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REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

01.04.2019 Policemen of Ust-Kamenogorsk of the East Kazakhstan region detained two young people who tried to leave a “tab” with a bag of psychotropic substance. About **1.2 kg of amphetamine** were seized from the detainees. The detainees planned to sell the substance for a total of almost 30 million tenge. <https://24.kz/ru/news/social/item/306405-v-ust-kamenogorske-politsejskie-zaderzhali-zakladchikov-narkoticheskikh-sredstv>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

01.04.2019 Officers of the UNK UMVD of Russia in the Omsk region suppressed the activity of an interregional organized group, which carried out its activities through the online store. The players specialized in the sale of heroin on a large scale in the Omsk Region and Krasnodar Territory. Employees of UNK simultaneously in two regions of the Russian Federation detained all nine members of the group. The organizers are a 45-year-old resident of Omsk and a 37-year-old resident of Sochi. In addition to ordinary drug dealers, the group included coordinators of an online store, organizers of supplies, curators, and a financier. According to the places of residence of the defendants, about **3 kg of heroin** and about 800 thousand rubles received from the sale of drugs were seized during the searches. Currently under investigation. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16372305>

01.04.2019 The security officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the city of Sevastopol, together with the UFSB officers for the Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, liquidated the drug laboratories equipped in the utility room of the household. Two brothers, aged 35 and 37, who produced amphetamine, were detained. More than **4.3 kg of amphetamine and more than 4 liters of precursors**, as well as devices for the production of drugs, have been seized. The capacity of the laboratory was about 100 g of amphetamine per day. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16379171>

02.04.2019 Officers of Russia Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Ryazan region in the framework of interagency cooperation with the regional UFSB in the course of monitoring the regional segment of the Internet have recorded activity characteristic of organizing a warehouse from which small quantities of drugs are distributed. It has been established that the “warehousekeeper” receives large quantities of drugs from a neighboring region and prepares them for further marketing in Ryazan. A 30-year-old citizen of one of the CIS countries who recently arrived in the city of Ryazan was detained. During the inspection of a foreigner and the survey of his apartment, more than **2.23 kg of various drugs of synthetic origin**, compact electronic scales, packaging material and a respirator were found. A criminal proceedings initiated on this fact. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16392949>

02.04.2019 Police officers from the police department of Russia Ministry Internal Affairs "Lyubertskoe" of the Moscow region in the Kotelniki city district detained a 27-year-old resident of one of the Central Asian republics, who was seized with convolutions with heroin, **weighing more than 260 g.** A criminal proceedings initiated on this fact. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16395187>

03.04.2019 Officers of the OMVD of Russia in the Kameshkovsky District of the Vladimir Region, together with colleagues from the Russia Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Nizhny Novgorod Region, detained a 44-year-old woman and a 36-year-old man involved in the illegal sale of drugs. During the search, a narcotic drug, a derivative of **N-methylephedron with a total weight of more than 420 g,** medical flasks, and electronic sorting scales, was seized. A cache was found on the household plot, from which more than **1 kg of N-methylephedron was extracted.** <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16405531>

03.04.2019 Officers of the Main Directorate of Russia MIA, UNK of the Main Directorate of Russia MIA for the Moscow Region, POC OMVD in the Klin urban district, a car stopped at 108 km on the Leningradskoe highway, in which two 28-year-old residents of the Nizhny Novgorod region were passengers. When inspecting the vehicle under the rear right passenger door trim, the police found bundles of **hashish weighing about 2 kg and 498 MDMA tablets.** A criminal proceedings has been initiated on this fact. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16407378>

04.04.2019 Officers of Russia MIA for the Podolsk city district, Moscow Region, detained a 28-year-old local resident who was convicted and seized during a personal search with **heroin with a total mass of more than 210 g.** A criminal proceedings initiated on this fact. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16420946>

04.04.2019 Officers of Russia MIA "Belovsky" of the Kemerovo Region in the city of Belovo detained a 56-year-old man and his 45-year-old concubine. As a result of the inspection of the car, on which the suspects moved in the passenger seat, a bundle with **750 g of heroin was found.** A criminal case has been opened against the detainees. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16416466>

05.04.2019 Officers of the UNK GU of Russia MIA for St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region near the garage detained a 43-year-old citizen. During the inspection of the said garage, **the precursors of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances weighing 1469.2 g,** used for the manufacture of mephedrone, were seized, their implementation was carried out by means of caches of "bookmarks". A criminal case has been opened against the detainees. In the course of further activities at the place of production of these substances in one of the gardens in the territory of the Priozersky district of the Leningrad region in the garden house 5 canisters with **chemical reagents and precursors with a total weight of more than 100 kg** were seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16434251>

05.04.2019 Officers of the Tobolsk Branch of Russia MIA detained a resident of the Tyumen Region suspected of attempting to sell narcotic drugs on a large scale. During the inspection of the detainee, 25 convolutions with a synthetic substance were withdrawn. The person involved in a rented apartment produced the drug Spice from reagents for further distribution in Tobolsk. A total of **550 g of the reagent and about 400 g of the finished**

drug were seized. In addition, an oven used for the manufacture of prohibited substances and packaging material were seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/16439102>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

05.04.2019 DCA officers under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan in Dushanbe detained a citizen of Afghanistan on suspicion of drug trafficking. During the search, a large consignment of drugs, **opium and hashish, with a total weight of about 49 kg**, was found in the apartment where the Afghan resided. Drug dealer acquired drugs in order to spread from two unidentified compatriots. A criminal case under article 200 (Illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances with a view to marketing) of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Tajikistan is being investigated against the suspect. <http://akn.tj/муродираи-миқдори-махсусан-калони-ма-2/>

IN OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

30.03.2019 Officers of the Australian Border Troops at the Sydney Container Inspection Center of the State of New South Wales found **585 kg of methamphetamine (ice)** as a result of checking a container from Singapore. According to the accompanying documents, the load was made up of electronic furnaces, but it contained 11 commercial refrigerators. Inside the fridges, 561 methamphetamine packs were found. The cost of a consignment of the drug is estimated at 438 million dollars. <https://newsroom.abf.gov.au/releases/investigation-underway-after-more-than-half-a-tonne-of-ice-intercepted>

BRAZIL

03.04.2019 Agents of the Federal Revenue Service in the port of Itajaí, Santa Catarina, in the course of the usual customs clearance procedure, selected six cargo containers loaded with shale stones exported to Europe. As a result of inspection activities using the image analysis method, **557 kg of cocaine** were found in the center of the formed cargo blocks. The drug was aimed to ship to the port of Antwerp (Belgium). <http://receita.economia.gov.br/noticias/ascom/2019/abril/receita-federal-apreende-557-kg-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-navegantes-sc>

04.04.2019 1.2 tons of cocaine hydrochloride, hidden inside a cargo of plywood, was confiscated by agents of the Customs Control Department of the Customs Department of the Port of Paranaguá Federal Tax Administration. The party was intended for export to Belgium. <https://g1.globo.com/pr/parana/noticia/2019/04/04/receita-apreende-1-tonelada-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-paranagua.ghtml>

Video: <http://g1.globo.com/pr/parana/videos/t/todos-os-videos/v/receita-federal-apreende-uma-tonelada-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-paranagua/7514594/>

07.04.2019 A 37-year-old passenger from Sao Paulo, suspected of international drug trafficking, was detained while trying to smuggle drugs to Portugal at the airport Galeão in Rio de Janeiro. The destination of the cocaine consignment was the city of Porto (Portugal). **6 kg of liquid cocaine** were hidden in the passenger's baggage inside four cans of beer and six cans of sour cream. <https://g1.globo.com/rj/rio-de-janeiro/noticia/2019/04/07/cocaina-e-apreendida-no-aeroporto-do-galeao-em-latas-de- cerveja-e-de-creme-de-leite.ghtml>

GERMANY

02.04.2019 At the main customs office of Regensburg, as a result of stopping and customs control of a truck from Eastern Europe, several bags of marijuana with a total weight of **13.86 kg** were found inside the spare tires. A criminal case was opened against a 44-year-old driver on suspicion of violating the Law on Drugs.

https://www.zoll.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/Rauschgift/2019/z52_ersatzreifen_als_versteck.html

04.04.2019 In the north of Germany, about **500 kg of cocaine** were found in boxes with bananas near Aldi supermarkets in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. The cost of cocaine is 25 million euros. Employees of six branches of the Aldi supermarket chain in Rostock, as well as the Aldi logistics center in Yarmen, near the Baltic Sea islands of Usedom and Rügen, found cocaine in boxes of bananas. <https://www.thelocal.de/20190405/cocaine-worth-25-million-euros-found-among-bananas-at-aldi-in-mecklenburg-west-pomerania>

GUATEMALA

01.04.2019 Agents of the General Directorate for the Analysis of Drug Information (SGAIA) of the National Civil Police (PNC) at car parks in Santa Cruz del Quiche discovered two cargo vehicles in which packages of **cocaine with a total weight of about 84 kg were hidden**. Three people detained. <https://pncdeguatemala.blogspot.com/view/magazine>

EGYPT

04.04.2019 The Egyptian Navy seized a foreign-flagged vessel with seven foreigners suspected of trying to ship over **two tons of heroin and 99 kg of methamphetamine (ice)** across the Red Sea. Two Egyptian drug dealers were involved in the smuggling case, and the value of the consignment is estimated at 2 billion Egyptian pounds (115 million US dollars). Police organized the prosecution of suspects.

http://www.china.org.cn/world/Off_the_Wire/2019-04/05/content_74648496.htm

ITALY

06.04.2019 The provincial command of Guardia di Finanza in Reggio Calabria, during an operation conducted jointly with a local customs and monopoly agency, seized **450 kg of cocaine** in the port of Joya Tauro. The drug was in a transit container from Paranagua, whose destination was Port Said-West (Egypt), inside 420 packs. The cost of the party is 90 million euros. <https://www.ilcrotone.it/la-gdf-sequestra-450-kg-di-cocaina-nel-porto-di-gioia-tauro/>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUFfh5-msk>

CANADA

02.04.2019 Employees of the Special Forces Division arrested two people suspected of smuggling cocaine. The arrest was the result of an investigation launched by the RCMP after the seizure of border services by the Canadian Agency in the Port of Montreal, Province of Quebec. In a container with a batch of furniture, found about **100 kg of cocaine**

concealed. It is established that the country of origin is Mexico. <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/news/2019/seizure-roughly-100-kilos-cocaine-the-port-montreal>

03.04.2019 As a result of the OPP investigation, which led to cooperation between several agencies in three different countries, three men were arrested. The operation, launched in December 2017 by the Office for Combating Organized Crime (OCEB) and called the project "Tattler" ended with the arrest of three Ontario residents accused of international smuggling and drug trafficking. As a result of an investigation in the province of Ontario, **55 kg of cocaine** were found and seized in a truck used to transport drugs. The drug was hidden in a carefully constructed and hidden hydraulic compartment located in the cab of the truck. The drug distribution network was internationally linked to the United States, with revenues from drug distribution distributed throughout the criminal organization in Ontario. The money from the sale of cocaine was returned to Mexico, the country of origin of the drug. As the proceeds from crime seized property totaling 260 thousand US dollars.

<https://www.newmarkettoday.ca/police-beat/lengthy-international-opp-sting-nets-55m-in-cocaine-7-photos-1355678>

COLOMBIA

03.04.2019 A Colombian Navy operation against transnational drug trafficking organizations in the Colombian Caribbean seized **426.9 kg of cocaine hydrochloride**. The drug was found in a cargo container during an inspection of a merchant ship called "Bomar-Kan" under the flag of Portugal at the Urabs coast guard station in the cargo area of the Bahia-Colombia sector in Turbo-Antioquia. The container contained 17 bags containing 428 packages of cocaine. The cost of the party in the international market is 15 million euros. The ship was traveling from Costa Rica to Italy.

<https://www.armada.mil.co/es/content/en-contenedor-contaminado-armada-colombia-incauta-clorhidrato-cocaina>

MEXICO

03.04.2019 Federal Police officers at the Mexico City International Airport, with the support of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic, discovered **34 kg of cocaine** in a passenger's baggage security check in Medellín (Colombia). In the course of another campaign, a division of the Anti-Narcotics Division conducted random checks at a courier company in coordination with personnel from the tax administration system (SAT), where a package arriving from Hong Kong (China) was found heading to the center of Mexico City (Mexico). Inside the package were bags that indicated the transportation of wheat flour, but the contents were about **800 g of fentanyl**. <https://www.gob.mx/sspc/prensa/en-el-aicm-policia-federal-intercepta-cocaina-y-fentanilo-procedentes-de-colombia-y-hong-kong>

05.04.2019 The Mexican Naval Secretariat in Puerto de Manzanillo during the inspection on the ship HAMONNIA SAPPHIRE, arrived from the port of Guayaquil (Ecuador), inside a container from Callao (Peru), which was intended for transportation to Puerto Quetzal (Guatemala), found **85.27 kg of cocaine**. The cargo has been handed over to the Criminal Investigation Agency of the General Prosecutor's Office for investigation.

<http://diariobasta.com/2019/04/05/marina-asegura-cocaina-en-puerto-de-manzanillo-colima/>

PAKISTAN

04.04.2019 Police officers during a vehicle inspection in the Chamkani area in Peshawar during a search of a car that was suspected of drug traffic found **18 kg of hashish and 19 kg of opium** hidden in car cavities. The drugs were smuggled into Punjab. The police confiscated the drugs, seized the car and arrested the drug dealer, against whom the case was opened. <https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2019/04/04/bid-to-smuggle-37kg-narcotics-to-punjab-foiled/>

PANAMA

07.04.2019 During a raid in a container awaiting shipment to Europe, located inside a port facility in the port of Colon, about **1 ton of cocaine** packaged in 1,143 packs were found and seized. <https://www.critica.com.pa/sucesos/duro-golpe-al-narcotrafico-incautan-1143-paquetes-de-droga-en-un-contenedor-545180>

ROMANIA

03.04.2019 Border police officers discovered **200 kg of cocaine** floating in the waters of the Black Sea near the offshore platforms in Constance. The cost of cocaine found is 100 million euros. Police believe the party is part of a party intercepted on March 23 in the Danube Delta, when authorities discovered about 1 ton of cocaine on an abandoned ship near Sfintu Gheorghe. Two Serbian citizens were detained - one tried to cross the border with Serbia, and the other in the Prahova district behind the wheel of a truck registered in Serbia. <https://www.romania-insider.com/index.php/cocaine-floating-black-sea-waters>

USA

03.04.2019 The US Customs and Border Protection Service, the Office of Field Operations, officers in the port of Loukville in the state of Arizona arrested a 19-year-old man and his 18-year-old passengers while trying to smuggle a large batch of drugs from Mexico into the United States in a car Ford Mustang. As a result of inspection activities, more than **28.12 kg of methamphetamine and 160 g of fentanyl** were found in the rear side panels of the car. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/lukeville-cbp-officers-intercept-drug-smuggling-attempt>

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

05.04.2019 Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard officers in a joint operation with the Navy department on fight against customs and excise operations and the Trinidad and Tobago police service aboard a Spanish LNG tanker in the Atlantic LPG port in Point Fortin found a large quantity of cocaine. Before the departure of the vessel, the captain of the tanker conducted security checks and discovered suspicious objects in the area of the rudder well. The captain warned the agent who contacted the authorities. Subsequently, divers in the underwater part of the vessel, in its stern part, found seven bags of **cocaine tied to the ship's rudder, with a total weight of about 200 kg**. Several foreign tankers often call at the Atlantic port to collect LNG, and then go to their destinations. The drugs could be placed in another port before it arrived in the waters of Trinidad and Tobago. <http://www.guardian.co.tt/news/tanker-with-cocaine-load-started-trip-in-spain-6.2.817754.8e5fdec207>

TURKEY

03.04.2019 Turkish security forces, during an anti-smuggling operation in the Nurdag region of the south-eastern Gaziantep province, seized **79 kg of heroin**. Acting on the basis of intelligence, the anti-drug unit of the Khatai police organized a monitoring of a truck with a foreign number, which entered Turkey from the border gate of Khabur along the Iraqi border. Police stopped and searched the truck and found that the heroin packs were hidden among the spices. Truck driver detained.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/turkey/2019/04/03/turkish-police-seize-79-kilograms-of-heroin-in-truck-coming-from-northern-iraq>

JAMAICA

29.03.2019 Police officers together with the soldiers of the Jamaican group to ensure compliance with customs legislation on the Gordon Pier in Bustamante port in Kingston, after checking a container from Venezuela, found 4 duffel bags containing about **95 kg of cocaine**. The cost of seized drugs is estimated at \$ 20 million US Dollars. No one has been arrested. <http://rjnnews.com/local/20-million-cocaine-bust-at-port-bustamante>