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## CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

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### CARICC MEMBER STATES

#### REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

**14.03.2019** Officers of the Operations and Investigations Department of the Central Customs Directorate of the Southern District of the Azerbaijani GTS prevented an attempt to smuggle large quantities of psychotropic substances from the Islamic Republic of Iran to Ukraine through the territory of the country. A DAF truck operated by a citizen of Azerbaijan transporting cargo from Pardis Ceram Pajh CO located in Astara (Iran) to the customer Architectuar Decor in Kiev (Ukraine) was taken under control through the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan and detained at customs PPC "Astara". As a result of vehicle inspection activities using a service dog and X-ray equipment, **56,363 kg of methamphetamine** were found in a truck trailer loaded with plastic boards inside cardboard boxes. Investigation is underway. <http://customs.gov.az/en/faydali/xeberler/3338/>

**15.03.2019** Officers of the Jalilabad district police department detained a resident of the Jalilabad region, who illegally kept at the place of residence and transported in order to market **8 kg of heroin, over 5 kg of opium and 815 g of methamphetamine**. On this fact, a criminal case was initiated and is under investigation.

<https://media.az/society/1067728234/u-zhitelya-odnogo-iz-rayonov-azerbaydzhana-nashli-svyshe-14-kilogrammov-narkotikov/>

#### REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

**14.03.2019** Officers of Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of Almaty stopped criminal activity of two residents of Almaty aged 37 and 39 years suspected of drug trafficking. During a search at the place of residence of the suspects, **111.95 g of heroin** was found prepared for further sale. On this fact, a pre-trial investigation was launched. <https://mk-kz.kz/social/2019/03/14/v-almaty-sluzhebno-rozysknaya-sobaka-nashla-krupnyuyu-partiyu-narkotikov.html>

**15.03.2019** Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking detained two villagers suspected of selling drugs via the Internet. In an abandoned house on the outskirts of a village, police found a laboratory where drug production and packaging were carried out. During inspection in the drug lab found and seized were more than **6 kg of narcotic substances**, some of which turned out to be marijuana, and others drugs of synthetic origin with an admixture of a **toxic substance - phenol**. In connection with new circumstances in addition to the production, storage and sale of drugs, the detainees are also charged with a criminal article providing for illegal trafficking in poisonous substances.

<https://zonakz.net/2019/03/15/laboratoriyu-po-proizvodstvu-narkotikov-likvidirovali-v-almatinskoj-oblasti/>

## RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**11.03.2019** Officers of UNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Kaluga region at the moment of equipment a cache with a drug detained a 22-year-old resident of Kaluga suspected of involvement in illicit sale of drugs. During a search at the place of residence of the defendant, 6 convolutions with **heroin with a total weight of 309.46 g** prepared for further sale in Kaluga were found and seized. A criminal case was initiated against suspect. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16126268>

**11.03.2019** Officers of UNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Udmurt Republic obtained information about involvement of a 24-year-old resident of Izhevsk, a doctor at a city hospital, in sale of prohibited substances. During a search at the suspect's place of residence, **3 kg of drugs of synthetic origin** prepared for sale were found. The woman was a regional courier of an online drug store. In the course of further events, interregional drug couriers were detained in Izhevsk - two 22-year-old residents of the Perm Territory. According to the facts criminal proceedings were instituted. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16127290>

**11.03.2019** Officers of ONK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the urban district of Klin, Moscow region, detained a 33-year-old local resident suspected of illegal production of psychotropic substances. During a search in the apartment of the suspect, items and equipment used in criminal activities (electronic scales, packaging material, personal protective equipment), as well as **30 g of psychotropic substance amphetamine** were found and seized. It was established that the man equipped a drug lab in a rented garage box for systemic and serial production of a drug (he installed an electric hood, a lighting and heating system, purchased glass and polymeric containers of various volumes, gas masks, rubber gloves, measuring glasses of different volumes, funnels and containers with universal indicator strips to determine acidity). In the drug laboratories, **150 g of amphetamine**, two canisters with liquids containing **psychotropic substance precursors with a total volume of 17 liters** were found and seized. A criminal case is underway on the facts. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16126317>

**12.03.2019** Officers of UNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Kurgan region jointly with colleagues from the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Ketovsky district in Ketovo detained a 23-year-old local resident suspected of distributing drugs of synthetic origin through caches. In the course of operational search activities and investigative actions, over **100 g of synthetic narcotic drugs** packaged in 130 convolutions were seized from the cache. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16139540>

**13.03.2019** Officers of UNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Komi Republic detained a 36-year-old resident of Syktyvkar, who illegally kept at his place of residence more than **600 g of N-methylephedron** in Syktyvkar in order to market. Narcotic drug was confiscated. Investigation is underway. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16158469>

**13.03.2019** Officers of UNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Ryazan region prevented activities of two participants in drug business, who were acting in the interests of an illegal online store selling various types of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. Involvement of a 31-year-old resident of Ryazan, an interregional online drug

retailer, who was detained at the time of transportation in the Nissan Almera's car **810 g of hashish, 395 g of amphetamine and 153 g of mephedrone** was established. The man took the consignment of prohibited substances from a cache and transported to Ryazan for further distribution in a non-contact manner. The identity of the interregional courier who was responsible for supply of drugs to the Ryazan region was also established - a 31-year-old resident of Kolomna (Moscow region). During a personal search police found **117 g of amphetamine**. A search of the drug trafficker's apartment in Kolomna revealed **678 g of amphetamine and 111 g of mephedrone**. In total, **2.265 kg of narcotic drugs** and psychotropic substances were seized. Criminal case was initiated against suspects. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16152107>

**14.03.2019** Policemen in Lipetsk detained a 46-year-old man and his 26-year-old friend, who arrived in Lipetsk to sell narcotic drugs through caches. Drug delivery to the region was carried out by road from one of the major cities of Russia. Drug traffickers were arrested at the moment of placing convolutions with heroin into the caches. In total, **475 g of heroin** intended for further sale were seized. A criminal case was initiated. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16183021>

**14.03.2019** Officers of ONK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Vologda detained a 43-year-old man who illegally stored narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in a garage as well as at his place of residence, which were prepared for selling through caches. **N-methylephedrone with a total weight of 33.67 g, 190.37 g of hashish and 80.48 g of amphetamine** were seized. On this fact a criminal case was instituted. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16181380>

**15.03.2019** Officers of ONK of the OMVD of Russia for the city of Novy Urengoy together with colleagues from the OMVD of Russia in the Nadym region and the UNK UMVD of Russia in the Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous District detained six young people aged 24 to 29 years, four of whom are residents of Primorsky and Krasnoyarsk Territories, Murmansk and Orenburg regions engaged through an online store in contactless sale of drugs through caches in the territory of New Urengoy and Nadym. Officers seized **2.5 kg of synthetic drugs**. On this fact a criminal case was initiated. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16187302>

**15.03.2019** Officers of UNK of the MIA in the Udmurt Republic detained two 22-year-old residents of the Perm region at the time of extraction of narcotic drugs from a cache in Izhevsk. The detainees were interregional couriers of an online drug store and distributed illegal substances in the Udmurt Republic, the Perm region, the Nizhny Novgorod region and other regions of Russia. Involvement of detainees in an attempted illegal sale of **8.5 kg of hashish and 800 g of marijuana** in the Sverdlovsk region has been proved. Narcotic drugs were seized. A criminal case was initiated. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16186427>

**15.03.2019** Officers of ONK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the city of Surgut, Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Okrug - Yugra, detained a 19-year-old foreign citizen from a neighboring country, who was selling drugs of synthetic origin through caches. **560 g of MDPV derivative mephedrone** prepared for marketing in the territory of Surgut were seized. On this fact a criminal case was initiated. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16187262>

**15.03.2019** Officers of ONK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the city of Veliky Novgorod with the assistance of traffic police arrested a 34-year-old resident of the Tver region suspected of transporting a large consignment of prohibited substances. During inspection in the vehicle's compartment, more than **2 kg of amphetamine, hashish and MDMA** were found. Drugs were confiscated. Drug courier transported prohibited substances from St. Petersburg for subsequent sale in the Tver region. Investigation is underway.  
<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16195335>

## REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**14.03.2019** Officers of the State Security Service of Uzbekistan dismantled a large network of drug trafficking in the Samarkand region on the border with Tajikistan, six people were detained, more than 25 kg of drugs were seized. Officers of the State Security Service of the Samarkand region and the regional Department of Internal Affairs solved a network of drug trafficking in areas of the Samarkand region near the border of Tajikistan. In an Uzbek village in the Zhartepa international checkpoint in the Urgut district, a resident of the Sogd region of Tajikistan and a buyer of drug, a citizen of Uzbekistan, were detained in an attempt to sell **1.5 kg of opium**. In the course of operational investigative activities in the Samarkand region, a total of six people were detained. More than **23.4 kg of opium and more than 2.4 kg of heroin** were seized during searches. Law enforcement agencies are identifying other members of the criminal network and prohibited substances supply channels.  
<https://tj.sputniknews.ru/asia/20190314/1028472855/specsluzhby-uzbekistana-raskryli-set-narkotorgovli-granica-tajikistan.html>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### BELGIUM

**14.03.2019** Customs agents in the port of Ghent, in Flanders, during an inspection of the vessel Ibis Arrow with a load of fruit juice from Brazil discovered a large amount of cocaine. The ship arrived from the port of Santos in Brazil. Based on risk analysis supplemented by information received from Brazil, customs authorities decided to conduct an inspection of the vessel. In containers on the ship's deck, several sports bags were found filled with packs of **cocaine with a total weight of 1375 kg**. Investigation is underway.  
[https://www.gva.be/cnt/dmf20190315\\_04258957/grote-cocainevangst-in-gentse-haven](https://www.gva.be/cnt/dmf20190315_04258957/grote-cocainevangst-in-gentse-haven)

### BRAZIL

**10.03.2019** At the mouth of the Port Santos Canal, on the coast of São Paulo, mariners from the State Authority of the Port of São Paulo (CPSP) found three swimming bags with several packs of cocaine floating around. Backpacks were seen near the Navy pier. Ropes were tied to the backpacks in such a way that it was possible to lift them onto a vessel moored in the port. This method is used by drug groups operating in the port of Santos to raise a shipment of drugs on board boats. CPSP did not report the number of packs found in backpacks and the amount of cocaine seized. Drugs were transferred to the Federal Police for confiscation and investigation.  
<http://www.segurancaportuariaemfoco.com.br/2019/03/marinha-encontra-mochilas-com-cocaina.html>

**14.03.2019** Agents of the Federal Revenue Service in a container terminal of the port of Paranaguá on the coast of Paraná discovered **144 kg of cocaine**. Cocaine packs were found next to containers. Supposedly, drug dealers frightened off the approach of a forklift that hampered placement of cocaine inside a container. Cocaine consignment was seized.  
<http://www.segurancaportuariaemfoco.com.br/2019/03/receita-apreende-144-kg-de-cocaina-no.html>

**15.03.2019** Agents of the Federal Revenue Service in the port of Santos, on the coast of São Paulo inside a power transformer detected **315 kg of cocaine**. The equipment was surveyed in a terminal located in the Alemoa district, on the right bank of the Santos embankment before being loaded onto a ship bound for the port of Las Palmas (Spain). The load consisted of three identical transformers. A risk analysis work helped in identifying the container with the equipment to check. The study of images obtained with the help of a scanner as well as involvement of an inspection dog allowed to detect a consignment of cocaine. Drug dealers hid cocaine in equipment without knowledge of the cargo owner. Cocaine packs were confiscated by investigating federal police. <https://g1.globo.com/sp/santos-regiao/porto-mar/noticia/2019/03/15/traficantes-escondem-315-kg-de-cocaina-em-transformador-de-energia-para-enviar-a-europa.ghtml>

## GUINEA-BISSAU

**11.03.2019** Guinea-Bissau police officers found a large amount of cocaine in a truck registered in Senegal on the northern exit of the country. Four suspects — two Nigerians, one Senegalese, and one Guinea bisau - were arrested. Drugs were hidden in a truck trailer-cooler. The vehicle entered the territory of Guinea-Bissau empty for loading frozen fish, from which it follows that the drug was originally located inside the country. Drug packages were found in fish crates. The investigation continues to identify possible accomplices of the crime and organizer of the delivery. The police are investigating, in particular, a possibility of attracting army officers or senior officials involved in criminal activities of organizers of the supply. **Cocaine with a total weight of 789 kg** was contained in 60 flat packs. Interpol information served the basis for the operation.  
<https://www.africaguinee.com/articles/2019/03/11/saisie-record-de-800-kg-de-coke-dans-un-camion>

## GERMANY

**15.03.2019** Agents of the Main Customs Administration in Frankfurt am Main, a Belgian shepherd named Black, when checking baggage of a flight from São Paulo (Brazil), found a large quantity of cocaine in two suitcases. After opening a luggage, 28 cans were found inside original baby food packaging, in which **38 kg of cocaine** were hidden. Suitcases belonged to a 50-year-old citizen of China flying to Beijing (PRC). Market value of the consignment is about 1.4 million Euros.  
[https://www.zoll.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/Rauschgift/2019/z56\\_zollhund\\_ffm.html](https://www.zoll.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/Rauschgift/2019/z56_zollhund_ffm.html)

## INDIA

**13.03.2019** Police in Jammu and Kashmir during two separate operations in the Samba and Jammu areas stopped activities of an international gang of drug smugglers, which included at least six people. Two suspected drug traffickers, residents of the Bidzhhbhora district of the Anantnag district, were arrested while checking vehicles in Nagrot stopped along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway. Drugs were discovered as a result of searches

of vehicles heading from Jammu to Kashmir, police confiscated **3.5 kg of charas (hashish of Afghan origin)**. In the second incident, two trucks arriving from Punjab to Jammu were intercepted in the Mansar Morh district in Samba district, in which **2,214 bottles of codeine phosphate**, an opium derivative, were found and seized. Four people who were passengers of two trucks were arrested. Vehicles were confiscated. According to the facts and a violation of relevant sections of the Law on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) investigation has been initiated. <https://kashmirobsver.net/2019/local-news/inter-state-gang-drug-smugglers-busted-jk-6-held-41219>

**13.03.2019** Police of Nagaon on the basis of information provided by the Delhi special police unit about involvement of local people in activities of a drug group, which organized drug trafficking network in Nagaon, searched a residence in Bengenaati, as a result of which about **23.5 kg of heroin** were found. Detained were a man and a woman who intended to export this consignment of heroin to Dimapur. <https://www.sentinelassam.com/news/23-5-kilos-of-suspected-heroin-recovered-from-nagaon-two-arrested/>

**16.03.2019** Delhi police stopped activities of an international drug cartel specializing in smuggling drugs to Delhi from Myanmar. As a result of investigation, **83 kg of heroin** were seized, 10 people were arrested. <https://www.timesnownews.com/mirror-now/crime/article/delhi-crime-news-delhi-police-busts-drug-cartel-seizes-83-kilograms-of-heroin-10-arrested/383092>

**CANADA**

**13.03.2019** Peterborough police officers stopped a car as part of an investigation of drug business in Spruce Avenue and Riverside Drive, and found **blue heroin (a mixture of fentanyl and heroin)**, mobile phones, cash, cocaine and a large number of bank cards. Subsequently, police executed a search warrant in residences on Landy Lane and Romain Street, where **1 kg of cocaine, 85 g of blue heroin**, and 50 thousand dollars in cash were found and seized. Two men, aged 27 and 29, were arrested. <https://globalnews.ca/news/5055355/peterborough-drug-bust-blue-heroin-cocaine/>

**COLOMBIA**

**11.03.2019** The military of the Colombian Navy thanks to highly qualified personnel specializing in scuba diving engaged in underwater inspections of all types of vessels revealed a new method used by Colombian drug cartels to conceal drugs. In the port of Buenaventura, in Valle del Cauca, during an underwater inspection of the Pacific Navy divers of the MSC Santa Regula motorboat, which followed the route of Buenaventura - Panama - Spain, four PVC pipes were found, painted in red and imitating cylindrical parts of the structure the vessel. PVC tubes were dismantled and transferred to facilities of the Buenaventura Coast Guard Station, where a survey showed that inside there were packages of round-shaped cocaine of the same size as the tube diameter. A total of **103 kg of cocaine hydrochloride** was confiscated from the containers. A new method of concealment is used in high-sea ships. <https://www.armada.mil.co/es/content/neutralizada-nueva-modalidad-contaminacion-con-alcaloides-buques-alto-bordo>

## UAE

**12.03.2019** Customs inspectors in Dubai's Deira port searched a ship that arrived from Iran, which resulted in the discovery of **40.5 kg of drugs** (opium, heroin, marijuana and methamphetamine) in the boat's fuel tank. Three sailors aged 30, 37 and 38 years were arrested on charges of attempting to smuggle drugs. The owner of the boat hired sailors to deliver drugs to two drug dealers in Dubai. Police also found **9,228 tablets and capsules with methadone, tramadol, pregabalin and benzodiazepines**.

<https://www.thenational.ae/uae/boat-found-with-40kg-of-drugs-hidden-in-fuel-tank-in-dubai-1.836097>

## PAKISTAN

**14.03.2019** Customs officers at Peshawar airport detained a passenger from Saudi Arabia in an attempt to smuggle **950 g of methamphetamine** in baggage. Substance was detected during routine baggage inspection of departing passengers. Drug trafficker tried to take a flight to the northern emirate of Ras al-Khaimah (UAE).

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1929204/1-crystal-meth-worth-rs96m-recovered-peshawar-airport/>

**14.03.2019** The Anti Narcotics Force of Pakistan during 14 anti-drug operations seized **3 tons 244.453 kg** of narcotic drugs, of which **3 tons 218.5 kg of hashish, 16.8 kg of opium, 5.6 kg of heroin, 3,553 kg of amphetamine (ice) and 1900 tablets of Xanax**. 16 people were arrested, including two women, 7 vehicles were confiscated.

<https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/anti-narcotics-force-seizes-3244453-kg-drugs-570554.html>

## USA

**11.03.2019** During a joint operation involving US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the US Coast Guard (USCG), the US Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the New York Police Department (NYPD) and the New York State Police (NYSP) in the port of New York/Newark seized **1 ton 451.5 kg** of cocaine worth \$ 77 million. A study of a shipping container entering the USA revealed 60 packs of cocaine. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-hsi-dea-uscg-nysp-nypd-approximately-3200-pounds-cocaine-seized>

**11.03.2019** US border patrol agents in Rio Grande, La Rosita, Texas, stopped several smuggling attempts from the Mexican border area of large quantities of drugs. As a result of suppression of smugglers activity, more than **453.5 kg of marijuana** were seized. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/smugglers-test-lack-infrastructure-rio-grande-valley>

**11.03.2019** US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers detained a 25-year-old man at a port of entry in Luquville, Arizona who applied for a Honda to enter the United States. As a result of vehicle inspections about **680 g of fentanyl** were detected in the air intake and cabin filter. Market value of drugs is estimated at 42 thousand US dollars. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/suspected-fentanyl-smuggler-nabbed-lukeville-cbp-officers>

**11.03.2019** US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers in the port of Nogales, Arizona, stopped an attempt to smuggle **2 kg of cocaine** by a US citizen. Employees of the Office of Field Operations at a pedestrian crossing Morley sent a 17-year-old resident of Tucson to check when entering the US from Mexico. As a result of inspection, packages

were found hidden under clothes and fixed on the back of the drug trafficker. Street value of the consignment is 56 thousand US dollars.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/nogales-cbp-officers-catch-teenage-body-carrier>

**12.03.2019** Nogales border patrol agents in Tucson, Arizona, prevented a smuggling of **400 g of fentanyl** in the form of tablets into Mexico from the US through a checkpoint for interstate transportation. Agents sent a commercial van for additional immigration checks on passengers and found that one of the passengers, an 18-year-old resident of Nogales, hid a bundle containing fentanyl tablets under his clothes. Market value of the drugs is estimated at 12 thousand US dollars. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/usbp-arrest-local-man-smuggling-fentanyl>

**13.03.2019** US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at the port of entry for Raul Hector Castro in Douglas stopped an attempt to smuggle a large consignment of marijuana by a resident of the state of Arizona when entering the US. As a result of inspection activities of a Saturn off-road vehicle, 150 packages of **marijuana with a total weight of 71.21 kg** were found. Drugs are worth 79 thousand US dollars. Drugs and car were confiscated. The driver was arrested and charged with drug smuggling. He was transferred to the US Homeland Security Investigations. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/douglas-cbp-officers-intercept-marijuana-load-0>

**13.03.2019** US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers detained a 19-year-old woman from San Luis, Sonora, Mexico in an attempt to smuggle drugs through the port of San Luis, Arizona. Packages containing **1.36 kg of methamphetamine and more than 910 g of fentanyl** in the form of tablets were found under the hood of a Toyota car inside the battery. Street value of drugs is about 41 thousand US dollars. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/fentanylmethamphetamine-smuggler-intercepted-cbp-officers-port-san-luis>

**14.03.2019** Police officers in Fresno, California using K-9 examined a car suspected of carrying drugs. **5 kg of methamphetamine** were found inside the trunk under the carpet. <https://www.fresnobee.com/news/local/crime/article227836439.html>

**16.03.2019** According to the Drug Enforcement Task Force, an operation was informed of a large shipment of opioids - **30,000 fentanyl tablets**, which were sold by the Mexican drug cartel on the Tohono O'odham Indian Reservation southwest of Tucson, Arizona. The cost of the party is estimated at 700 thousand US dollars. A joint operation with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Office of Indian Affairs began with an investigation into importation of a large quantity of fentanyl tablets from Mexico at entry points along the border.

[https://tucson.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/fentanyl-pills-seized-on-tohono-o-odham-nation-southwest-of/article\\_422b285e-481a-11e9-81a2-a75edab7ef7e.html#2](https://tucson.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/fentanyl-pills-seized-on-tohono-o-odham-nation-southwest-of/article_422b285e-481a-11e9-81a2-a75edab7ef7e.html#2)

## TURKEY

**12.03.2019** Security forces confiscated more than 215 kg of marijuana during anti-drug operations in eastern Turkey. Provincial drug control groups seized **165 kg of marijuana** during a car search in the province of Diyarbakir. **50 kg of marijuana** were found and seized in a parked car in the province of Van. Two suspects were arrested for drug trafficking. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/over-215-kg-of-marijuana-seized-in-eastern-turkey/1416380>



## UKRAINE

**15.03.2019** Officers of the Security Service of Ukraine together with police in the Dnepr stopped activity of a drug group specialized in production and marketing of precursors. The group consisted of 9 residents of the Dnepr. Criminals started making **pseudoephedrine and phenyl nitropropene** used in synthesis of psychotropic substances **amphetamine and methamphetamine** in two drug labs. Precursors spread across the territory of Ukraine through an extensive network of dealers using the Internet and courier services. During authorized investigative actions, law enforcement officers found in premises and back rooms of the defendants in the case of two drug laboratories special equipment for manufacture of precursors, **15 kg of pseudoephedrine, more than 100 kg of substance for the synthesis of drugs, more than 3.5 tons of sulfuric and more than 600 liters of hydrochloric acid, 5 kg cannabis**, communications and documents confirming criminal activities of defendants. Street value of seized drugs and substances is more than 12 million hryvnia. The participants of the group were already detained at the beginning of March of the current year by officers of the National Police Department for Combating Drug Crime, but the group did not stop its illegal activities. Within open criminal proceedings, five persons involved in the case were informed of the suspicion of having committed a crime, two of them were detained, and for the rest the issue of electing a preventive measure is being decided. Investigative actions continue to bring to justice other persons involved in illegal activities.

<https://ssu.gov.ua/ua/news/1/category/21/view/5854#.Ohowmuvx.dpbs>

