

CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

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04.02-10.02.2019**№ 6****CARICC MEMBER STATES****THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**

07.02.2019 The State Border Service of Azerbaijan has stopped a smuggling of 21,775 kg of narcotic substances, including **10,115 kg of heroin** across the border with Iran. Two citizens of Azerbaijan, residents of Fizuli were detained. Four violators of the state border managed to escape from prosecution. On February 4, an unknown violator disobeying orders of border guards disappeared in the Beylagan district in the direction of the Azerbaijan-Iran border, throwing a package of **10,115 kg of heroin** and a Blow 2003 mini gun on the ground. <https://haqqin.az/news/144638>

THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

05.02.2019 Police officers in Kokshetau, Akmola region detained two drug dealers - residents of Zhambyl region, who illegally kept **25 kg of hashish** in a rented apartment in order to sell. Detainees tried to set up a channel for the supply of drugs from the Zhambyl region to the territory of the Akmola region. Both suspects were detained. https://express-k.kz/news/svodka/presechena_popytka_naladit_postavki_narkotikov_s_yuga_na_sever_kazahstana-136252

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

04.02.2019 Officers of UKON UMVD of Russia in the Ivanovo region blocked a supply channel of the drug heroin to the region. It was established that two women, 28 and 32 years old, one of whom is a citizen of Tajikistan, brought large quantities of heroin from Moscow to Ivanovo for the purpose of selling in a contactless way through caches. **361 g of heroin** were seized from women. This case is under investigation. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15706179>

05.02.2019 Officers of the Dalnerechensky department of the Ministry of the Interior of Primorsky Krai detained a 55-year-old resident of the village of Rakitnoe, who illegally kept **19 kg of cannabis** in an abandoned house in his household. A criminal case has been instituted on this fact. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15720008>

05.02.2019 Police officers in Moscow detained two men born in 1987 and 1988 suspected of selling narcotic drugs. Police stopped a wanted car on Freedom street. The driver was nervous and when asked by the traffic police, he admitted that he was transporting drugs in the car that were prepared to be sold through caches in the territory of Moscow. As a result of the vehicle inspection, caches were found in the trunk, under the front and rear seats, where there were 14 **amphetamine bags with a total weight of 15 kg**. Investigation is underway. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15720183>

05.02.2019 In the course of a special operation, officers of the UKON GU of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Novosibirsk region curbed activity of a laboratory on the production of synthetic drugs. Two men aged 25 and 22 organized production of drugs of synthetic origin in a rented apartment located in Novosibirsk. During a search, more than twenty polymer canisters with liquids and traces of substances, objects and equipment, ingredients and precursors used for production of drugs of synthetic origin were found and seized in the laboratory. In addition, **synthetic drugs already prepared for marketing, weighing about 5.5 kg** were discovered and confiscated. Suspects - two brothers arrived in Novosibirsk from Ulan-Ude in order to carry out illegal activities on production and sale of prohibited substances on the territory of Novosibirsk in a contactless way using the Internet. This case is under investigation. Punishment for commission of this crime is provided up to life imprisonment. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15719078>

04.02.2019 Transport police officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Central Federal District in Moscow stopped sale of heroin on a large scale. A 42-year-old resident of the Moscow region was detained at the moment of retrieving **1.9 kg of heroin** from a cache. A criminal case has been instituted on this case. Earlier, the man was convicted of banditry, robbery and illegal possession of weapons. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15715338>

05.02.2019 Officers of the cavalry branch of the OB PPS UMVD of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the city of Vladimir on a patrol route in one of the garden associations detained a young man and a woman suspected of selling drugs in a contactless way through caches. Suspects arrived in Vladimir from a neighboring region. In the course of further activities in the Moscow region at the place of residence of a detainee, **amphetamine, mephedrone, hashish with a total weight of more than 500 g** were seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15722100>

05.02.2019 Officers of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the city of Makhachkala, Republic of Dagestan detained two drug couriers of 22 and 23 years old, who arrived by car from the Tula region to put drugs in a cache. During a personal search and as a result of vehicle inspection, about **3 kg of mephedrone and 300 g of hashish** were found and seized. Drug traffickers arrived in Makhachkala on instructions of a curator unknown to them, who gave instructions via the Internet. With such "orders" they were already in St. Petersburg, Moscow and Kazan. Subsequently, a 25-year-old man and a 22-year-old girl were detained at places of caches, during which about 45 g of mephedrone were discovered during a personal search, which were prepared for retail sales through hiding places. During a search at the girl's place of residence, about 8 g of mephedrone and about 2 g of N-methylephedron were also collected. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15727541>

05.02.2019 Officers of the UKON Directorate of the MIA of Russia in the Voronezh region jointly with traffic police inspectors and colleagues from the regional UFSB of Russia detained suspects of selling narcotic drugs on a large scale. In the Bogucharsky district, at 741 km of the M-4 Don road, a Volkswagen Passat heading south was stopped. Passengers of the vehicle, 28 and 26-year-old residents of the Republic of Tatarstan, whom the driver found through site ads to find companions, were noticeably nervous. During a search, several convolutions containing **3 kg of mephedrone, 250 g of "salt", 470 g of hashish**

and 417 g of marijuana were found and seized from their backpacks by policemen. Detainees planned to sell the drugs on the territory of the Rostov region by equipping caches. Criminal case has been initiated against suspects. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15725047>

06.02.2019 Officers of the OKON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the city of Novokuznetsk, Kemerovo region detained a 36-year-old local resident suspected of selling narcotic drugs, smoking mixes in a contactless way. Police found "shop" for the sale of drugs created by the suspect for sale of drugs in one of the popular online messengers. The man was arrested as soon as he equipped a cache. A total of **10 g of reagent, more than 360 g of ready-made smoking mixes as well as packaging material** were seized from the detainee. The suspect found a method of criminal earnings through the Internet, where he ordered everything necessary for manufacture of prohibited substances. He was selling through bookmarks in the dark, explaining to his family that he had found an informal night job as an electrician on duty. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15739809>

07.02.2019 Officers of the UKON Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Voronezh region detained seven participants in a criminal group - men aged 21 to 26 years old, and a 24-year-old woman suspected of selling narcotic drugs on a large scale via the Internet. The suspects carried out the transfer of large quantities of narcotic substances between members of the group through caches, which were equipped in forests located near Voronezh. The method of distribution to drug users included attaching a small plastic bag with a drug magnet to metal fences, power lines, garbage cans located in courtyards of high-rise buildings as well as in park areas of Voronezh. In total, more than **2 kg of amphetamine, 2 kg of hashish, about 100 g of cocaine** were seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15748787>

08.02.2019 Officers of the OKON UMVD of Russia for the city of Vladikavkaz, Republic of North Ossetia-Alania detained a 33-year-old man on suspicion of illegally selling heroin through caches, from which a cell phone was seized during a personal search, with which he recorded locations of caches. **Over 133 grams of heroin** were seized in total. The detainee arrived in North Ossetia from the Moscow region. Criminal case has been initiated against the young man. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15761033>

08.02.2019 Officers of GUNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia and UKON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Republic of Tatarstan found that a group of people living in the city of Naberezhnye Chelny distributed the drug Mephedrone through an online store. The accomplices have equipped a handicraft laboratory on synthesizing this drug in the back room of a charity foundation office. The leader of the group was a 32-year-old head of this organization, who involved two relatives aged 23 and 26 into illegal activities. Minors were also involved in the work of the fund, whom the organizer forced to raise money in public places in the cities of Naberezhnye Chelny, Nizhnekamsk, Elabuga, Mamadysh. The funds collected were partially used for charity purposes, but the man appropriated most of them and used them for personal purposes, including for purchase of components for production of drugs. As a result of operational search activities, police detained two suspects. At the same time searches were conducted in their places of residence, as well as in the office of the foundation, during which laboratory equipment, precursors used for the manufacture of drugs were seized. In the courtyard of a private house, a Gazel car was found, in which

more than **5 kg of a narcotic drug** was drying. In the course of further activities, a third member of the group was detained, during inspection of his vehicle more than **100 g of a narcotic substance of synthetic origin, an intermediate product of mephedrone synthesis** were seized. Thus, more than **5 kg of mephedrone, more than 40 liters of precursors in liquid form and over 100 g of precursors in the form of powder** were confiscated. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15769188>

08.02.2019 Officers of UKON UMVD of Russia in the Tver region detained three foreign citizens from neighboring countries in Tver - men aged 21 to 46 years old, suspected of selling narcotic drugs. During a personal search, they seized more than **15 g of heroin**. Drug traffickers intended to sell the drug in a contactless manner on the territory of Tver. In the course of further activities, another **800 g of heroin** were seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15767771>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BELARUS

07.02.2019 Officers of GUVД of Mingorispolkom detained two Muscovites in a forest belt on the territory of Minsk - a 20-year-old young man and a 22-year-old woman who equipped caches for further sale of drugs by small drug traffickers. In total, more than **6 kg of hashish** were found. <https://www.sb.by/articles/v-minske-perekryli-kanal-postavki-narkotikov-iz-rossii-v-belarus-u-kurerov-izyali-6-kg-gashisha.html>

10.02.2019 Officers of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus prevented an attempt to smuggle a large party of hashish at the checkpoint "Stone Log" on the border with Lithuania. A 48-year-old Russian citizen in a Kia Sorento car tried to cross the border along the green corridor. When customs officers offered the man to inspect his car, the driver tried to escape, but was detained by border guards. As a result of inspection with the help of an inspection-and-search complex in the car, a cache was discovered under the seats of the off-road vehicle, which contained 67 briquettes with **hashish with a total weight of 63 kg**. A criminal case has been initiated against the detainee. <https://sputnik.by/video/20190211/1040017396/Rossiyandin-vez-v-Belarus-60-kg-narkotikov-iz-Litvy.html>

BRAZIL

01.02.2019 The Customs of the Brazilian Federal Revenue Administration together with the federal police, discovered **266 kg of cocaine** in the port of Santos hidden in a container destined for the port of Chennai (India). The cargo was to be transported to the port of Antwerp (Belgium). Risk analysis work based on certain criteria, including use of non-intrusive images (X-rays), enabled the IRS teams to select a container with regular asbestos loading, in which the cocaine consignment was found. <http://receita.economia.gov.br/noticias/ascom/2019/fevereiro/receita-federal-intercepta-carga-de-exportacao-contendo-cocaina-no-porto-de-santos>

05.02.2019 Officers of the Federal Revenue Service in Santos and the Federal Police in a joint operation discovered cocaine on a ship in the port of Santos. On images of surveillance cameras a small vessel with two people was found, which approached the ship docked to a container terminal. A dark-colored bag was unloaded from the ship and carried by two port

workers on board the ship. During inspection, a bag of black fabric was discovered by customs officers inside a container with frozen cargo. The bag contained 16 packages containing **17.26 kg of cocaine**. The container was bound for the port of Las Palmas (Spain). Federal Police detained two port workers for inquest.

<http://receita.economia.gov.br/sobre/acoes-e-programas/acoes-da-receita-federal/noticias/2019/fevereiro/8a-regiao-fiscal/receita-federal-localiza-cocaina-em-navio-no-porto-de-santos>

06.02.2019 The Federal Revenue Office in the port of Paranaguá, on the coast of Paraná, in a container loaded with plywood found and seized **450 kg of cocaine**. The cargo was intended for shipment to the port of Antwerp (Belgium).

<http://portalpalotina.com.br/artigo/receita-apreende-450-quilos-de-cocaina-em-carga-de-compensados-de-madeira-no-porto-de-paranagua-C-22857>

GUATEMALA

05.02.2019 Agents of the Drug Analysis and Information Unit (SGAIA) of the National Civil Police (PNC) in Puerto de San José aboard the Star Endeavor I in a warehouse on deck 4 found 40 packs of **cocaine weighing about 40 kg** inside a banana box.

<http://mingob.gob.gt/revisan-40-paquetes-localizados-en-un-buque-se-presume-droga-en-su-interior/>

INDIA

05.02.2019 Police at a checkpoint near the Fillaur bridge detained a resident of New Delhi suspected of selling heroin, from whom **500 grams of heroin** were seized. The man hid drugs inside women's sandals that were with him. The drug trafficker explained that drug was intended to be sold in Jalandhar and Kapurthala. He was involved in drug trafficking by a woman from Nigeria, whom he met on the Internet through Facebook. For the delivery of a heroin shipment, she promised to pay him 35 thousand rupees.

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/jalandhar/man-held-with-500-gm-of-heroin/724262.html>

05.02.2019 In Firozpur, BSF troops near the Jagdish border post seized **4.7 kg of heroin**.

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/punjab/4-7-kg-heroin-seized-from-pak-border/724409.html>

07.02.2019 Police on the beach in Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu found and seized **196 kg of marijuana** intended for smuggling to Sri Lanka. A citizen of Sri Lanka was arrested on suspicion of smuggling.

<https://www.ndtv.com/cities/marijuana-worth-rs-1-crore-seized-in-tamil-nadus-rameswaram-sri-lankan-citizen-arrested-1989563>

IRAN

05.02.2019 A large consignment of opium was seized by Iranian Border Police in the southeastern province of Sistan and Baluchistan on the border with Pakistan. Iranian border forces in Saravan have learned that a Peugeot was trying to smuggle drugs from the Pakistani border. Following detention and inspection of the car, **450 kg of opium** were found in it.

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83199120>

COLOMBIA

06.02.2019 Units of the National Navy in the city of Turbo, province of Antioquia, seized **31,546 kg of cocaine hydrochloride** carried on board a Portuguese-flagged vessel. During underwater inspection work, divers from the Uraby Coast Guard station found 31 packs wrapped in black plastic hidden in the underwater structure of the merchant ship - a sea box located at the rear of the starboard. Cache of drugs was transferred to the coast guard station in Urab, where judicial authorities conducted a study of the detected substance. <https://www.armada.mil.co/es/content/armada-nacional-incauta-clorhidrato-cocaina-en-golfo-uraba>

LITHUANIA

01.02.2019 Officers of the patrol of mobile groups of Kaunas territorial customs at the Lithuanian-Polish border at a former border control point in Kalvarija stopped a Volkswagen, which was driven by a Russian citizen. As a result of inspection using an X-ray system, caches were found at the bottom of the car. After opening them, almost **72 kg of hashish** were discovered. Drug courier explained that he was returning from a trip to Western Europe. The value of the consignment is estimated at 720 thousand Euros. A pre-trial investigation of drug smuggling has been launched in the Kaunas branch of the Customs and Criminal Service. The investigation is being conducted by the Kaunas Regional Prosecutor's Office. The driver of the car is arrested by a decision of the Kaunas district court.

https://www.lrmuitine.lt/web/guest/naujienos/aktualijos/aktualija?p_p_id=EXT_WPLISTALLNEWS&p_p_lifecycle=0&EXT_WPLISTALLNEWS_obj_id=0922a1af842fa28e#en
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8GkBFQVToIU>

MALTA

06.02.2019 The Customs Department of Malta in the Freeport found and seized about **60 kg of cocaine**. Customs officers selected a container from South America to scrutinize. Malta was an intermediate point for cargo that was going to the Middle East. In the container according to accompanying documents were 532 barrels with waterproofing substance. Subsequently, customs officers scanned the container and found some irregularities in images. When inspecting the barrels, plastic bags with a white substance in the form of a paste were found in six of them, immersed in an oily liquid. I total six packs of 10 kg each were seized. Further examinations have shown that the level of purity of cocaine is 100%. Due to high purity, the consignment value is estimated at between 9 and 11 million Euros. The case was referred to the Drug Enforcement Police, which is conducting an investigation, while the duty magistrate is investigating with the assistance of a group of experts from the Police Forensic Department. <http://www.independent.com.mt/articles/2019-02-06/local-news/60kg-of-cocaine-worth-11-million-seized-at-Freeport-6736203250>

MEXICO

06.02.2019 Marines found two small boats sailing off the coast of Oaxaca. Aviation patrols discovered the vessels and caught several such boats that smuggled drugs during the past year. Then the sea boats forced the smugglers to go to the beach in Cerro Hermoso, near Uatulco. Marines onboard boats found **11 bags of cocaine, weighing about 500 kg**, as

well as 66 containers with 350 liters of fuel. Each of the two high-speed boats was equipped with two outboard engines. One crew member of the boat was detained, the rest escaped arrest.

<https://mexiconewsdaily.com/news/marines-find-half-a-tonne-cocaine/>

NIGERIA

08.02.2019 The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) at the international airport Mallam Aminu Kano arrested a 50-year-old drug dealer in an attempt to smuggle **1 kg of cocaine** intracavitarily. The drug trafficker swallowed 77 containers of cocaine and was discovered during screening of Tarco's passengers in Khartoum, Sudan. In addition, officers of the State Command of the Yobe Agency seized **360.6 kg of cannabis** hidden in a fake compartment in a Peugeot J5 car. Two suspects in the car were detained.

<https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2019/02/08/ndlea-nabs-man-with-77-wraps-of-cocaine/>

PARAGUAY

05.02.2019 During an operation carried out by the National Anti-Drug Secretariat (SENAD), **40,084 Ecstasy tablets weighing 20.042 kg** were seized at Silvio Pettrossi International Airport. The drugs came from the Netherlands, their destination was Ciudad del Este. Drugs were also intended to meet high demand during carnivals in Brazil. The SENAD airport crew, together with drug search dogs, found 3 crates from the Netherlands. The boxes contained jars labeled "Oldtimer." The first package contained 15 cans and a jar of chewing candies. Inside the cans were Ecstasy tablets labeled "WI-FI", with a total weight of 9,307 kg. The second box contained 16 cans of Ecstasy, with a total weight of 10,016 kg. The third package contained 16 cans, one of which contained drugs, and the rest had candy. The weight of the package was 721 g. Deliveries of similar synthetic drugs were registered in Brazil and South Africa, in both countries goods with similar characteristics were intercepted. In addition, the Paraguayan Post Office intercepted a parcel to Australia, which contained boxes with markers, metal balls and children's books. When viewed inside 12 markers, **cocaine containers with a total weight of 306.5 g** were found.

<https://www.ip.gov.py/ip/senad-incauta-mas-de-20-kilos-de-extasis-en-el-aeropuerto-pettirossi/>

07.02.2019 Agents of the National Anti-Drug Secretariat at a ranch located in a small town 400 km north of the capital Asuncion, found and seized **2 tons 199 kg of cocaine**. A man and a woman were arrested. The cargo was delivered to the National Anti-Drug Secretariat in the capital of Paraguay, an investigation is being conducted to establish the origin of the consignment.

https://tdn.com/news/world/paraguay-seizes-largest-cocaine-cargo-in-country-s-north/article_12b5a8ad-bf52-5e18-aa03-ce527a8a4cd3.html

USA

04.02.2019 Officers of the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at the port of entry in Tekat found **55.34 kg of methamphetamine** hidden in metal sheaths of tires of a Mitsubishi Montero SUV driven by a 59-year-old US citizen. As a result of vehicle inspections, caches were discovered in all four tires, from where 24 packages of methamphetamine were removed. Street value of the consignment is 323 thousand US dollars. The driver - a woman from La Puente, California, was arrested and handed over to National Security Investigation

agents. Vehicle and methamphetamine were confiscated. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/tecate-cbp-officers-find-122-lbs-meth-metal-casing-vehicle-tires>

04.02.2019 Border patrol agents in the Rio Grande Valley, Texas confiscated about **467 kg of marijuana**. Agents working near Escobares encountered a group of smugglers who were transporting marijuana bales. While trying to detain them, criminals threw bags and hid in Mexico. Agents seized 9 bags of **marijuana, with a total weight of about 172.4 kg**. In addition, border patrol agents prevented eight drug smuggling attempts, resulting in approximately **295 kg of marijuana** seized. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/border-patrol-agents-seize-over-1000-pounds-marijuana-rio-grande-0>

05.02.2019 Officers of the Webster Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force received information about a suspicious package that was to be delivered to an apartment on Lake Street. The South Worcester County Crime and Drug Task Force helped deliver the package to the address and arrested a 30-year-old drug dealer. A package with a logo in the form of a swastika containing **1 kg of cocaine** was found inside. During a search in the apartment where it was delivered, packing materials were found along with 200 cartridges of various calibers and a hydraulic press for packing drugs. <https://whdh.com/news/police-webster-drug-trafficking-suspect-caught-with-kilo-of-cocaine-with-swastika-pressed-into-it/>

06.02.2019 As a result of stopping a Honda Civic car for traffic violation by law enforcement forces on Interstate 75 in the District of Columbia, south of Lake Sitiz, two men 23 and 25 years old from North Carolina were arrested on charges of drug trafficking. A patrol dog found in the vehicle **3 kg of crystalline methamphetamine and 250 g of heroin**. Drug traffickers were arrested and taken to District of Columbia prison. <https://www.gainesville.com/news/20190206/fhp-dog-sniffs-out-meth-heroin>

08.02.2019 - US Customs and Border Protection arrested a Mexican citizen on Thursday for an alleged attempt to smuggle nearly **12.7 kg of methamphetamine** through the port of St. Louis, Arizona. Officers sent the driver, 29-year-old Mexican citizen, of a Ford car for additional checks at the entrance to the United States. As a result of inspections in the front bumper, rear seats and inside the panels, about 30 packs of methamphetamine, weighing 12.7 kg and worth about 191 thousand US dollars were found. Drugs and vehicle were confiscated by CBP agents. The driver was arrested and transferred to the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/meth-smuggler-nabbed-cbp-officers-port-san-luis>

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

10.02.2019 Customs officers in the export department of the Port Point Lisas port found **10.9 kg of cocaine** inside a container of food going to St. Martin. The container was addressed to an Indian businessman in St. Martin. <http://www.guardian.co.tt/news/9m-in-cocaine-on-st-marteenbound-container-6.2.777093.149026f115>

TURKEY

05.02.2019 Officers of Anti-Drug Group in Mersin found **615 kg of cocaine** in boxes with bananas from Ecuador during a joint operation with security forces from the southern

province of Hatay as a result of a container search in the port of Mersin. Four suspects were detained during the operation. <https://www.dailysabah.com/investigations/2019/02/05/615-kg-of-cocaine-found-in-banana-shipment-in-southern-turkeys-mersin>

CROATIA

04.02.2019 Dubrovnik Police found two packages of marijuana in two different places in coastal waters - one on Sipan Island, near Dubrovnik, and the other in Dubrovnik. The total weight of **marijuana was about 43.8 kg**. It is believed that smugglers from Albania to Italy in high-speed boats dump drugs when they are noticed by police, or there is a danger that their ship will sink in the open sea. Strong southerly winds and currents direct plastic waste from Albania, and in this case cannabis packaging to the shores of Dubrovnik. Packages of marijuana were delivered to the Dubrovnik Police Headquarters, where they will be destroyed. Dubrovnik-Neretwa police will conduct an investigation to determine the origin of drugs. <https://www.thedubrovniktimes.com/news/dubrovnik/item/6155-50-kilos-of-marijuana-floats-into-dubrovnik-on-southerly-winds>

SRI LANKA

05.02.2019 Officers of the Narcotics Unit of the Excise Department detained three suspects of smuggling a large amount of heroin. During the detention of two suspects in Vellawatte, **10 kg of heroin** were seized from them. The third suspect was taken into custody in a house located in Piliyandala, where about **100 kg of heroin** were stored. Excise officers believe that heroin was smuggled into Sri Lanka by sea. <http://www.dailymirror.lk/article/-kg-of-heroin-worth-Rs-Mn-seized-161977.html>

08.02.2019 Police Narcotics Bureau (PNB) at Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) arrested a 34-year-old Indian citizen for attempting to smuggle **1 kg of cocaine**. Drug trafficker arrived from Mumbai, cocaine was hidden in fake bottom of his luggage and found during a search. <http://www.dailymirror.lk/article/Indian-nabbed-with-cocaine-worth-Rs-mn-at-BIA-162097.html>

