

**NEWSLETTER ABOUT PAST EVENTS
 IN THE ANTI-DRUG SPHERE**
(according to the media)

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In the period from December 12 to December 18, 2022, based on information of media in the space of the CARICC member states and other countries of the world, 8 events in the anti-drug sphere were covered (*Kazakhstan - 3, Kyrgyzstan - 1, Russia - 1, Tajikistan - 1, Uzbekistan - 1. According to other countries: Myanmar - 1*).

The published articles contain information on the expansion of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors (*RK*), meetings, promotions and training events in the anti-drug field (*RK, KR, RT, RU*), as well as on drug seizures (*RF, Myanmar*).

ON CARICC MEMBER-STATES

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



13 TONS OF DRUGS SEIZED IN KAZAKHSTAN THIS YEAR - PROSECUTION GENERAL



Issues of combating illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, as well as torture were discussed

December 15 at a meeting in the Prosecutor General's Office chaired by the head of the department Berik Asylov. Opening the meeting, the head of the supervisory agency noted that a number of legislative and practical measures have been taken in the field of combating illicit drug trafficking. Significantly increased accountability.

Since 2020, inducement to consume and sell drugs via the Internet have been classified as serious and especially serious offenses. Introduced criminal liability for advertising and propaganda of drugs. All these joint measures helped to stabilize drug crime, Asylov noted.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs and the National Security Committee liquidated 64 drug laboratories this year alone. About 13 tons of drugs were seized, including 33 kg of heroin and 500 kg of "synthetics". This year alone, 1,400 sites selling drugs have been blocked. However, there is still a lot of work ahead, the situation is still difficult," the Prosecutor General added.

The heads of criminal prosecution bodies, regional prosecutors were instructed to strengthen interdepartmental cooperation aimed at identifying organized groups, smuggling, drug laboratories, supply and distribution channels for narcotic substances.

In turn, the Ministry of Internal Affairs needs to ensure high-quality development and approval of a comprehensive plan for combating drugs.

The meeting also discussed the effectiveness of combating torture and other illegal methods of investigation and inquiry.

Asylov recalled that from the new year, only prosecutors will investigate torture.

In places of deprivation of liberty, the installation of terminals for the submission of appeals by convicts continues. Continuous video surveillance is being introduced in colonies, pre-trial detention centers and offices of criminal prosecution bodies. These and other measures have been positively assessed by international experts, including representatives of the UN Committee against Torture," the head of the department noted.

According to him, a draft joint order on combating torture has been developed, the main task of which is to prevent illegal methods from the moment of detention and delivery of a citizen to the criminal prosecution authorities. It also introduces a ban on conducting negotiations, conversations, polls with a person who does not have a procedural status. Other measures are envisaged to eliminate the conditions for the use of torture.

Asylov drew attention to systemic problems, the causes and conditions for committing torture, as well as the need to eliminate them in cooperation with all law enforcement and government agencies.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs was instructed to revise internal regulations that give rise to arbitrary detentions and bring them into line with international requirements.

In addition, the need for strict implementation of Article 80 of the Law "On Law Enforcement Service", according to which leaders whose employees have committed torture or systematically violated the constitutional rights of citizens are subject to dismissal.

In conclusion, the head of the supervisory authority demanded that regional prosecutors establish interaction with the newly formed regional representatives of the Commissioner for Human Rights, human rights organizations and the legal community.

https://www.kt.kz/rus/state/v_kazahstane_v_etom_godu_iz_yato_13_tonn_narkotikov_-_1377944428.html



TENGRINEWS THE LIST OF DRUGS TO BE EXPANDED IN KAZAKHSTAN



The Ministry of Internal Affairs will expand the list of narcotic, psychotropic substances and precursors, Tengrinews.kz correspondent reports.

The department has developed a draft government decree on the introduction of another 27 types of drugs and precursors under state control.

In particular, 14 more drugs and 13 precursors will be included in the list of narcotic drugs.

"These lists contain more than a thousand substances, the circulation of which is controlled by the state. In order to combat the so-called "pharmacy drug addiction", the list of psychotropic substances is supplemented with tramadol, a psychotropic analgesic used by drug addicts to obtain the effect of euphoria and generally contributes to the formation of drug addiction," Shugyla Turlybek, a representative of the department, said at a briefing at the Ministry of Internal Affairs..

According to her, with the enactment of the government act, tramadol will be dispensed only by prescription and only in those pharmacies and medical and preventive organizations that have licenses for the circulation of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

"The qualifying sizes of tramadol, from which criminal liability will come, are determined: up to 0.1 grams - a small size, up to 10 grams - a large size, from 10 grams - an especially large size," the message says. https://tengrinews.kz/kazakhstan_news/spisok-narkotikov-rasshryat-v-kazahstane-486395/



MORE THAN 300 SCHOOLCHILDREN OF TARAZ PARTICIPATED IN THE ANTI-DRUG ACTION



In secondary school No. 47, the action "Youth Against Drugs" was held, in which more than 300 students took part. It was organized by the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Police Department of Zhambyl region and the regional youth resource center. The police told the students about the dangers of using drugs and the consequences of committing crimes related to them, giving

specific examples. Cynologists prepared a special performance, during which the dogs showed their skills in finding drugs and neutralizing the offender.

"Drug addiction is currently a major challenge to society. The trouble is that addiction occurs immediately. Very often, even those who undergo treatment cannot get rid of addiction forever. Think about it, are the moments of dubious "pleasure" worth the subsequent years of torment, spending, tears of relatives and friends? - Alim Bazhikbaev, head of the Office for Combating Drug Crime Police Department of the Zhambyl region, addressed the students. <https://polisia.kz/ru/bole-300-uchenikov-taraza-prinyali-uchastie-v-antinarkoticheskoy-aktsii/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC



A TRAINING SEMINAR WAS HELD AT THE ACADEMY OF THE MIA



From December 12 to 13, a training for trainers was held on the basis of the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic on the educational and methodological manual "Legal Basis for the Theory and Practice of Harm Reduction". The event was attended by teachers of the Academy and the RTC of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, employees of the OK District Department of Internal Affairs in Bishkek.

During the first day of the seminar, the situation on HIV / AIDS and tuberculosis in the country, state policy in the field of drug demand reduction and harm reduction were discussed, and the participants considered the features of preventing violations of the rights of law enforcement agencies against key groups.

On the second day of the seminar, the participants discussed the provisions of the Instruction "On the prevention of HIV infection by authorized state bodies of internal affairs for drug control and in the field of execution of sentences of the Kyrgyz Republic, interacting with vulnerable groups." After that, the practical processing of the skills of conducting HIV prevention classes with video recording and supervision of trainers and group members took place.

At the end of the second day of the seminar, participants were awarded certificates.

It should be noted that the training is supported by UNDP/GF. <https://mvd.gov.kg/news/1523>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Коммерсантъ

446 KG OF DRUGS SEEN FROM ILLEGAL TRAFFIC IN OREL REGION SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 2022



From January to November of this year, 446 kg of narcotic drugs were seized from illicit trafficking in the Oryol region. This was announced by the head of the drug control department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the region Vladimir Zhuravlev. He reported at a meeting of the anti-drug commission, which was held by Governor Andrei Klychkov.

According to police data for 11 months, a decrease in the number of crimes in the field of drug trafficking by 7.2% was recorded on the territory of the Oryol region. In total, 239 such crimes were investigated this year, of which 121 have grave and especially grave offenses. 229 persons brought to criminal responsibility, including 20 foreign citizens (from Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Nigeria).

"In general, thanks to the work of the law enforcement unit, the situation in this area in the region remains stable. I believe that in the coming year, serious attention should be paid to control over the stay in the territory of the Oryol region of foreign citizens from the so-called transit countries and drug suppliers," said Mr. Klychkov. Since the beginning of the year, local operatives have blocked 18 interregional drug supply channels, interrupted the activities of two clandestine drug laboratories in the regions of the region, as well as two dens for the use of illegal drugs. <https://www.kommersant.ru/doc/5720456>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN



MEETING OF THE AGENCY DIRECTOR WITH THE HEAD OF THE OSCE OFFICE IN DUSHANBE



On December 7, 2022, the Director of the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Major General of Justice Khabibullo Vohidzoda met with the Head of the OSCE Program Office in Dushanbe, Ms. Tea Jaliashvili.

During the meeting, the Director of the Agency expressed satisfaction with the good level of mutually beneficial cooperation between the Agency and the OSCE Program Office in Dushanbe in all areas of the Agency's activities, recalling the particularly successful cooperation in the field of drug abuse prevention.

It should be noted that, in accordance with the Agency's Joint Capacity Building Action Plan, the OSCE Program Office in Dushanbe provided financial assistance in refurbishing the Agency's small meeting room and equipping it with modern equipment that will be used for receiving guests and holding various events such as meetings and seminars, round tables on drug demand reduction and other events.

At the end of the meeting, the parties expressed their readiness to further expand bilateral mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of drug control.

<https://akn.tj/ru/2022/12/07/meeting-of-the-director-of-the-agency-with-the-head-of-the-osce-office-in-dushanbe/>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN



ON THE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE UNODC AND WCO GLOBAL CONTAINER CONTROL PROGRAM



On December 13, 2022, the UNODC Regional Office hosted a regular meeting of the National Steering Committee of the UNODC and WCO Global Container Control Program (CCP) to discuss the preliminary plan for the 1st half of 2023.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the NIACDC and the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the coordinators of the CCP program from UNODC.

During the event, the results of the work done during the implementation and the results achieved under the Program were discussed. <https://ncdc.uz/news/jaxon-bojxona-tashkiloti-va-bmt-giyohvandlik-vositadari-va-jinoyatchilik-boshqarmasining-konteyner-tashuvlarda-nazorat-global-dasturining-milliy-boshqaruv-qomitasi-yigilishi-yuzasidan>

ON OTHER COUNTRIES

MYANMAR



SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, OVER \$509 MILLION DRUGS SEIZED IN MYANMAR

In Myanmar, narcotic substances and their chemical precursors were confiscated in the current year for a total amount of 1,069.94 billion kyat (more than 509.49 million US dollars). This was reported by the state media.

The drugs seized 6,276 times are reported to include over 1.1 tons of opium, 1.32 tons of heroin, 164.87 million stimulant pills, 21.75 tons of methamphetamine and 2.04 tons of ketamine.

Speaking yesterday at a meeting of the Central Committee for Combating Drug Abuse, its chairman and Myanmar Interior Minister So Htut said that the committee had carried out special anti-drug operations and made progress in cooperation with the country's armed forces, police and customs administration.

In 2021, narcotic drugs and related materials were seized in Myanmar totaling \$524.48 million.

On June 26, 2022, on the occasion of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, over \$642 million worth of drugs were burned in Myanmar. <https://dknews.kz/ru/v-mire/266414-s-nachala-goda-v-myanme-izyali-narkotikov-na-summu>

