more than \$143 million in the eastern Pacific Ocean, according to a Coast Guard statement Monday. The seizure was made by a U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Alert crew as part of a 59-day counter-narcotics patrol in the eastern Pacific Ocean. <https://ksltv.com/625928/us-coast-guard-seizes-more-than-143-million-worth-of-cocaine-in-the-pacific/>

UKRAINE

29.02.2024 A shipment of narcotic substance was seized from a 23-year-old man in the city of Izium. In the course of pre-trial investigation, investigators together with operatives of the criminal police sector conducted an authorized search at the place of residence of the 23-year-old criminal. The police seized about **500 grams** of a crystalline substance that looked like dangerous synthetic drug **PVP**. <https://dumka.media/rus/crime/1709218284-politsiya-harkovshchiny-razoblachila-molodogo-cheloveka-s-polovinoy-kilogramma-narkotikov>