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In the period from 1 to 11 February 2024, 16 events in counternarcotics were covered on the basis of information from mass media in CARICC Member States (*Kazakhstan - 6, Kyrgyzstan - 5, Russia - 3, Tajikistan - 1, Uzbekistan - 1*).

Published articles reflect information about classes held by police officers on counternarcotics topics, about another PR campaign to paint over drug advertisements, about organization of sports competitions by drug police officers, about meeting of drug police officers with representatives of OLX Group LLP, about discussion of combating drug addiction and drug business in the Ministry of Internal Affairs, about visit of drug police officers to university dormitory (*Kazakhstan*), preventive lecture at the OSCE Academy, on a lecture on drug crime prevention among youth, on a lecture on drug prevention for schoolchildren, on a lecture for students of the AUCA Innovation College, on a meeting of police officers with representatives of pharmaceutical companies (*Kyrgyzstan*), participation of high school students in the campaign «For the Health and Safety of Our Children», a preventive event organized by police officers with young journalists of the Tambov region, and the expansion of the list of state-controlled drugs by the Russian Government (*Russia*), on data on the volume of drug trafficking from Afghanistan (*Tajikistan*), on trainings by UNODC in Samarkand (*Uzbekistan*).

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



ZHETISU POLICE OFFICERS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT COUNTERNARCOTICS CLASSES



Awareness-raising and training activities of counter-narcotics nature are carried out by officers of the regional department for combating drug crime throughout the region.

This time prevention training was conducted among the personnel of the special unit «Berkut» in m/b 5514 NG RK.

- One of the best ways to combat drug abuse is prevention. Against the backdrop of active «synthetics», i.e. chemically manufactured drugs, young people can easily find

themselves in the ranks of both drug users and drug couriers. The problem is that young people cannot always really assess the threat. After all, often a persistent dependence on synthetics appears even from the first use, - noted the staff of the Department of Drug Control of the Department of Internal Affairs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Classes, lectures, meetings and discussions with servicemen on drug abuse prevention were organized as part of the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan to Combat Drug Addiction and Drug Trafficking for 2023-2025.

When visiting military units in the region, young servicemen are also addressed by an addiction doctor from the regional Center for Mental Health, who explains the consequences of drug use. The law enforcement officers, in their turn, inform about the legal responsibility for their distribution.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-zhetisu-prodolzhayut-provodit-zanyatiya-na-antinarkoticheskuyu-temu/>

ANOTHER CAMPAIGN TO PAINT OVER DRUG ADVERTISEMENTS WAS HELD IN KOSTANAY



Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the DP of Kostanay region together with volunteers of the Kostanay Higher College of Kazpotrebsoyuz and representatives of the youth wing «Zhastar Rukhy» under the party Amanat, held an action to paint over graffiti drawings and inscriptions with drug advertising.

The campaign became large-scale and was supported in the districts of the region. In a few hours, the participants painted over 100 inscriptions and about 30 pieces of

graffiti.

- When we receive reports of such inscriptions, we immediately go out and paint over them. This year this action is held for the first time. Thanks to the residents of the city, there is an active work to combat drug addiction, - said Aigul Eradilova, senior operative commissioner of the Department of Internal Affairs of the Department of Internal Affairs of Kostanay region.

The DP of Kostanay region reported that nine such actions were held last year, during which more than 400 inscriptions were painted over.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/ocherednuyu-aktsiyu-po-zakrashivaniyu-reklamy-narkotikov-proveli-v-kostanae/>

DRUG POLICE ORGANIZED SPORTS COMPETITIONS FOR AKMOLA RESIDENTS



The beginning of February was marked by two very different sports events, a ski tournament and a soccer tournament, so different, but united by one goal - the formation of anti-drug immunity through a healthy lifestyle.

The Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Department of Internal Affairs of Akmola region together with the training and methodological center for physical culture, sports and basic military training under the regional department of education held a skiing tournament among

students of secondary schools and colleges from January 30 to February 2. Nine teams from schools and 13 teams from colleges took part in the competition, with a total coverage of more than 200 people, who expressed their resistance to drugs through competition.

After completing and awarding the winners in the ski race, the drug police officers went to Bolashak Sarayy, where they supported young soccer players in the city futsal tournament. Seven soccer teams aged 11-12 took part in the event. The game was no-nonsense, but it was here that the participants showed team spirit and healthy competition. And of course, at the end of the game the winners were determined and the best players were awarded.

- We are always ready to support any initiative, to contribute to the effective use of young people's time, - shared the opinion of Vitaly Gudymenko, Head of the UPN DP of the region.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/narkopolitsejskie-organizovali-sportivnye-sorevnovaniya-dlya-akmolintsev/>

DRUG POLICE OFFICERS MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF OLX GROUP LLP



Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs held a working meeting with representatives of OLX Group LLP and the Future without Drugs public foundation, where employees of the Prosecutor General’s Office, the Ministry of Culture and Information and the Ministry of Digital Development, Innovation and Aerospace Industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan were invited to attend.

The meeting discussed the measures taken to prevent the facts of placement of advertisements on the site «OLX» about

the recruitment of drug dealers under the guise of offering courier work. Involvement of the public fund «Future without Drugs» aimed at blocking Internet content in the fight against the distribution and propaganda of drugs in Telegram.

At the meeting it was decided to conclude a tripartite memorandum between OLX LLP, the public foundation «Future without Drugs» and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan on countering the distribution of narcotic drugs on the Internet.

Algorithms of interaction to identify, block and remove illegal content from the OLX platform and in Telegram channels were developed and discussed.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/narkopolitsejskie-vstretilis-s-predstaviteli-olx-grupa/>

MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS DISCUSSED COMBATING DRUG ADDICTION AND DRUG TRAFFICKING



The Ministry of Internal Affairs hosted a meeting of the Interdepartmental Headquarters on combating drug addiction and drug trafficking with the participation of heads of state bodies, regional akims, and representatives of the Youth Policy Council under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan..

Deputy Minister Aidos Rysbaev reported on the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan to Combat Drug Addiction and Drug Trafficking, in terms of achieving the expected results of the internal affairs, health care and forensic bodies.

For example, space monitoring of cultivated cannabis cultivation areas has been carried out, as a result of which 265 drug plantations have already been identified.

This data through artificial intelligence will later be used by satellites to identify them independently.

Within the framework of the Plan, 21 hardware and software complexes were purchased for territorial police units to identify administrators and users of drug websites.

A separate topic of discussion was the introduction of drug screening for law enforcement officers and special agencies, which will allow for an objective assessment of the situation and make it possible to identify drug addicts.

The meeting discussed the shortening of the timeframe for forensic examination of synthetic drugs, which is a problematic issue.

The final report of the meeting will give a principled assessment of each state and local executive body on the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan to Combat Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/v-mvd-obsudili-bor-bu-s-narkomaniej-i-narkobiznesom-2/>



DRUG POLICE VISITED UNIVERSITY DORMITORIES IN KOKSHETAU



Akmola police officers walked with a dog through the rooms of students, conducted an experiment with a drug imitator, talked about the harmful effects of narcotic substances on the body.

From 5 to 10 February, officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime have been visiting

the dormitories of the S. Ualikhanov University on a daily basis. There are five buildings, most of the students come from the western and southern regions of the country.

The operatives told about the direction of their activities, also about the work of cinematologists with dogs to search for narcotic substances.

Next, an experiment was conducted with the children. The students put their bags on the floor, one of which contained a drug imitator. The police with a dog also went through the students' rooms, where nothing suspicious was found.

Law enforcement officers touched on the inadmissibility of the use of narcotic and psychotropic substances, told the children about the consequences of their use, about the harmful effects on the human body. Also reminded about the administrative and criminal responsibility established by the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan for committing illegal actions.

Students took an active part in the conversation, asked questions and received competent answers.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/narkopolitsejskie-posetili-universitetskie-obshhezhitija-v-kokshetau/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC



THE OSCE ACADEMY STUDENTS GIVEN A PREVENTIVE LECTURE BY OFFICERS OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY’S CNS



A lecture on «Countering Illicit Drug Trafficking» was held for students of the OSCE Academy in Bishkek.

Cholpon Tabaldieva, an officer of the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, gave a guest lecture to master’s students studying in the programs «Politics and Security», «Economic Governance and Development», «Human Rights and Sustainable Development».

An important area of work of the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic is countering drug trafficking, promoting healthy lifestyles, and preventing drug abuse among young people.

Officer of the Service told the students about activities of the Service and its main tasks, also with the master’s students discussed the factors that affect the drug situation in the country, the topics of criminal responsibility for crimes related to illicit drug trafficking, human rights. They talked about the reasons of involvement of young people in drug-related crime, as well as the Academy students were informed about the risky consequences associated with drugs.

Improving legal knowledge is a tool for prevention of offenses, including those related to drug trafficking.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/2815>



CNS OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS ORGANIZES LECTURES ON DRUG CRIME PREVENTION AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE



On 27 January 2024, within the framework of the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic «On the Basics of Prevention of Delinquency», at the invitation of the management of the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, the deputy head of the Department of CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic in Bishkek, held a lecture for the 1st year cadets of the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic named after Major General of Police E. Aliev on the topic: «Basics of drug security of modern society».

This lecture is aimed at increasing the knowledge of police cadets in this area, as an integral part of the service in improving professional skills and abilities,

taking into account the changing drug situation in the world.

Lecture with cadets was conducted with the use of interactive teaching methods.

At the end of the lecture, the cadets thanked for their knowledge, and officer of the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic wished everyone success in their hard but very responsible studies, as the cadets of the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs serve on an equal footing with all employees of the internal affairs bodies.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/2817>



A LECTURE ON DRUG PREVENTION HELD FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN IN OSH



Officers of the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, with the assistance of the administration of Narimanov School 7, organized a preventive lecture with pupils of grades 8-11 on the theme: «What drugs lead to».

Representatives of the Osh Regional Center for Control of Hemocontact Viral Hepatitis and Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Osh Regional Center of Psychiatry and Narcology, Health Promotion Center of Osh Branch No. 8 were invited to the lecture.

Doctors told the children what destructive consequences for health entail the use of any means containing potent, narcotic and psychotropic substances.

In turn, representative of the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic informed the children about the legal norms regulating responsibility for drug sales.

Pupils were also informed about cases of young people being involved in drug trafficking under the guise of offering to «earn money».

In this regard, everyone was urged to be vigilant and not to follow dubious links on the Internet, offering work. Special prevention videos produced by the Service with the support of the OSCE Programme Office are shown to illustrate this point.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/2826>



A LECTURE ON DRUG PREVENTION WAS HELD FOR STUDENTS OF AUCA INNOVATION COLLEGE IN BISHKEK



How not to become a victim of drug crime? Students of AUCA Innovation College discussed this acute and so important topic together with a guest lecturer Tabaldieva Cholpon, an officer of the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Students discussed in detail reasons why young people get involved in drug crime - becoming its unwilling victim, talked about how to get out of such a situation, analyzed the situations in which criminals taking advantage of the gullibility of young people are involved in illegal activities.

They were also told about destructive health consequences of using any means containing potent, narcotic and psychotropic

substances.

The students were shown special prevention videos produced by the Service with the support of the OSCE Programme Office to illustrate the point.

Only together can a problem that affects not only individuals but generations of families, communities and even nations be solved.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/2833>



CNS OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICERS MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES



The Counter Narcotics Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic together with the Department of Medicines and Medical Devices under the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic on the basis of the Analytical Center of the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic held a meeting in the form of an open dialogue with representatives of pharmacological companies of the Kyrgyz Republic on the topic «Prohibition on the sale (marketing) of potent drugs subject to subject-quantitative accounting in health care organizations».

The purpose of the meeting is preventive in nature to streamline the recording, prescribing,

dispensing and prevention of non-medical use («pharmacy drug abuse») of potent drugs to adolescents.

In particular, an employee of the children's department of the Republican Center of Psychiatry and Narcology of the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic noted that the number of young people with addiction who use certain drugs from the pharmacy assortment is increasing every year.

The deputy head of the Bishkek Department of the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic explained that there are people who explain and sometimes justify this phenomenon by the imperfection of the current legislation, the difficulty of strict control over each pharmacy. However, it is obvious that an honest, principled and responsible position of every person working in the pharmacy business can play a much greater role in combating this evil. We should not think that tragedies caused by the irresponsible and cynical behavior of pharmaceutical criminals cannot affect each of us, our relatives, friends or acquaintances. Our children cannot be saved and prevented from tragedy only by inspections, amendments to laws and strict accountability.

Only a clear realization by each of us of our personal responsibility for the fate and future of the younger generation can prevent us from «converting» the lives of teenagers into underground super-profits.

The CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs has appealed to stop the sale of prescription drugs, so called in the society! We ask everyone in his or her place, within the limits of his or her abilities and within the scope of his or her competence, to prevent and strictly suppress any cases of over-the-counter sale of prescription drugs.

Summarizing results of the meeting representatives of pharmaceutical companies urged each other not to remain indifferent and indifferent to this trouble, to do everything in their power to stop and prevent the illegal circulation of these drugs in pharmacy outlets.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/2838>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION



MORE THAN 400 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF KABARDINO-BALKARIA TOOK PART IN THE CAMPAIGN «FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN»



As part of the anti-drug prevention campaign «For Health and Safety of Our Children», juvenile affairs inspectors of the Tersk District Department of Internal Affairs of Russia together with narcologists Marina Khakuasheva and Khasan Khushtov held an event on drug abuse prevention among young people in eight general education institutions of the district.

Oksana Belgarova and Albina Ashkhotova, juvenile inspectors of the department, took part in thematic class

hours with high school students, during which police officers discussed the issues of preventing the use of narcotic substances and psychotropic substances and reminded about criminal and administrative responsibility for committing crimes related to illicit drug trafficking.

Oksana Belgarova told the teenagers about the fate of people who use illegal substances. Albina Ashkhotova reminded about the work of the unified helpline for children and the Kabardino-Balkarian Republic’s Ministry of Internal Affairs helpline. Khasan Khushtov and Marina Khakuasheva warned schoolchildren against smoking tobacco products and e-cigarettes and drinking alcoholic beverages. Medical professionals told teenagers about the consequences of using narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

At the end of the conversation, organizers of the meeting answered questions of high school students.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--plai/news/item/47031485>



UNK OFFICERS AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC COUNCIL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS HELD A PREVENTIVE EVENT WITH YOUNG JOURNALISTS IN THE TAMBOV REGION



At the beginning of the event, Marina Krasnoslobodtseva, Head of the Department of Interdepartmental Cooperation with Government Authorities and Prevention of UNK UMVD of Russia for the Tambov Region, Colonel of Police, addressed the young journalists of the Tambov Region. She told the teenagers in detail about criminal and administrative liability, explaining the punishment for consumption of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances and distribution of prohibited substances.

Police colonel paid special attention to the tolerant behavior of teenagers, as well as to

the topic of safe behavior of young people in the digital space, as nowadays the Internet is one of the main channels of drug distribution. Young journalists actively asked questions about the model of safe behavior in social media, and Marina Viktorovna gave a detailed answer to each question.

Sergey Fursov, a member of the Public Council of the Tambov Region Department of Internal Affairs, told the children how to form healthy habits and showed by example that sport is an integral part of a successful person's life. The public member explained that even an «innocent prank» in the form of a one-time use of illegal substances can wipe out all future prosperity and become a serious obstacle to obtaining a driver's license, higher education or successful employment.

At the end of the event, the children were in for another surprise. A guest animator from the fascinating science show «Mad Science» performed in front of them. The young spectators were presented with amazing experiments and interactive experiments.

UMVD officers on a regular basis carry out such preventive activities, where the main goal is to popularize sports and healthy lifestyles of the younger generation, as well as the formation of a correct outlook of minors.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/47096783>



THE RUSSIAN CABINET OF MINISTERS EXPANDED THE LIST OF STATE-CONTROLLED NARCOTIC DRUGS



The Russian government has expanded the list of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances subject to control on the territory of the state, the corresponding decree was signed by Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin. According to TASS, 12 new items have been added to the list.

The updated list includes substances of synthetic cannabinoids, tryptamines and benzodiazepines that are particularly dangerous to human life and health. The government explained the expansion of the list by improving state control over the circulation of new types of psychoactive drugs.

The list of plants containing narcotic and psychotropic substances and subject to control on the territory of the Russian Federation was also expanded. This list includes, in particular, tricolored ipomea, shielded turbine and harmala. These plants are prohibited to cultivate and sell. In addition, the document provides for the strengthening of state control over the illicit trafficking of cocaine.

Earlier it was reported that a drug dealer in St. Petersburg died of an overdose when he tasted his goods. The body of a 38-year-old man was found by the landlord of an apartment on Moskovsky Avenue after he failed to pay the rent and did not contact him. Law enforcers who arrived on the scene sent the corpse for forensic medical examination, as well as searched the apartment and found more than 200 bags with various narcotic substances.

<https://news.ru/vlast/kabmin-rf-rasshiril-spisok-kontroliruemyh-gosudarstvom-narkoticheskikh-sredstv/>

ТАДЖИКИСТАН



TAJIKISTAN BELIEVES THAT THE VOLUME OF DRUG TRAFFICKING FROM AFGHANISTAN IS NOT DECREASING



Tajikistan's Drug Control Agency said the volume of drug trafficking from Afghanistan to the republic has not decreased despite claims that opium poppy crops have been reduced.

«As before, the opium group - heroin and opium, as well as Afghan-made methamphetamine - comes to Tajikistan. This is due to the fact that Afghan drug producers make more profit from the production of methamphetamine,» explained the Information and Analytical Department of the DCA.

According to the agency, more than 2.5 tons of illicit substances were seized in border areas alone last year - half of all drugs seized in 2023 (5.2 tons of narcotics).

We would like to add that currently there are 4160 registered drug addicts in the republic, 107 of them are women.

Earlier, a report by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime said that opium poppy cultivation in Afghanistan had fallen by 95% in a year. According to last year's data, the crops amounted to only 10.8 thousand hectares. In 2022, that figure was estimated at 233,000 hectares.

https://halva.tj/news/v_tadzhikistane_schitayut_cho_obem_narkotrafika_iz_afganistana_ne_snizhaetsya/

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**UNODC IS CONDUCTING TRAININGS ON «DETECTING DRUGS IN VEHICLES AND CARGO» AND «RISK ASSESSMENT AND PROFILING» FROM 29 JANUARY TO 9 FEBRUARY**

UNODC is conducting trainings on «Detecting drugs in vehicles and cargo» and «Risk assessment and profiling» in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, from 29 January to 9 February. The events are being organized for two groups of law enforcement officers who are part of the 13 inter-agency mobile teams of Uzbekistan, established with the support of UNODC.

The trainings, which will be conducted by two international experts with extensive experience in profiling from Latvia and Kazakhstan, will broadly address issues related to detection of drugs in vehicles, as well as integrated risk assessment and

profiling techniques.

From 2016 to 2023, UNODC, together with competent authorities of the Republic of Uzbekistan, implemented a project on establishment and functioning of inter-agency mobile teams. The third phase of the project «Countering Drug Trafficking through Enhanced Coordination and Capacity Building of Interagency Mobile Teams» is funded by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs of the U.S. Department of State (INL).

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