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CARICC MEMBER STATES

THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

02.01.2019 Officers of the State Border Service at the Bilasuvar border checkpoint foiled an attempt to smuggle drugs from the Islamic Republic of Iran to Azerbaijan. After having inspected Iranian citizens traveling from Iran to the Republic of Azerbaijan born in 1991 and 1980, **392 g of heroin** were discovered in their internal organs. A citizen of the Republic of Azerbaijan, a 49-year-old resident of Baku, was detained on January 3, 2019 during operational search activities carried out by officers of the State Border Service and bodies of the Ministry of Internal Affairs aimed at identifying the customer and bringing him to justice. A criminal case has been instituted on this fact. <https://minval.az/news/123853982>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

02.01.2019 On the beaches of Bundaberg in Elliott Head located on the coastline of Queensland police found two packages of **cocaine with a total weight of 2 kg**. According to police, cocaine is part of a consignment thrown by smugglers overboard of a drugs carrying ship, as early as August 2018. Then police seized 600 kg of cocaine. Police believe there may be other packages that can be found along the coast due to tidal and ocean currents. <https://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/national/queensland/powder-that-washed-up-on-queensland-shores-believed-to-be-cocaine-20190102-p50p96.html>

BELARUS

03.01.2019 The Grodno regional customs officers at the Bruzgi checkpoint thwarted an attempt to import large quantities of cocaine into the EAEU territory. In carrying out customs control of a car driven by a resident of the European Union, it was decided to send the car for inspection using an inspection complex. After receiving scan prints, a dog service was involved in the customs inspection along with a gas analyzer. According to the results of the measures taken, three convolutions of **cocaine with a total weight of about 2.5 kg** were collected from the cache in the engine compartment of the vehicle. <http://www.customs.gov.by/ru/news1-ru/view/popytku-vvezti-v-stranu-okolo-25-kg-kokaina-presekli-grodnenskie-tamozhenniki-9438-2019/>

BRAZIL

04.01.2019 Agents of the Federal Revenue Service in the port of Paranagua discovered and confiscated **760 kg of cocaine** in a shipment of chicken. The drug was concealed in a container with frozen chicken in boxes, and the destination of the cargo was the port of



Antwerp in Belgium. Seized cocaine shipment was sent to the Federal Police in Curitiba for further investigation.

<https://ppnewsfb.com.br/receita-federal-apreende-760-kg-de-cocaina-em-carga-de-frango/>

INDIA

03.01.2019 In the public parking lot in Udaipur, Rajasthan, a Scorpion vehicle with **328 kg of opium**, 4 gun rounds and 6 fake car license plates was found. Police have identified the owner, resident of Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh. Investigation is currently underway.

<https://udaipurtimes.com/cartridges-and-opium-powder-recovered-from-a-car/>

COLOMBIA

04.01.2019 Officers of the Anti-Narcotics Police in the seaport of Cartagena seized **183 kg of cocaine**. The operation took place in the seaport recreation area, where the Anti-Narcotics Police officers examined a container with recycled paper. The shipment was to be shipped to the port of Antwerp in Belgium. Street value of the consignment is estimated at \$ 12 million.

<http://zonacero.com/?q=judiciales/policia-incauto-183-kilos-de-cocaina-en-puerto-de-cartagena-120286>

MOROCCO

01.01.2019 At the Mohammed V airport in Casablanca, in an attempt to smuggle drugs intracavitarily, two Namibian citizens were detained, from whose stomach 187 capsules containing **3.7 kg of cocaine** were seized. Two suspects were arrested by security services on suspicion of cocaine smuggling at Mohammed V airport on arrival on board a flight from Sao Paulo in Brazil.

<https://allafrica.com/stories/201901020052.html>

05.01.2019 Agents of the National Judicial Police Brigade (BNPJ) in El Jadida, near Casablanca, arrested four people, including a woman suspected of drug trafficking. According to the General Directorate for Territorial Supervision (DGST), police arrested a truck driver who was transporting 400 bags of **hashish with a total weight of 10 tons**. Drugs were intended to be smuggled by sea. During judicial investigation, police placed the suspects in custody under supervision of competent prosecutor's office. Investigation is aimed at finding out the criminal connections of drug cartel inside Morocco, as well as at revealing their connections with criminal networks at international level.

<https://www.bladi.net/droque-saisie-tanger-med,53983.html>

PAKISTAN

02.01.2019 Officers of the Anti-Narcotics Forces (ANF) of Rawalpindi identified and countered an attempt to smuggle **2 kg of heroin**. During a baggage search operation, a passenger from Noshavara who was flying to Riyadh on flight EK 613 from Dubai Emirates from Islamabad airport was arrested.

<https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/2-kg-ice-heroin-seized-in-rawalpindi-521101.html>

03.01.2019 Border Security Forces (BSF) at the border between India and Pakistan in the Ferozepur sector discovered four packs of **heroin with a total weight of 2 kg**. A special



search operation was launched by BSF after servicemen noticed suspicious movements near border fence. <https://www.ptcnews.tv/bsf-seize-2-kg-heroin-rs-10-crore/>

USA

02.01.2019 Officers of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) of Texas in Carson county as a result of stopping a Ford car on I-40 near Conway because of traffic violations found and seized about **3.2 kg of cocaine**. During an inspection of the car they found cocaine packaging hidden inside the front axle. Special DEA agents arrived at the site to assist colleagues. Mexican citizens, a 44-year-old driver and a 64-year-old passenger, were arrested on charges of possessing a controlled substance and were taken to Randall County Prison. Drugs were smuggled from Mexico to the city of Toledo, Ohio. <https://www.everythinglubbock.com/news/state-regional/dps-discovers-cocaine-concealed-inside-front-axle/1683855884>

02.01.2019 Police officers in Allentown, Pennsylvania found 4 packs containing about **2 kg of heroin** in the vehicle's half-open secret compartment in the center console as a result of stopping and inspecting a Honda Pilot SUV run by a 31-year-old illegal migrant from Mexico. Allentown police is investigating this case. <http://www.wfmz.com/news/lehigh-valley/police-say-suv-s-hidden-compartment-concealed-2-kilos-of-heroin/962000824>

TURKEY

05.01.2019 During anti-drug operations in the eastern province of Bitlis, more than **61 kg of marijuana** were seized inside a house. One suspect was arrested on drug trafficking charges. In addition, in the eastern province of Van in Edremit, police found and confiscated **21 kg of heroin** in a vehicle. Vehicle driver was detained. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/todays-headlines/turkish-police-seize-over-82-kg-of-marijuana-heroin/1356965>