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# CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY ON SEIZURES OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND THEIR PRECURSORS

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НЕЗАКОННЫМ ОБОРОТОМ НАРКОТИЧЕСКИХ СРЕДСТВ, ПСИХОТРОПНЫХ

(based on mass media reports)

#### 21.03. to 31.03.2024

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In the period from 21 to 31 March 2024, based on information from mass media law enforcement agencies and security services of CARICC Member States seized **249.38 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 34.7 kg, opium - 11.8 kg, cocaine - 15.53 kg, cannabis group drugs - 140.91 kg, synthetic drugs - 46.26 kg and potent substances - 0.18 kg.** 

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of dwg	Azorbaijan	Kazakhstan	Vyrayastan	Duccia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Type of drug	Azerbaijan	Kazakristari	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	UZDEKISLAN
(in kg)						
Heroin	33.7			0.997		
Opium	5.8					6
Cocaine		0.043		15.49		
Cannabis group drugs	67	32.67		5.29		35.95
Synthetic drugs	4.83	1.129		40.305		
Potent substances						
				0.175		
Total	111.33	33.842	0	62.257	0	41.95

During the same period other countries seized 15 tons 272 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: 935 kg of heroin, 10 tons 803 kg of cocaine, 175 kg of cannabis-group drugs, and 3 tons 359 kg of synthetic drugs.

#### **CARICC MEMBER STATES**

#### **AZERBAIJAN**

**21.03.2024** Officers of the Jalilabad district police department detained two local residents suspected of drug trafficking based on a tip-off. They were found in possession of **11 kg of heroin, marijuana, methamphetamine and 100 methadone tablets**. <a href="https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/851894">https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/851894</a>

**23.03.2024** Officers of the Yardymli district police department detained a local resident engaged in trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. In a farm building in the yard of his house they found and seized **9 kg of heroin**, **2 kg of marijuana**, **2 kg of methamphetamine**, **and 1020 methadone tablets**. <a href="https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/852351">https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/852351</a>

**24.03.2024** On 23 March police officers seized more than 28.5 kg of drugs in an action. According to information, they seized more than **24 kg of marijuana**, **about 3.8 kg of** 

# opium, about 700 g of heroin and methamphetamine, and 200 methadone tablets. https://ru.oxu.az/criminal/852633

**26.03.2024** A previously convicted local resident was detained as a result of measures taken by officers of the Agdjabedi district police department. During personal search and inspection of his house in Khindarkh settlement they found more than **4 kg of heroin.** <a href="https://ru.oxu.az/society/853114">https://ru.oxu.az/society/853114</a>

**29.03.2024** A resident of Sabirabad district who was engaged in drug trafficking was detained as a result of operational measures conducted by officers of the Shirvan City Police Department. In his possession they found **heroin and marijuana** with a total weight of more than **4 kg.** https://ru.oxu.az/society/854214

**30.03.2024** During an operation of the General Department for Combating Drugs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, a local resident was detained on suspicion of illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs in Garadagh district of the capital. During a search in his car and house in Masalli district, they found 50 kg of illicit substances, including **39 kg of marijuana**, **7 kg of heroin**, **2 kg of methamphetamine**, **2 kg of opium**, **2000 methadone tablets** and two electronic scales, which he had used to sell drugs. <a href="https://ru.oxu.az/society/854698">https://ru.oxu.az/society/854698</a>

#### **KAZAKHSTAN**

**26.03.2024** Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of Astana detained driver of Haval car, and during personal search seized 30 polyethylene rolls with powdery substance from his jacket pocket. During a search of the car officers found another 76 similar rolls. A dead drop of narcotic substances was found at the suspect's place of residence. A study report found that the seized narcotic substances were **43 grams of cocaine, 600 grams of mephedrone and 100 grams of alpha-PVP.** <a href="https://polisia.kz/ru/krupnuyu-partiyu-kokaina-iz-yali-politsejskie-v-astane/">https://polisia.kz/ru/krupnuyu-partiyu-kokaina-iz-yali-politsejskie-v-astane/</a>

**26.03.2024** In the course of operative-search measures officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Turkestan region Police Department stopped drug dealing and planting of "synthetics". In Zhetysai district police detained a young man, a resident of Shymkent city. During a search operatives seized about 80 doses of synthetic drugs from the suspect. Police also found five places of dead drops and seized five packages with "synthetics". The total weight of the narcotic substance amounted to more than **80 g of mephedrone**. <a href="https://polisia.kz/ru/turkestanskie-politsejskie-iz-yali-u-podozrevaemogo-80-doz-mefedrona/">https://polisia.kz/ru/turkestanskie-politsejskie-iz-yali-u-podozrevaemogo-80-doz-mefedrona/</a>

**27.03.2024** Police detained a drug dealer with a particularly large shipment of synthetic drugs in Akmola region. Police officers detained a female drug dealer red-handed in the city of Stepnogorsk. During a personal search operatives found and seized 14 rolls with a prohibited substance. Further, the 37-year-old woman showed the police locations of dead drops, which she managed to make during the "working day". In the context of operational-search and investigative measures, police also checked the rented apartment, where the drug dealer lived for several days of her stay in Stepnogorsk. Here the operatives found another 105 rolls with prohibited substance, as well as devices for packing narcotic drugs into doses. Expert examination showed that the seized substance was synthetic drug **mephedrone** 



weighing **62.5 g**, which is a particularly large amount. <a href="https://polisia.kz/ru/eks-uchitel-nitsu-zaderzhali-s-krupnoj-partiej-sintetiki-v-akmolinskoj-oblasti/">https://polisia.kz/ru/eks-uchitel-nitsu-zaderzhali-s-krupnoj-partiej-sintetiki-v-akmolinskoj-oblasti/</a>

**28.03.2024** Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the DP SKO detained a 39-year-old woman. During arrest, they found packages and ziplocs with powdery substance in her pockets, in the bathroom and in the bedroom of her rented apartment, as well as in specified dead drop. Expert analysis showed that the seized substances were synthetic drugs **a-PvP** with a total weight of **227.97 g** and **mephedrone** with a total weight of **57.57 g.** <a href="https://polisia.kz/ru/krupnuyu-partiyu-sintetiki-iz-yali-politsejskie-u-zhitel-nitsy-petropavlovska/">https://polisia.kz/ru/krupnuyu-partiyu-sintetiki-iz-yali-politsejskie-u-zhitel-nitsy-petropavlovska/</a>

**28.03.2024** A particularly large shipment of drugs was seized in the Shu district. Police detained a suspect, a 35-year-old local resident. During an authorized search in Zhana Zhol village, they found 15 plastic bags with marijuana and hashish in a farm building. Total seizures were **29.67 kg of dried marijuana and 3 kg of hashish.** <a href="https://polisia.kz/ru/zhitel-zhambylskoj-oblasti-planiroval-otpravit-bolee-30-kg-narkotikov-v-astanu/">https://polisia.kz/ru/zhitel-zhambylskoj-oblasti-planiroval-otpravit-bolee-30-kg-narkotikov-v-astanu/</a>

#### **RUSSIA**

**21.03.2024** Officers of the Federal Security Service of Russia in the Volgograd region and the GU MVD of Russia in the region caught a man transporting drugs for further sale. The car of a 37-year-old resident of the Volgograd region was stopped by operatives, he was in a state of drug intoxication. During search of the car, they found a bag with **500 grams of mephedrone**, which he had taken from a dead drop in the forest belt of Kalmykia, after which he came to Volgograd for sale. <a href="https://smotrim.ru/article/3862991">https://smotrim.ru/article/3862991</a>

21.03.2024 St. Petersburg police officers detained a 40-year-old member of an organized group transporting and selling narcotic drugs in the course of operational and investigative measures. During a search at the detainee's place of residence, they seized 600 grams of hashish, 20 grams of cocaine and 280 grams of marijuana. <a href="https://mbg.pd/news/item/48321335/">https://mbg.pd/news/item/48321335/</a>

**21.03.2024** In the Tyumen region, on the 40th kilometer of the federal highway Tyumen-Omsk, at about five o'clock in the morning, State Automobile Inspection officers stopped a car driven by a 41-year-old citizen of a former Soviet republic. Police officers decided to search the vehicle. In the disk of the spare tire auto inspectors found a polymer bag with white powder. Experts determined that the seized powder was the drug methylephedrone kilogram. with weight of about 1 https://мвд.рф/news/item/48314414/

**21.03.2024** Officers of the patrol service of the police of the Department of Internal Affairs of Russia for Nazranovsky district in the course of operational and preventive measures detained a 41-year-old visitor from the Vologda region near the roadway of the Kavkaz FAD near the village of Gazi-Yurt and brought him to the department. During a search of the sports bag he was carrying in its side pocket, they found and seized **342.64 grams of mephedrone**, as determined by an expert. <a href="https://mbd.pd/news/item/48315804/">https://mbd.pd/news/item/48315804/</a>

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**21.03.2024** As a result of a planned operation, officers of the Department for Drug Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Omsk region in cooperation with colleagues from the State Automobile Inspection stopped a Mitsubishi Lancer car driven by a 29-year-old Omsk man at the 865th km of the R-254 Novosibirsk-Chelyabinsk highway in the Kormilovsky district. During inspection of the vehicle behind the right rear passenger seat, police officers found a package with a powdery substance. Expert examination results showed the following result: the powder is a drug of synthetic origin - **methadone** (phenadone, dolophine) weighing **499.8 grams.** <a href="https://mbd.pd/news/item/48296164/">https://mbd.pd/news/item/48296164/</a>

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**23.03.2024** Officers of UNK GU MVD of Russia for St. Petersburg and the Leningrad region identified involvement of a 32-year-old resident of Krasnoselsky district, who was serving a suspended sentence for a drug offense, in illegal trafficking of prohibited substances. As a result of operational-search activities, the suspect was detained. During a personal search of the man police found and seized **30 grams of methadone**, which was confirmed by expert examination. In addition, in the apartment of the criminal detectives seized electronic scales, packaging material and more than **720 grams of "synthetics"**, of which 271 grams - amphetamine. <a href="https://mbg.pd/news/item/48362142/">https://mbg.pd/news/item/48362142/</a>

**25.03.2024** Officers of UMVD of Russia in Podolsk, supported by the Rosgvardiya, detained a 30-year-old resident of the Leningrad region suspected of drug trafficking in a forest area near the Romantsevo SNT. During personal search of the criminal operatives found a bag with three rolls, inside of which there was a crystalline substance of light color. In the course of examination by an expert of the EKC of GU MVD of Russia in Moscow region, it was established that the contents of the rolls were a derivative of the narcotic drug **N-methylephedrone** with a total mass of **3 kilograms.** https://mbg.pd/news/item/48402715/

**26.03.2024** Officers of the Directorate General for Transport of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, together with colleagues from the Kirov Linear Police Department, shut down a supply channel of synthetic drugs from Moscow to the Volga and Siberian Federal Districts. In front of a railroad crossing in the city of Kirov police officers stopped a car driven by a 39-year-old woman suspected of trafficking in illegal substances. The woman had visual signs of drug intoxication. During inspection of the vehicle, operatives seized more than **20 kilogram** rolls with a substance containing a derivative of the narcotic drug **N-methylephedrone.** https://mbg.pd/news/item/48436547/

**27.03.2024** In the course of implementation of intelligence information officers of UNK UMVD of Russia in the Omsk region with the assistance of state traffic inspectors stopped a car driven by a 43-year-old Omsk man near the Krasny Yar settlement of the Lyubinsky district of the Omsk region. During personal inspection of the man they seized a package with a powdery substance. In the trunk of the car was found a similar package. According to conclusion of experts of UMVD of Russia in the Omsk region, the seized substance contains narcotic drugs acetylcodeine, 6-monoacetylmorphine and diacetylmorphine (**heroin**) with a total mass of **997 grams**. https://mbg.pd/news/item/48465926/

**27.03.2024** As part of efforts to curb flow of narcotic drugs into the region, officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in the Ryazan region detained an interregional drug courier during transportation of a large consignment of illicit substances of synthetic

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origin. The detainee was a 33-year-old unemployed resident of the Stavropol Krai. During examination of the car operatives opened spare tire stored in the luggage compartment and found four packages with crystalline substance. An examination in the EKC of the UMVD found that the contents were the narcotic drug **mephedrone** with a total mass of about **2 kilograms.** https://mbd.pd/news/item/48466202/

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**27.03.2024** Operatives of the Drug Control Directorate of the Volgograd Regional GU MVD of Russia, together with colleagues from the General Directorate for Drug Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia and officers of the Volgograd Regional Federal Security Service, identified he involvement of a 21-year-old and a previously convicted 28-year-old Volgograd resident in illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs. As a result of a set of operational measures law enforcers found 2 dead drops with packages on the territory of Kamyshinsky district of Volgograd region and 5 dead drops on the territory of Kirovsky district of Volgograd. An examination conducted by specialists showed that the contents of the packages contained the narcotic substance **methylephedrone** with a total weight of almost **5 kilograms**. https://mbg.pd/news/item/48467126/

**28.03.2024** Officers of UNK MVD of the Udmurt Republic together with officers of the Russian Federal Guard detained a 34-year-old unemployed resident of the Perm Krai in Izhevsk on suspicion of drug trafficking. During a personal search of the suspect, operatives found in the pocket of her jacket a package in which, according to a study, there was a narcotic drug **amphetamine** weighing **50 grams**. In the course of further operational-search activities, police officers found 13 dead drops in Izhevsk, with about **400 grams of amphetamine**. <a href="https://mbg.pd/news/item/48515315/">https://mbg.pd/news/item/48515315/</a>

**28.03.2024** A large shipment of drugs was discovered in St. Petersburg from a probable member of a criminal group, the press service of the regional department of the Federal Security Service reported on Thursday. 15 briquettes and 24 rolls with a total weight of at least **15 kilograms** containing **cocaine** were seized" the department said. During a search at the place of residence of the man they found six units of unregistered firearms, a hand grenade, a fuse, cartridges of different caliber, as well as **cocaine** weighing at least **100 grams**. Also seized were forged identification cards from several federal agencies, which he used to cover up his illegal activities. <a href="https://www.interfax-russia.ru/northwest/news/muzhchinu-s-15-kg-kokaina-zaderzhali-v-peterburge">https://www.interfax-russia.ru/northwest/news/muzhchinu-s-15-kg-kokaina-zaderzhali-v-peterburge</a>

**29.03.2024** Operatives of the Drug Control Directorate of the Volgograd Region GU MVD of Russia, together with officers of the regional Federal Security Service, identified the involvement of a 31-year-old resident of the capital and a 38-year-old resident of St. Petersburg in illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs. In the car on which he was traveling, police found rolls with powdery substance. A study carried out by specialists of the Expert Criminalistics Center of GU MVD of Russia in Volgograd Region showed that the contents of the packages were **methadone** with a total weight of more than **5 kg**. https://mbg.pd/news/item/48568630/

**29.03.2024** On 28 March this year as a result of operative-search measures officers of the Drug Control Department, with the assistance of the traffic police of the Primorsky District Department of Internal Affairs of Russia, stopped a Hyundai Solaris car. The car was driven by a 32-year-old citizen of a neighboring country. During inspection of the stopped car, police

found and seized electronic scales, packaging material and 2 rolls containing, according to the expert examination, the drug **mephedrone** with a total mass of **249.5 grams.** <a href="https://mbд.pф/news/item/48560337/">https://mbд.pф/news/item/48560337/</a>

**29.03.2024** During operational activities in the regional center, officers of the Drug Control Department of the Tambov Region Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia detained a foreign citizen on suspicion of illegal sale of narcotic drugs. During a personal search of the 28-year-old man, police officers found drug parcels. During further operational activities at the place of residence of the detained citizen, police officers also found drugs, scales and packing materials. According to results of examination, it was found that the seized drugs were **N-methylephedrone** with a total mass of **351.73 grams.** https://mbg.pd/news/item/48558553/

**29.03.2024** Officers of the Drug Control Department of the Kursk Region Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia stopped a channel for supply of a particularly large consignment of drugs. As a result of special measures, operatives together with inspectors of the regional traffic police stopped a Mercedes car driven by a 33-year-old native of the Republic of Adygea. Together with him in the cabin was a 22-year-old resident of Kursk. Police officers found a cache in the underbelly of the car, in which the suspects were transporting **700 tablets of potent drugs**. During a search of the criminals' rented apartment, operatives also found **500 grams of mephedrone and 200 grams of marijuana.** https://mbg.pd/news/item/48547380/

**30.03.2024** Earlier, officers of the Drug Control Department in the Zavolzhsky district of Yaroslavl detained a man born in 1976 and a woman born in 1982 as a result of operative-search activities, from whom two rolls with a substance inside were found and seized. As a result of the research conducted by employees of the ECC of the UMVD, it was established that the seized substance is **hashish** with a total mass of more than **196 g**. During a search at the residence of the suspects, police also found and seized substances, which, according to conclusion of the Expert Forensic Center, are narcotic substances (**hashish** with a total mass of more than **3753 g**, **marijuana** with a total mass of more than **257 g**, **cocaine** with a total mass of more than **369 g** and synthetic drug **mephedrone** with a mass of more than **659 g**). <a href="https://mbg.pd/news/item/48544846/">https://mbg.pd/news/item/48544846/</a>

# **UZBEKISTAN**

**25.03.2024** Law enforcement agencies found a marijuana plantation belonging to a Tashkent resident. According to the Tashkent Police Department, the man had organized a specially equipped plantation on the roof of his house in Shaykhantakhur district to grow cannabis for sale. In the course of operational measures, they seized **173 flower pots with cannabis and 2 bags of dried marijuana**. <a href="https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/zhitelya-tashkenta-zaderzhali-za-vyrashchivanie-marikhuany-/">https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/zhitelya-tashkenta-zaderzhali-za-vyrashchivanie-marikhuany-/</a>

**26.03.2024** A local resident in Fergana region organized a greenhouse on his homestead plot where he grew opium poppies. The greenhouse was found in Chinortagi mahalla of Altyaryk district. It was found that a 63-year-old man had grown **1800 poppy bushes** on the homestead plot of a private house. In addition, law enforcers found **6 kilograms of** 

**dried poppy** in the house of the owner. <a href="https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/u-zhitelya-fergany-obnaruzhili-krupnuyu-plantatsiyu-opiumnogo-maka/">https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/u-zhitelya-fergany-obnaruzhili-krupnuyu-plantatsiyu-opiumnogo-maka/</a>

#### **OTHER COUNTRIES**

# **BAHAMAS**

**30.03.2024** A joint effort by a U.S. Coast Guard crew played a key role in assisting the Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBPF) and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in the seizure and transfer of a significant quantity of narcotics. About **390 kg** (862 pounds) of **cocaine** valued at 7.5 million dollars was successfully intercepted Tuesday at Mayaguana Airport in the Bahamas. (U.S. Coast Guard). <a href="https://cbs12.com/news/local/7-5-million-dollars-us-coast-guard-assists-in-major-bahamas-narcotics-bust-involving-862-pounds-of-cocaine-mayaguana-airport-florida-news-march-29-2024">https://cbs12.com/news/local/7-5-million-dollars-us-coast-guard-assists-in-major-bahamas-narcotics-bust-involving-862-pounds-of-cocaine-mayaguana-airport-florida-news-march-29-2024</a>

#### **BULGARIA**

**26.03.2024** Customs officers at the seaport of Burgas-West found **170 kg of cocaine** worth about 6.8 million dollars in a banana container. The container with drug was unloaded from a ship that came to Bulgaria from Ecuador, cocaine was concealed in a specially equipped cache. The vessel has now left the Bulgarian port and continues on its route. <a href="https://tass.ru/proisshestviya/20360219">https://tass.ru/proisshestviya/20360219</a>

#### **CANADA**

**29.03.2024** A major drug and weapons trafficking operation by the Montreal Police Force Organized Crime Unit (SPVM) took place in Montreal, Toronto, Longueuil and Chateauga. Police say they were able to seize a huge stockpile of illegal drugs and weapons after 20 searches were conducted in Toronto and the Montreal area. According to press release, the operation seized **97 kilograms** (213 pounds) of **cocaine** worth about 2.5 million dollars, as well as **26 kilograms of MDMA, 600000 methamphetamine pills.** https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/20-guns-nearly-100-kg-of-cocaine-100k-in-cash-montreal-police-make-major-drug-bust-1.6826200

**21.03.2024** In a statement released Thursday, Montreal police said they also seized "thousands of opioid, amphetamine and benzodiazepine pills" during the operation following an investigation into a drug trafficking network that resulted in the seizure of **21 kilograms of cocaine**. Total value of the seized drugs is estimated at nearly 1 million dollars". <a href="https://montrealgazette.com/news/d-d-o-resident-among-trio-charged-in-major-cocaine-bust">https://montrealgazette.com/news/d-d-o-resident-among-trio-charged-in-major-cocaine-bust</a>

**29.03.2024** The Ontario Provincial Police Upper Ottawa Valley (UOV) Detachment says they received a call just after 1:30 a.m. Wednesday reporting a "traffic incident" on the highway. According to police, officers arrived on scene and located and stopped a vehicle with one passenger in it. They were arrested and transported to the detachment for further testing. Further investigation by police resulted in the seizure of approximately **125 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine**, with an estimated street value of 7.5 million dollars.

https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/opp-seize-7-5-million-worth-of-drugs-in-eastern-ontario-1.6827092

#### **COLOMBIA**

**27.03.2024** In a joint operation between the Colombian Navy, Colombian Air Force and the U.S. Southern Command Joint Interagency Task Force, authorities seized more than 113 million dollars worth of cocaine from a vessel near San Andres Island. After a chase that lasted several miles, the vessel, which had covered its cargo with a blue tarp, was finally intercepted, officials said. The three Colombians, one Honduran and one Venezuelan aboard the boat were arrested, and a subsequent inspection confirmed that the boat was carrying **3355 kilograms of cocaine.** <a href="https://www.cbsnews.com/news/cocaine-seized-caribbean-high-speed-chase-joint-operation-colombia-us/">https://www.cbsnews.com/news/cocaine-seized-caribbean-high-speed-chase-joint-operation-colombia-us/</a>

**27.03.2024** Colombian National Police officers discovered about **1.7 tons of cocaine** concealed in a shipment of avocados. The shipment was reportedly seized in the port of Santa Marta and its final destination was reportedly Setubal in Portugal. <a href="https://abc7chicago.com/drug-bust-cocaine-avocados-santa-marta-colombia/14573975/">https://abc7chicago.com/drug-bust-cocaine-avocados-santa-marta-colombia/14573975/</a>

# LAOS

**26.03.2024** Police in Tonpheung district of Laos' northern province of Bokeo recently apprehended two suspects and seized 166 bags of crystal **methamphetamine** weighing a total of **166 kg**.

In another drug-related case, local police in Hongsa district of Xayaboury province arrested a suspect along with two vehicles carrying 33 bags of crystal **methamphetamine** with a total weight of **1000 kg**. <a href="https://vir.com.vn/laos-thwarts-numerous-major-drug-cases-109862.html">https://vir.com.vn/laos-thwarts-numerous-major-drug-cases-109862.html</a>

#### **MALAYSIA**

**21.03.2024** Bukit Aman Narcotics Crime Investigation Department (JSJN) director Datuk Khaw Kok Chin said that after nearly four months of investigation, two men aged 33 and 44 were detained with **62.7 kilograms** of shabu (**methamphetamine**). After interrogation on the same day, the JSJN team conducted another raid at a luxury condominium suspected to be a storage facility and seized various types of drugs, including **332.4 kilograms** of shabu (**methamphetamine**), **15.7 kilograms of ecstasy** tablets, **8.1 kilograms of Erimin 5** tablets and **6.07 kilograms of MDMA** powder, which could be used by 1.8 million drug users. <a href="https://thesun.my/local\_news/police-cripple-largest-recreational-drug-syndicate-seize-drugs-worth-rm1415m-JF12244418#google\_vignette">https://thesun.my/local\_news/police-cripple-largest-recreational-drug-syndicate-seize-drugs-worth-rm1415m-JF12244418#google\_vignette</a>

**22.03.2024** Datuk State police officers arrested suspects and seized **139.5 kilograms of marijuana** (ganja) worth about 432,614 ringgit in a drug interdiction operation. <a href="https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2024/03/1029171/family-5-held-penang-drug-bust-1395kg-ganja-seized">https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2024/03/1029171/family-5-held-penang-drug-bust-1395kg-ganja-seized</a>

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#### USA

21.03.2024 Officers of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) in Georgetown, in collaboration with the Joint Interagency Task Force South (JIATFS), the Guyana Customs Anti-Narcotics Unit (CANU) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), conducted an operation to interdict a homemade semi-submersible SPSS approximately 150 miles off the coast of Guyana, carrying 2370 kilograms of cocaine on board. The US Navy missile cruiser USS Leyte Gulf intercepted the SPSS, resulting in four arrests and seizure of cocaine. https://www.facebook.com/100083110822288/posts/421148087332215/?mibextid=rS40aB 7S9Ucbxw6v

#### **THAILAND**

27.03.2024 A police raid in Patumthani's Lat Lum Kaeo district arrested six members of a major drug network and seized 5.6 million methamphetamine tablets and 200 kilograms of ketamine. https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2766141/largedrug-network-busted-meth-and-ketamine-seized

#### **TURKIYE**

**30.03.2024** Turkish security authorities seized **850 kilograms of heroin** at the Habur customs checkpoint on Turkey's southeastern border with Iraq. A search of a truck found 850 kilograms of heroin concealed in the loaded cargo. Also, in the past two weeks, a risk analysis conducted by customs teams has resulted in the seizure of about 85 kilograms of **heroin** at Istanbul's Pendik port and the seizure of about **36 kilograms** of drugs, including cannabis and cocaine, at Istanbul's airport.

#### **UKRAINE**

**26.03.24** The SBU neutralized an international criminal group selling hard drugs to the EU. A special operation in Kiev and Zaporizhzhya resulted in the detention of seven members of the drug syndicate. Among them are three of its organizers. They were hiding out in a Balkan country and were running drug business from there. SBU officers prevented this and detained the criminals in an attempt to smuggle more than **1 kg of drugs** across the border. https://censor.net/ru/photo\_news/3480781/sbu\_vyvela\_izza\_granitsy\_i\_zaderjala\_v\_ukrain\_ e\_liderov\_bandy\_prodavavshih\_narkotiki\_v\_evrosoyuze\_foto

**30.03.2024** Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the GUNPe of the Kharkiv region found a 22-year-old Kharkiv resident who worked as a "dead dropper" for an Internet store. During personal examination and search at his place of residence law enforcers seized a bag with psychotropic substance "alpha-PVP" weighing about 500 grams.

Another 27-year-old Kharkiv resident set up a warehouse of narcotic substances in his garage and distributed psychotropics to couriers through "dead drops". During a search, police seized about **500** grams of the psychotropic substance PVP. https://glavnoe.in.ua/ru/novosti/polyczyya-pojmala-v-harkove-srazu-pyateryhnarkosbytchykov

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# **FRANCE**

**21.03.2024 2.7 tons of cocaine** were seized Monday in a container arriving from the French overseas department of Guadeloupe at the port of Le Havre on France's Atlantic coast. Customs officials found "2,440 bricks of cocaine" concealed in removable boxes. <a href="https://dariknews.bg/novini/sviat/blizo-3-tona-kokain-biaha-otkriti-v-pristanishteto-na-havyr-2378706">https://dariknews.bg/novini/sviat/blizo-3-tona-kokain-biaha-otkriti-v-pristanishteto-na-havyr-2378706</a>