

## CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

(based on mass media reports)

**25.02-03.03.2019**

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### CARICC MEMBER STATES

#### THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

**26.02.2019** Customs officers at the border guard station near the village of Bala Bakhmanli in the Fizuli district, in the area of responsibility of the Horadiz border detachment stopped an illegal crossing of the state border by two unidentified persons from Iran to Azerbaijan and smuggling into the republic of a large consignment of narcotic drugs. Faced with border guards, smugglers threw all cargo they had and hid in Iran. At the scene, **4.075 kg of heroin and 4.290 kg of marijuana** were found in two bags. On the same day, while inspecting the territory of a frontier post near the village of Dalali, Jalibad district, on the territory of the border guards "Gektepe" were found two unattended convolutions containing **7.9 kg of teriyak (raw opium), 1.020 kg of heroin, 3000 tablets of the psychotropic drug "methadone-40"**. An investigation is being conducted on these cases. <https://www.trend.az/azerbaijan/incident/3026338.html>

#### THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

**22.02.2019** Police officers in the Toktogul district of the Jalal-Abad region at the stationary "Chychkan" station on the Bishkek-Osh route stopped a Toyota car driven by a 40-year-old citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic. When inspecting the vehicle cabin, 190 matchboxes with **hashish with a total weight of 2.46 kg** were found. This fact is being investigated. <https://ru.sputnik.kg/incidents/20190225/1043491573/190-korobki-gashish-zaderzhanie-kyrgyzstanec.html>

**26.02.2019** Officers of the Anti-Drug Trafficking Service of the Internal Affairs Directorate of the Issyk-Kul region detained a 57-year-old resident of the village Chon Sary-Oi of the Issyk-Kul region in an attempt to sell **550 g of hashish**. During a search in the house of the suspect, **8.1 kg of marijuana** were found in bags. In addition, inside the house was a handicraft drugs manufacture machine. The fact is registered in the Unified register of crimes and offenses of the UVD of region. Pre-trial investigation started. Man was imprisoned. <https://ru.sputnik.kg/incidents/20190226/1043497498/issyk-kul-kyrgyzstanec-meshok-marihuana-stanok.html>

#### THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**26.02.2019** Officers of the UKON GU Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in St. Petersburg and the Leningrad region stopped activities of a drug laboratory located in one of the gardens of the Pushkin district of St. Petersburg. Two active members of an organized group were detained - its leader, a 29-year-old Muscovite and a 39-year-old resident of Omsk, who played the role of a chemist. During a search in a private house in the same gardening, police discovered laboratory chemists who directly produced the drug mephedrone and the psychotropic substance **bromethamphetamine**. During a search in a car and in the laboratory, drugs with a total mass of about **5 kg**, chemical reagents, including precursors

of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, objects and equipment used for manufacture of drugs, as well as a computer containing correspondence on the Internet website discussing topics related to production and sale of drugs were seized. This fact is under investigation. Four defendants were put in custody. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15981786>

**26.02.2019** Officers of UKON UMVD of Russia in the Bryansk region stopped activities of a drug lab located in a room on the territory of a private household in the Bezhitsky district of Bryansk. More than **1 kg of hashish and "salts"** as well as raw materials and equipment for manufacture of narcotic drugs were seized. The suspect, an 18-year-old local resident, planned to manufacture narcotic drugs in the future sell it in a non-contact manner. A criminal case was initiated against the detainee. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15978483>

**27.02.2019** The Main Investigative Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Stavropol region is investigating a criminal case into a sale of synthetic drugs in the territory of large cities in the region. It was possible to uncover criminal scheme by joint efforts of investigators, officers of the UKON and the UFSB of the Stavropol region. Initially, two groups of eight people were engaged in sale of synthetic drugs in the territory of the region. Later was arrested by one participant in the criminal scheme - a regional "wholesaler". At the place of his residence, about **4.5 kg of drugs of synthetic origin prepared for marketing (derivatives of mephedrone or its analogues MDPV (methyldioxypiperone))** were collected from equipped caches. An unidentified person formed a criminal group selling synthetic drugs on the Internet. The group consisted of 9 residents of the Stavropol region. Sale of drugs was carried out using the Internet and instant messengers through a network of caches in the territories of Stavropol, Mikhailovsk, Nevinnomyssk, Pyatigorsk and Kislovodsk. An investigation into criminal activities of the group is underway.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15996474>

**28.02.2019** Officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Murmansk region in the territory of Murmansk detained a 33-year-old local resident who was carrying a bundle with N-methylephedron. When conducting a search at the place of residence of the suspect, about **500 g of N-methylephedron** were seized. The man stored drugs for the purpose of subsequent sale to drug addicts through equipment of caches on the territory of Murmansk. A criminal case was initiated against the suspect. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16017053>

**28.02.2019** Officers of the UKON Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Moscow region together with colleagues from the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia Pushkinskoye detained a 38-year-old local suspect in possession of narcotic drugs, who equipped two rooms of his private house in Ivanteevka for a specialized greenhouse where he had been growing narcotic plants. The man bought seeds, fertilizers, heat lamps and other necessary equipment. During a search of the suspect's household, **138 cannabis bushes and 5 kg of marijuana** were found along with items and equipment used to make cannabis drugs. It has been established that he made and stored drugs for the purpose of marketing. On this fact a criminal case was initiated. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16013091>

**28.02.2019** Officers of UKON UMVD of Russia in the Kaluga region detained citizens of a nearby republic born in 1985 and 1995, who are suspected of attempting to sell drugs on a



large scale. About **300 g of heroin** were seized which the young man and woman intended to sell in small batches. On this fact a criminal case was instituted. In respect of the defendants, a preventive measure in the form of detention was chosen. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16015699>

## THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**26.02.2019** As a result of operational activities carried out by internal affairs officers in the Yangiyul district of the Tashkent region, **13 kg of marijuana** were found and seized from a local resident. <http://www.mvd.uz/ru/lists/view/5937>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### AUSTRALIA

**27.02.2019** A joint investigation by the Australian Federal Police and Australian Border Forces based on information from the National Drug Control Commission of China, which informed the Australian authorities about an organized crime syndicate, arrested four people on charges of drug trafficking. In mid-February, the Australian border guards intercepted a container from China. According to accompanying documents, the container came with a load of ceramic tiles and glue; however, upon inspection of a suspicious consignment, it was found that there were 65 boxes inside, containing 260 bags of white powder that turned out to be ephedrine. According to estimates by the Australian Federal Police, **922 kg of methamphetamine (ice)** could be produced from confiscated ephedrine. A 53-year-old Australian was detained during an attempt to board a flight to China based on intelligence from Chinese colleagues at the Melbourne airport, another 55-year-old Australian from Box Hill was arrested near a shopping center. Two Chinese citizens at the age of 26 were arrested at Box Hill House, where the ephedrine consignment was confiscated. In addition, in the interests of the investigation, on February 27, three search warrants were executed at premises in Balvin, Doncaster East and Dandenong South.

<https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/federal-agencies-seize-690-million-of-ephedrine-and-arrest-four-in-drug-bust-20190227-p510js.html>

### BULGARIA

**28.02.2019** Police at a checkpoint on the Danube Bridge near Ruse on the border with Romania seized more than **27 kg of marijuana**. The drug was packaged in 35 packs and hidden in a secret compartment under the gear lever of a Volkswagen car that was trying to cross the state border of Bulgaria with Romania. Driver - 48-year-old Bulgarian citizen was arrested. [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-02/28/c\\_137858410.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-02/28/c_137858410.htm)

### BRAZIL

**27.02.2019** Agents of the Federal Revenue Administration in a container terminal in the port of Paranaguá on the coast of Paraná, inside a cargo container, found and seized **326 kg of cocaine**. The cocaine consignment was hidden in pallets with car parts. The cargo was bound to the port of Le Havre (France).

<https://g1.globo.com/pr/parana/noticia/2019/02/27/receita-federal-apreende-326-kg-de-cocaina-em-conteiner-no-porto-de-paranagua.ghtml>

**03.03.2019** Federal police arrested two members of a criminal group suspected of international drug trafficking. During a special operation, **968.69 kg of high-purity cocaine** hidden in a truck for carriage of goods were seized. The suspect, a 44-year-old Brazilian, was a member of the military police from the reserve Mato Grosso do Sul and was detained while transporting a large amount of cocaine in a small truck. As a result of a vehicle search, federal agents found hundreds of cocaine packages in a special cache in the cargo hold. The second suspect is a woman. During a search of a luxury residence located 15 km from Tortuga beach in Guaruj, cash in the amount of 1 million 020 650 US dollars, as well as sea flags, waterproof bags, buoys and other items used in criminal activities were discovered. The police found a separate room in the mansion, resembling a secret bunker used by criminals to hide illegal items and materials. Five pistols and a rifle were found in the bunker. All items and materials seized indicated that both suspects were involved in an international drug trafficking consignment specializing in smuggling cocaine on a particularly large scale by ships from the port of Santos. In the course of further activities, searches and confiscations were made in other houses of city residents. Currently, the Federal Police continues to investigate. <https://g1.globo.com/sp/santos-regiao/noticia/2019/03/03/pm-e-presos-com-900-kg-de-cocaina-e-mais-de-r-1-milhao-em-operacao-da-pf-em-sp.ghtml>

## THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

**02.03.2019** The National Drug Control Directorate (DNCD) in coordination with the government ministry and with the support of other intelligence agencies confiscated **254 kg of cocaine** in an operation in the municipal district of Veron-Punta Cana in the province of La Altagracia. DNCD agents attempted to stop a vehicle used to transport drugs on Coral Highway, but the driver attempted to escape. As a result of detention and inspection of the car, **254 packages containing** cocaine were found in a cache under the floor in the cargo compartment. <https://elsoldelasamericas.com/dncc-ocupa-254-paquetes-presumiblemente-cocaina-encaletados-en-camioneta/>

## INDIA

**02.03.2019** Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) agents arrested a 65-year-old truck driver in a Andhra Pradesh province hauling **744.2 kg of marijuana** from Visakhapatnam to Zairabad. A consignment of drugs was found in a truck on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) in Rajendranagar. <https://telanganatoday.com/744-kg-marijuana-seized-at-hyderabad-orr>

## ITALY

**26.02.2019** Officers of the operational department of NAC, thanks to an intelligence operation on the Internet, seized **20 g of fentanyl**. The investigation was initiated in connection with cases of overdose of synthetic opioids, which resulted in numerous hospitalizations of juvenile victims to various hospitals in the Lazio region, who did not respond to detoxification treatment of heroin consumption. Fentanyl is about 100 times more potent than morphine: 100 mkg of fentanyl is approximately 30 mg of morphine and 125 mg of petidine (meperidine) for analgesic activity with a rapid onset and short duration of action. It is a potent  $\mu$ -receptor agonist for opioids. Historically, it has been used to treat chronic pain and has usually been used before surgery or invasive interventions, such as

anesthesia, in combination with benzodiazepine. Fentanyl is one of the best-selling drugs on the illicit drug market on Darknet. <https://www.ilfattoquotidiano.it/in-edicola/articoli/2019/02/26/primosequestro-in-italia-di-droghe-sintetiche-leroina-in-confronto-e-acqua/4997794/>

**27.02.2019** Carabinieri in Alba arrested a 53-year-old Italian for illegal possession of drugs for the purpose of marketing. Based on information from Canadian colleagues, it was determined that an Italian buyer ordered fentanyl in North America via the Internet. As soon as the drug package was discovered and then moved during a controlled delivery to Italy through the Milan Malpensa International Airport, agents, replacing postal courier, under the guise of ordinary postal delivery detained the recipient. International postal delivery contained **0.6 g of fentanyl**, equivalent to several thousand single doses.

[http://www.ansa.it/piemonte/notizie/2019/02/27/importa-droga-canadese-arrestato-ad-alba\\_47396a61-1141-4d04-bf5d-406117f8ccb2.html](http://www.ansa.it/piemonte/notizie/2019/02/27/importa-droga-canadese-arrestato-ad-alba_47396a61-1141-4d04-bf5d-406117f8ccb2.html)

## SPAIN

**25.02.2019** National Police agents dismantled a large marijuana production lab in Dénia, province of Alicante. A search found **500 cannabis bushes weighing about 40 kg** and grown in hydroponic culture. Drug production was equipped with all necessary modern equipment (electricity, lighting, ventilation, irrigation, etc.). Two men, Spanish citizens, aged 36 and 60 were detained in the laboratory premises.

<https://www.euroweeklynews.com/2019/02/25/police-dismantle-marijuana-farm-with-almost-500-plants-in-denia/#.XH0TkU1R2M9>

**03.03.2019** The National Police in Madrid conducted an operation to investigate and combat smuggling of cocaine on a particularly large scale to the UK through Spain. As a result of the operation, more than **400 kg of cocaine** were confiscated. Drugs were intercepted after being delivered from Galicia to Madrid for storage. National police officers raided a warehouse with cargo and confiscated it before being sent to the UK. The involvement of participants of a Spanish-British criminal gang has been established. During the investigation, measures are planned to detain and arrest organizers of the smuggling.

<https://www.englishradionews.com/news/spain/uk-bound-cocaine-shipment-seized-by-policia-nacional-in-madrid/>

## IRELAND

**03.03.2019** Police officers in Dublin in a house in the northern part of the city found a cannabis drug group. A search found more than **800 cannabis plants** at various stages of growth. Four people were arrested at the scene. Searches were also conducted in Wexford County, where five more arrests were carried out as part of the investigation. Among those arrested are six Portuguese citizens, one British citizen, and also a man and a woman from Ireland between aged between 17 and 45. Investigation is underway.

<https://www.todayfm.com/news/nine-people-arrested-dublin-drug-seizure-833319>

## CANADA

**27.02.2019** An investigation, dubbed "Project Sebright" by the Ontario Provincial Police, involving the Border Services Agency of Canada, Greater Sudbury Police, the New Brunswick Police, the Quebec Provincial Police and the Ford auto maker revealed **180 kg of methamphetamine**. The reason for the beginning of the investigation was information



received from employees of four Ford car dealerships located in Ontario - in Chelmsford, Kollingwood, Bolton and Newmarket, who reported suspicious packages found inside spare tires in the trunk of Ford Fusion cars". The cars were assembled at the Ford plant in Hermosillo (Mexico) and transported by train to Canada. Of organization of this delivery is suspected the Mexican drug cartel Sinaloa, which carries out criminal activities in the specified region of Mexico. For the first time information about this drugs supply channel to Canada became known in December 2018. <https://globalnews.ca/news/5004681/meth-smuggled-into-canada-new-ford-cars-built-in-mexico/>

## CHINA

**25.02.2019** Hong Kong police detained a van carrying **140 kg of cocaine** during an operation in Sheung Shui. Drug couriers in the vehicle - three men between the ages of 33 and 42 were arrested. Market value of seized drugs is estimated at 380 million Hong Kong dollars. In the course of further activities, searches were conducted in several premises in the city, as a result of which **214 kg of cocaine, 2 kg of cocaine (crack)**, and a batch of drugs production equipment, including an industrial dryer, electronic scales were found and seized. <http://www.ejinsight.com/20190227-cocaine-worth-hk380-mln-seized-3-arrested-in-drug-raid/>

## COLOMBIA

**26.02.2019** Bogota police officers at El Dorado International Airport stopped two facts of **cocaine** smuggling into Europe, with a total weight of **78 kg** and also seized **30 kg of marijuana**. In the first case, in a basement of the terminal, service dog found a cardboard box containing a roller for the conveyor belt. As a result of inspection activities **74 kg of cocaine** were found inside the roller. This cargo was intended for shipment by cargo to the Netherlands. In the second case, as a result of passenger baggage inspection, **4 kg of cocaine** were found in seven packages of food. Drug trafficker intended to fly to Madrid (Spain). In addition, in abasement of the air terminal, service dog indicated the presence of **30 kg of marijuana** in a wooden box with two electric generators. A consignment of marijuana was shipped from the department of Cauca and intended to be sold in the capital of Colombia. <http://www.radiosantafe.com/2019/02/26/frustraron-en-aeropuerto-el-dorado-envio-de-78-kilos-kilos-de-cocaina-para-europa/>

## MEXICO

**27.02.2019** Navy officers in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Puerto Chiapas in southeastern Mexico, near the border with Guatemala, seized **726 kg of cocaine** and arrested six people. Drug consignments and their accompanying persons were detained during two operations. During the first operation, ocean patrol officers intercepted two boats carrying six suspected smugglers. On board the ships were found three bags of cocaine, with a total weight of 90 kg. The Navy later discovered 24 packs of 636 kg of cocaine that sailed in the waters of the Pacific Ocean about 183 km south-west of Puerto Chiapas. <http://www.maritimeherald.com/2019/navy-of-mexico-seized-726-kilos-of-cocaine-in-the-pacific-near-the-border-with-guatemala/>

**02.03.2019** The Mexican Navy seized **816 kg of cocaine** and arrested three people on a boat in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of the southern state of Guerrero. Officers of the Eighth Naval Region, based in the port of Acapulco, launched an operation to detain a

speedboat on the high seas, which resulted in the discovery of **816 kg of cocaine** in packages hidden in containers and two small packets of marijuana on board. Three crew members, citizens of Mexico were, arrested.

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-03/02/c\\_137862762.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-03/02/c_137862762.htm)

## PAKISTAN

**25.02.2019** The Anti-Narcotics Force of Pakistan (ANF), as a result of 24 operations conducted throughout the country to combat drug trafficking, seized about **5 tons 29 kg of narcotic drugs, including 4 tons 945 kg of hashish, 60 kg of opium, 17,043 kg of heroin and 6.8 kg of methamphetamine**. 29 accused persons were arrested for committing drug crimes, five were vehicles confiscated.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/436490-anf-seizes-5028kg-drugs-arrest-29-peddlers>

## USA

**25.02.2019** Agents of the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at the Washington Dulles International Airport found **186.28 kg of khat**, arrived with a shipment of cargo from Nigeria. The World Health Organization classified khat as a drug in 1980. Khat is a plant growing in East Africa and on the Arabian Peninsula, and khat leaves are chewed to achieve a psychoactive effect. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/dulles-cbp-seizes-410-pounds-khat-air-cargo-nigeria>

**26.02.2019** US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents, together with the Office of Field Operations in the port of Nogales-Maripos, Arizona, confiscated two large quantities of **marijuana and methamphetamine**. As a result of inspection activities of a truck with a trailer under the control of a 35-year-old Mexican citizen, 190 packages of cannabis were found, weighing about **1 ton 315 kg** in total, hidden in charcoal. On February 27, a 48-year-old Mexican citizen was detained at the same checkpoint at the entrance to the United States, who also drove a truck with a trailer. As a result of search in an empty trailer more than 300 packages of **methamphetamine with a total weight of over 163 kg** were found in a cache under the floor. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/nogales-cbp-officers-seize-two-significant-drug-loads>

**27.02.2019** Officers of the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at the International Veterans Bridge detained a driver from Austin in an attempt to smuggle about **6.8 kg of heroin** into the United States on a Jeep Cherokee. As a result of inspection activities, CBP agents found 8 packages of heroin hidden behind the dashboard. A woman said she agreed to smuggle for 10 thousand US dollars via Facebook. [https://www.brownsvilleherald.com/news/local/feds-woman-uses-facebook-messenger-to-smuggle-heroin/article\\_05e7b834-3abf-11e9-b9a4-cb8f20df8082.html](https://www.brownsvilleherald.com/news/local/feds-woman-uses-facebook-messenger-to-smuggle-heroin/article_05e7b834-3abf-11e9-b9a4-cb8f20df8082.html)

**27.02.2019** US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents, in conjunction with the Office of Field Operations (OFO) at the International Pharr, Texas International Freight Bridge, discovered **10.64 kg of cocaine** hidden in a Kenworth cargo trailer from Mexico. The driver, a 44-year-old Mexican citizen, was detained and transferred to the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) for further investigation. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-pharr-international-bridge-seizes-181k-worth-cocaine>

**27.02.2019** Officers of the Williamson County Sheriff stopped a car driven by a 37-year-old US citizen from Texas. As a result of inspection activities, it was discovered that each of four wheels of the vehicle had steel caches welded to the rims. 24 packs of **drugs** with a total weight of **48 kg** were discovered inside caches. Seven packs contained **heroin**, 17 packs **methamphetamine**. Female drug trafficker planned to deliver the consignment to Dallas.  
<https://www.kvue.com/article/news/williamson-county-deputies-seize-15m-in-meth-heroin-at-traffic-stop/269-766489a9-aff4-49ff-b1f2-c8473f9d1cc5>

**27.02.2019** Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office in Arizona detained a 52-year-old Colorado resident. A vehicle inspection involving a K-9 dog found **500 fentanyl tablets and 4.54 kg of methamphetamine**. The man was taken to the detention center in Camp Verde on charges of trafficking in dangerous drugs.  
<https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona-breaking/2019/02/28/man-arrested-suspicion-possessing-500-fentanyl-pills-10-pounds-meth-yavapai-county/3021179002/>

**27.02.2019** As a result of a search warrant execution at Indianapolis, Indiana police officers confiscated more than **9.07 kg of methamphetamine, about 730 g of cocaine, about 230 g of heroin**, a pistol, ammunition, a car, and more than 16 thousand US dollars obtained from selling drugs. A man was arrested on charges of drug trafficking and drug possession, resisting arrest, battery on a law enforcement officer.  
<https://www.indystar.com/story/news/2019/02/28/indianapolis-crime-impd-seizes-drugs-worth-850-000-east-side-bust/3014328002/>

**01.03.2019** The Erie County Sheriff’s Office Drug Enforcement Unit, the Drug Enforcement Police in Buffalo, and BEST agents arrested a 34-year-old Buffalo resident during a joint investigation. **312 g of fentanyl** for sale were seized.  
<https://www.wkbw.com/news/local-news/anonymous-tip-leads-to-erie-co-authorities-seizing-over-300-grams-of-fentanyl>

**TAIWAN**

**25.02.2019** As a result of a joint investigation by the Police, the Coast Guard Administration (CGA), and judicial authorities in the Ruyfang area in New Taipei, large-scale drug production was dismantled. Authorities discovered a warehouse with drugs and precursors. **2.8 kg of hashish, 60 kg of ketamine, 509 packages of powdered coffee with drugs, 2,653 kg of 2-bromo-4-methylpropiofenone used to produce mephedrone and about 1 million tablets of etizolam**, as well as chemicals and special equipment were found and seized. Two drug dealers, aged 27 and 28, were arrested.  
<http://focustaiwan.tw/news/asoc/201902250019.aspx>

**FRANCE**

**25.02.2019** Off the coast of St. Martin, the Caribbean, a naval patrol unit and the customs services of the northern islands intercepted a sailing vessel, in the holds of which no less than **100 kg of cocaine** were found. Two people were held in custody at the time of the transfer of the case to the specialized services OCRTIS. <http://www.rci.fm/infos/faits-divers/nouvelle-grosse-saisie-de-cocaine-en-mer>

**26.02.2019** As a result of an investigation conducted by Bordeaux’s judicial police in cooperation with Europol based on information obtained by the Central Office for the



Suppression of Illicit Drug Trafficking in Bordeaux, a convoy of two vehicles was detained on the outskirts of Saintes, moving along secondary roads of Charente-Maritime with a large amount of heroin . During an inspection of vehicles about **55 kg of heroin** were found and seized, including **11 kg of heroin** with a high content of diacetylmorphine. Arrested were 13 people suspected of belonging to a criminal group that organized a network of illegal drug sales in the western regions of France. This consignment was intended for sale to drug users from Nantes to Bordeaux. [https://www.francetvinfo.fr/faits-divers/pres-de-55-kilos-d-heroine-saisis-dans-un-vaste-traffic-international-qui-alimentait-les-consommateurs-de-nantes-a-bordeaux\\_3208735.html](https://www.francetvinfo.fr/faits-divers/pres-de-55-kilos-d-heroine-saisis-dans-un-vaste-traffic-international-qui-alimentait-les-consommateurs-de-nantes-a-bordeaux_3208735.html)

**27.02.2019** Officers of the National Police of Corse-du-Soud detained three suspects of involvement in drug trafficking. **500 g of heroin and 280 g of cannabis** were seized. <https://france3-regions.francetvinfo.fr/corse/corse-du-sud/ajaccio/droque-trois-interpellations-saisie-500-grammes-heroine-ajaccio-1630522.html>

**SRI LANKA**

**27.02.2019** Officers of the Police Narcotic Bureau of Kuliapitiya detained a 27-year-old resident of Nagollagoda, Ambagasgedara, Kuliapitiya, who was transporting 1 kg of heroin on his motorcycle. During a search at the place of residence of the suspect, another 9 kg of heroin was discovered. In total, **10 kg of heroin** prepared for marketing were seized and confiscated. The Police Narcotic Bureau is conducting further investigations. [http://www.colombopage.com/archive\\_19A/Feb28\\_1551333516CH.php](http://www.colombopage.com/archive_19A/Feb28_1551333516CH.php)

