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In the period from 1 to 31 January 2024, 26 events in counternarcotics were covered on the basis of information from mass media in CARICC Member States and other countries (*Kazakhstan - 10, Kyrgyzstan - 5, Russia - 6, Turkmenistan - 2, Uzbekistan - 1, as well as China - 1 and Belarus - 1*).

Published articles include information about conducting counternarcotics classes in military units, introduction of responsibility for drug use at home, counternarcotics events and meetings of Ministry of Internal Affairs officers with students and schoolchildren, expansion of list of narcotic drugs (*Kazakhstan*), social video about drug dead droppers, preventive actions carried out by officers of the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, handing over of vehicles to the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic (*Kyrgyzstan*), preventive measures carried out by officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in various regions of the country (*Russia*), discussion of cooperation between Turkmenistan and the EU, introduction of a pilot mechanism for exchange of preliminary cargo information (*Turkmenistan*), meeting with Regional Representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for Central Asia (*Uzbekistan*), China's readiness to cooperate with the U.S. in combating drug crime (*China*) and prevention of drug abuse among children (*Belarus*).

## REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



### POLICE OFFICERS CARRIED OUT COUNTER-NARCOTICS TRAINING IN MILITARY UNITS IN ZHETISU



One of the best ways to combat drug addiction is prevention, the law enforcement officers are convinced. Zhetisu police initiated awareness-raising activities among servicemen who were called up last year to military units in the region.

Classes, lectures, meetings and discussions with enlisted soldiers on the topic of drug abuse prevention were organized with the assistance of the Military Police Department of the Zhetisu region garrison as part of the implementation of the

«Comprehensive Plan to Combat Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking for 2023-2025».

- Against the background of the active spread of so-called «synthetics», i.e. chemically manufactured drugs, young people can easily find themselves in the ranks of drug users and drug couriers. The problem is that young people are not always able to really assess the threat. It is not uncommon for a persistent dependence on synthetics to emerge from the first use,» said the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the DP of the Zhetisu region.

When visiting military units in the region, young servicemen are also given a presentation by an expert in addiction treatment from the regional Center for Mental Health, who explains consequences of drug use. Police officers, in turn, inform them of legal responsibility for distribution.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/v-voinskih-chastyah-zhetisu-politsejskie-proveli-zanyatiya-na-antinarkoticheskuyu-tematiku/>

**DIALOGUE ON PROBLEM OF DRUG ADDICTION WAS HELD BETWEEN POLICE OFFICERS AND SCHOOLCHILDREN IN SARAN**



In the context of implementation of the Comprehensive Plan to Combat Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking for 2023-2025, Sarani Gymnasium School No. 17 hosted a meeting of students with Akim and city prosecutor, as well as head of the Department of Public Prosecutions of the region, Sanzhar Adilov. The venue for the event was not chosen by chance - this educational institution was included in the regional project «Young Lawyer» and took an active part in its development. The aim of the meeting was to highlight the most pressing issues of drug prevention and the fight against drug trafficking.

The event was held in a non-standard format. It began in the lobby of the educational institution, where fighters of special forces of the DP of the region demonstrated small arms, special technical means and equipment used. It was possible not only to touch them, but also to take them in hand and even try out bulletproof vest and helmet.

In turn, Nikita Maksimenko, director of the school-gymnasium, gave the guests a kind of excursion, introducing them to the creative work of students and teachers. For example, the journal «Zhas Zanger» («Young Lawyer») published in the school aroused interest. One of its editors, Lyudmila Kozhina, a 10th grade student, said.

- Our journal is published with a periodicity of once every three months. Its first issue was published on 5 December last year. The main theme of the published materials is «Together Against Corruption». Our main headings are «Question to Lawyer», «Legal Education» and «Children's Creativity». Our authors are pupils from 7th to 11th grades. We choose topics, information and layout ourselves. All photo illustrations used are original, not a single picture from the Internet,» she said.

Elementary school teachers presented their project - a board game «Walking» developed by them. It helps elementary school students to consolidate their knowledge of traffic rules. Then the guests were invited to the conference hall.

- As the Head of State President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev always emphasizes: «There are no strangers' children». And all present students are our children. The most important investment is their education. So that a child can find its place in society in the future. Our visit is conditioned by our concern for the future of the nation, of the whole country. And drug trafficking is a serious threat we are facing. For my part, I warn young people about criminal responsibility for possession, transportation and sale of narcotic drugs. In the Criminal Code, these actions are regulated by articles 296 and 297. In social networks they offer so-called «work»: you hide a bag of drugs in a specified place and for this you get 5 thousand tenge. But there is no such thing as easy money. It is earned only by labor. You can be convinced by the example of your parents,» said Sanzhar Adilov, head of the Department of Internal Affairs of the region.

In addition, he emphasized that current legislation provides for imprisonment of up to ten years or more for such crimes. Moreover, criminal liability starts at the age of 16, and for the sale of drugs in a particularly large amount - from the age of 14.

- Therefore, it is essential to know the law. It is harsh, but it is the law,» Adilov emphasized.

- Today we are discussing an important topic - combating drugs. The number of drug addicts grows every year. According to world statistics, only one out of ten drug addicts is successfully rehabilitated. The rest have a sad fate. Life cycle of an addict who uses synthetic drugs is no more than five years. Five years of torment and humiliation. Drug traffickers have created the illusion that synthetic drugs are not addictive. It is an illusion -

«synthetics» are more dangerous than heroin. I urge you, our young generation, never to face this evil in your life,» said Sarani City Prosecutor Zhankozi Nakishev.

Format of the event allowed children to ask questions of interest. One of them was the conditions of enrollment in educational institutions of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Sanzhar Adilov, Head of the Department of Internal Affairs of the region, gave a comprehensive answer.

At the end, officers of the Center of Canine Service of the Department of Internal Affairs of the region performed with their pets in front of the students, in addition, techniques of hand-to-hand combat were demonstrated by Special Forces fighters.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/dialog-po-probleme-narkomanii-sostoyalsya-mezhdu-politsejskimi-i-shkol-nikami-sarani/>



## RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRUG USE AT HOME IS PLANNED TO BE INTRODUCED IN KAZAKHSTAN



The Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan is looking into introducing administrative responsibility for drug use outside public places.

- In order to ensure unconditional and complete prohibition of the use of drugs for non-medical purposes, the Ministry is discussing introducing administrative responsibility for use outside public places,» the Ministry said in response to an official request from the editorial board.

If approved, non-medical use of drugs at home, in a car or at a recreational establishment would be punishable by administrative law.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs reminded that the current legislation provides for criminal liability for drug use in public places. The punishment for this act does not involve imprisonment and is limited to a fine or community service.

In addition, as part of the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan to Combat Drug Addiction and Drug Trafficking for 2023-2025, the agency is currently working on reorganization of the relevant department, which will be endowed with sufficient powers to carry out functions of drug control and interagency coordination.

Changes suggest strengthening its preventive and coordinating role in countering «synthetics», Internet crimes and international drug trafficking. The decision on reforming the specialized committee will be taken after required coordination.

<https://www.inform.kz/ru/otvetstvennost-za-upotreblenie-narkotikov-doma-planiruyut-vvesti-v-kazahstane-fa6565>

## AKMOLA SCHOOLCHILDREN WERE DEMONSTRATED HOW A DOG SEARCHES FOR DRUGS



Akmola schoolchildren were shown how the service dog Rex searches for drugs. In a few minutes, the tailed policeman found an imitation of a prohibited drug in the backpack of one of the students.

On 17 January in the secondary school № 17 of Kokshetau city, officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Department of Internal Affairs of Akmola region met with students of 8th grades.

The purpose of the meeting was to explain problems of modern synthetic drugs and pharmacy drug addiction, as well as the harm from the use of various non-prohibited substances, but negatively affecting the physical and mental state of adolescents, up to addiction.

The students were also informed in an accessible and interesting format about the legal consequences of teenagers' involvement in drug trafficking, such as inscriptions with illegal content, distribution, etc.

In conclusion, police officers offered the children to witness the work of a dog to search for drugs. For this purpose, guys were asked to provide their bags and backpacks, in one of which, on the instructions of the guys themselves, a drug imitation was placed. Rex went around all the bags and unmistakably stopped near the «right» bag, which thrilled the schoolchildren.

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## STICKERS WITH REMINDERS ABOUT THE HARM OF DRUGS WERE PUT ON KOKSHETAU BUSES

On 18 January, officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime together with volunteers of the KF «Future without Drugs» and «SeyNur» motor park held a campaign to place information and awareness-raising booklets in shuttle buses of Kokshetau.

The initiative of Akmola drug police was supported by the deputy of the city maslikhat Nurlan Seydalin, who is the deputy director of LLP «Firm SeyNur», which has more than 20 buses in its fleet.

During the campaign police officers and volunteers placed information about responsibility for drug offenses on the handles of bus handrails, as well as information about taking necessary actions when detecting pawns with illegal substances.

- We express our gratitude to the management of «SeyNur» LLP for their assistance in anti-drug prevention through informing the population. Most of the city residents, especially teenagers and young people, mainly travel by bus. In a day only one bus passes about 200 people. Therefore, we consider the placement of informational booklets on buses a necessary and useful thing to do. Due to the busyness and constant hurry, people do not always have time to study various information posted on the news boards, and being on the bus, involuntarily the eye falls on the information, and person reads it. In the future, this may help or even protect from wrong actions,» said Vitaly Gudymenko, Head of the Department of Internal Affairs of the Department of Internal Affairs of the region.

Police officers will continue to work in this direction.

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**SKI RACES «SPORT AGAINST DRUGS» WERE HELD IN KOSTANAI**



A mass start on skiing among pupils of children’s youth sports school was organized at a ski base of Kostanay.

The event is organized by the Department for Combating Drug Crime of DP of Kostanay region together with Children’s and Youth Sports School №3. The purpose of the sporting event is to promote a healthy lifestyle and prevent drug abuse among young people.

- Youth health is first and foremost the healthy future of our country. Now you demonstrate the

image of successful people. It is our task to instill a love for sports and lead an active lifestyle,» Aigul Eradilova, an officer of UPN DP of the region, addressed the teenagers.

More than 70 pupils of the sports school took part in the ski start. Participants tried to show best results.

- Our pupils occupy leading positions in winter sports in the country, Kostanay athletes are regularly included in the national Olympic team to participate in the Olympic Games. An example of this our pupil Polina Omelchuk, she brought Kazakhstan’s second medal at the Winter Youth Olympics. Speaking at a distance of 1000 meters, she took third place, - said the deputy head of the educational part of children’s and youth sports school № 3 Lyubov Kuleshova.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/lyzhnye-gonki-sport-protiv-narkotikov-proshli-v-kostanae/>

**DEBATES ON COUNTERNARCOTICS TOPICS WERE HELD AMONG STUDENTS IN TALDYKORGAN**



Debates on the topic of young people’s refusal from drugs and promotion of an active lifestyle among students of the regional center were held by employees of the Department for Combating Drug Crime.

Activists of the youth movement «Zhetisu Zhastary» directly participated in the preparation and organization of the event.

- During the debate, students exchanged opinions and discussed the problems of drug addiction in the world community

and in Kazakhstan. The consequences and effective methods of its solution were also discussed. The students showed a high level of preparation, - noted in the UPN DP of the Zhetisu region.

Such tournaments are organized by police officers in the region on a regular basis. Their goal is to prevent drug-related offenses among teenagers and young people, to popularize a healthy lifestyle, and to encourage young people to reject drugs altogether.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/debaty-na-antinarkoticheskuyu-tematiku-proveli-sredi-studentov-v-taldykorgane/>

**DRUG POLICE OFFICERS MET WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS IN ASTANA**



In pursuance of the Comprehensive Plan to Combat Drug Addiction and Drug Trafficking in the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2023-2025, work is being carried out on prevention of drug addiction, namely, lecture classes by senior staff of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the organizations of technical and vocational education of the capital city.

On January 24, a lecture was held at the Technical College of the Astana City Akimat. Police officer D. Omarova spoke about the problem of modern synthetic drugs, pharmacy drug addiction and legal consequences of teenagers' involvement in drug trafficking.

The DPN and its territorial subdivisions constantly monitor the Internet to identify websites, blog posts and advertisements containing information on the distribution of narcotic drugs. A special role is given to preventive activities among adolescents.

10773 prevention activities were carried out in 2023, including 826 actions, 569 seminars, 6017 lectures and 1074 campaigns.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/narkopolitsejskie-vstretilis-so-studentami-kolledzha-v-astane/>

**KARAGANDA SCHOOLCHILDREN WERE TOLD ABOUT HARM OF DRUGS IN A NON-STANDARD FORMAT**



A meeting of tenth grade students of secondary school #59 in Karaganda city with police officers and volunteers of the «Peer to Peer» project was held at the DP in Karaganda region. It was of an informational and awareness-raising nature. The theme of the event was the harm and danger of drugs. It began with a visit to the museum of military and labor glory, where they were told about the history of the formation of internal affairs bodies of Karaganda region, familiarized with the exhibits of the museum.

The meeting was opened by Sanzhar Adilov,

Head of the DP of the region.

- President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev set the task to strengthen work on prevention of juvenile delinquency. And most importantly, he noted the need for new approaches to prevent the young generation to the distribution of drugs. And today our goal is to say: «No to drugs!». The most important thing is to be not indifferent. It is gratifying that together with our employees will perform daring guys who have chosen the path of volunteers, - he noted.

Olga Melnikova, a senior operative of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Karaganda City Police Department, became the speaker of the event. She supervises the «Peer to Peer» project, which aims to prevent drug abuse among young people. It is noteworthy that this work is carried out by volunteers - yesterday's schoolchildren and today's police assistants.

At the meeting, which was held in a non-standard format, no one lectured - the pupils, together with volunteers and police officers, became equal participants. The children were impressed by the performance of employees

of the center of cynological service with their faithful partners - service dogs. The flash mob organized by volunteers and themed «Keeping up with the times without drugs» left no one indifferent.

In addition, the schoolchildren were shown a short video about the fate of a 17-year-old student of a college in Karaganda. The young man found an advertisement for a high-paying job on social networks. He agreed to transport 50 kilograms of cannabis from Almaty to Karaganda. As a result, he was detained and convicted.

At the end, the volunteers gave each schoolchild a lit candle as a symbol of life, warmth and love.

- Today I visited the police department of our region together with my classmates. We were shown the museum, which surprised us with rare exhibits. The volunteers told us about their work and showed a flash mob. And their activities interested me. I was delighted with the performance of the employees of the Center of cynological service and their four-legged helpers. It is amazing how well coordinated people and animals can interact! And the example of a college student showed how life can turn out if you step on the wrong path. I wish my peers a bright future and a sound mind! - Damira Abraimova, a 10th grade student of secondary school No. 59, shared her impressions.

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## LIST OF NARCOTIC DRUGS EXPANDED IN KAZAKHSTAN



Kazakhstan has expanded the list of narcotic and psychotropic substances subject to control. Eight new items were added to the list.

The Government has adopted a regular resolution to bring 8 items of psychoactive substances and one precursor under state control with definition of their criminal amounts. These are narcotic drugs: para-fluorofentanyl, broorphine and metonitazene. And psychotropic substances: 3-methoxyphencyclidine, euthilon, clonazolam, diclazepam and flubromazolam. And the precursor 4-methylpropiofenone, used in the manufacture of narcotics.

- The listed substances, by decision of the Eurasian Economic Commission, are included in the list of drugs subject to control in the Eurasian Economic Union. That was the basis for their inclusion in the national List of Controlled Substances, - shared in the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

The agency noted that with the vesting in 2019 by the Government of the authority to approve the list of drugs, it is supplemented with 154 names of new psychoactive substances, including 125 narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and 29 precursors.

Currently, the procedure for listing drugs takes about one month. The presence of substances in the lists of the Eurasian Union countries or in the recommendations of the UN International Narcotics Control Board is sufficient for this purpose.

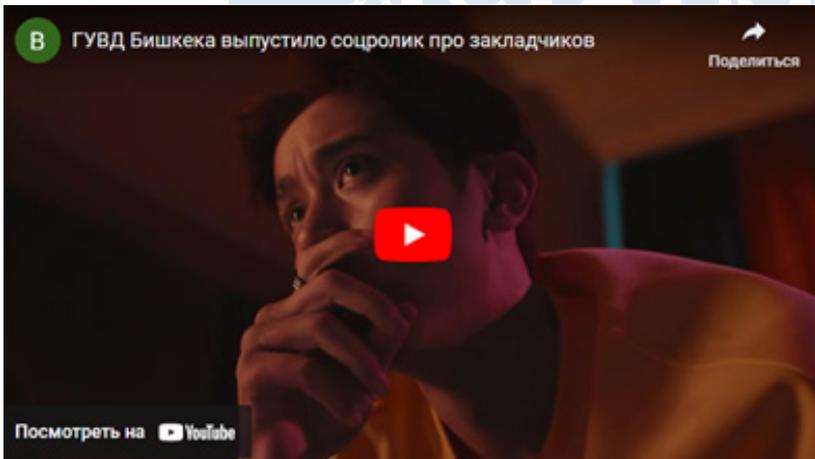
It should be noted that about 700 known types of drugs that pose a threat to the life and health of citizens are controlled in Kazakhstan.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/spisok-narkoticheskikh-sredstv-rasshirili-v-kazahstane/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

**KAKTUSMEDIA**

**BISHKEK POLICE DEPARTMENT RELEASED A SOCIAL VIDEO ABOUT DEAD DROPPERS AND CALLED UPON PARENTS**



The Counternarcotics Service of the Bishkek Police Department together with creative production studio Atom Creative produced a social video. This was reported in the press service of the Bishkek Department of Internal Affairs.

The video calls for attention and assistance in combating drug dealers. Cases of young citizens' involvement in the distribution of narcotic substances are increasing - drug dealers promise easy money.

The video emphasizes importance of public assistance in preventing the spread of drugs, especially among young people.

Also, the Service calls on parents to pay attention to the behavior of their children and conduct preventive conversations.

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**DRUG CONTROL OFFICERS IN OSH CITY TOLD PARENTS OF SCHOOLCHILDREN ABOUT DANGEROUS CONSEQUENCES ASSOCIATED WITH DRUGS**



On January 2024, at the Gagarin secondary school named after Gagarin in Osh city for parents of 8-9 classes with the assistance of the school administration, the Service officers held a parent meeting on the topic: «Negative consequences associated with the use and distribution of drugs, as well as medicines containing drugs».

In addition to parents, the event was attended by representatives of the public foundation «Entrepreneurial Business Women». In her speech, Police Lieutenant Colonel Gulmira Zhapakova, a member of the CNS of the

Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, spoke about the negative «trend» among young people and adolescents, about the consequences associated with the use and distribution of drugs.

Drug addiction is a real epidemic that claims thousands of lives around the world every day, and only through joint measures and efforts can we counter this threat.

For more information on drug use prevention, leaflets developed by the Service were handed out and prevention videos were shown.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/2770>



**OFFICERS OF THE CNS OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF KYRGYZSTAN MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS ON COOPERATION IN DRUG PREVENTION**



On 24 January, a meeting with representatives of public organizations on cooperation in the field of drug prevention was held in the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Head of the Service, Police Colonel Nurlan Turusbekov.

Police Lieutenant Colonel Tabaldieva Cholpon told about the work of the Service in combating involvement of young people in drug-related crime, noting that in accordance with the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic «On the Basics of Prevention of Offences», the subjects of

prevention are all state bodies and local authorities authorized to prevent offences in accordance with this law, as well as non-profit organizations, legal entities and individuals can assist state agencies and local authorities in the prevention of drug crime.

Deputy Head of the Service Nurlan Turusbekov emphasized the importance of close cooperation in this direction.

In turn, representatives of public organizations expressed their interest in carrying out joint activities to prevent the spread of drugs and thanked for the organization of the meeting.

Drug addiction is a severe social disease that causes tremendous health damage.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/2777>



**CNS IN OSH CITY CONDUCTED AWARENESS-RAISING WITH PHARMACY SELLERS**



On the eve, drug enforcers from the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Department of Internal Affairs in Osh city together with the Department of Medicines and Medical Devices in the Southern region conducted awareness-raising activities with pharmacy sellers.

Purpose of the event is to inform employees of pharmacy chains about the sale of potent drugs only with a doctor's prescription, as well as to prevent the spread of «pharmacy drug addiction» among young people.

Special attention was paid to pharmacies located near schools.

In accordance with the order of the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic, the sale of potent drugs must be made only with a prescription from a doctor.

Information and awareness-raising work was carried out in more than 200 pharmacies located in the territory of Osh city, all employees of pharmacies were warned about responsibility for violation of the legislation.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/2802>



Kyrgyzstan continues its efforts to combat illicit distribution of drugs. The Head of the Cabinet of Ministers and Head of the Presidential Administration of the Kyrgyz Republic Akylbek Zhaparov handed over vehicles to the Ministry of Internal Affairs to reinforce combating illicit substances. This is reported by the press service of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan.

Akylbek Zhaparov noted that the task of combating the spread of narcotic substances among the population lies not only on law enforcement agencies, but also on society as a whole. According to him, drugs cause irreparable damage to

human health, deprive life and family, posing a real threat to the security of society.

«In the fight against this scourge, it is important to consolidate society, where everyone can contribute to the dissemination of information about the harm of drugs,» said the head of the Presidential Administration of Kyrgyzstan during the event.

Akylbek Zhaparov also expressed his gratitude to the Government of the Russian Federation and the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Kyrgyzstan for their assistance in this fight. He emphasized that thanks to the support of the Russian side, the officers of the Service for Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking will be able to improve their capabilities and equipment.

<https://sng.fm/bishkek/31082-premer-ministr-kirgizii-prizval-borotsja-s-rasprostraneniem-narkotikov.html>

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**



**POLICE OFFICERS IN KHERSON REGION HELD A LECTURE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**



Police officers of the Main Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Kherson region organized a meeting with high school students of Novoalekseevskaya school No. 1 and held a preventive lesson for them.

During an interactive conversation with schoolchildren, police officers analyzed measures of criminal and administrative responsibility for possession, use and sale of narcotic substances, as well as showed students a thematic film on the harm of drugs and analyzed the questions asked by students on this topic.

Work on prevention of delinquency in cooperation with educational institutions is a priority and is carried out on a regular basis.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/46000145>



**POLICE OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS TOOK PART IN THE OPENING OF A QUEST ROOM FOR DRUG PREVENTION IN THE KRASNODAR REGION**



A quest space was opened in Novorossiysk to prevent young people from getting involved in drug trafficking and to explain the consequences of drug addiction. The project, created through the efforts of activists from «Rosmolodezh. Grants» and the Anti-Drug Commission of the Krasnodar Region with the support of the Novorossiysk administration, was the first in Kuban and the third in Russia.

Police Lieutenant Colonel Svetlana Zinovich, Head of the Juvenile Affairs Department of the Central District Police Department of the

Novorossiysk Department of Internal Affairs, was one of the first to visit the interactive space and familiarize herself with the tasks. The project is designed for the participation of young people aged 14 to 22 and offers a series of preventive quests, which are held in a specially equipped room. According to the idea, the participants get acquainted with the world of drug addicts, face various challenges, riddles and questions, learn to make the right decisions and understand the terrible consequences of using illegal substances.

Anastasia Zolotova, a member of the Public Council at the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Novorossiysk, psychiatrist, candidate of medical sciences, thanked the organizers of the project: «The fight against drug addiction is a fight for the healthy future of the young generation, in which education is an important weapon. The organizers of the project applied a modern approach to prevention and told in simple language about the deadly danger and irreversible consequences for health and psyche, which come as a result of the use of illegal substances».

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## OFFICERS OF UNK GU MVD OF RUSSIA IN THE NOVOSIBIRSK REGION HELD COUNTERNARCOTICS PREVENTIVE EVENT



Officers of the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Novosibirsk region held a preventive meeting with students of the Novosibirsk Architectural and Construction College.

During the event participants were informed about legal responsibility for actions related to the illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, about the types of punishment provided for by the legislation of the Russian Federation for persons engaged in the illicit sale of drugs.

Police officers told about the negative consequences of psychoactive substances consumption, signs indicating drug intoxication and poisoning of a person, the presence of drug dependence in a person.

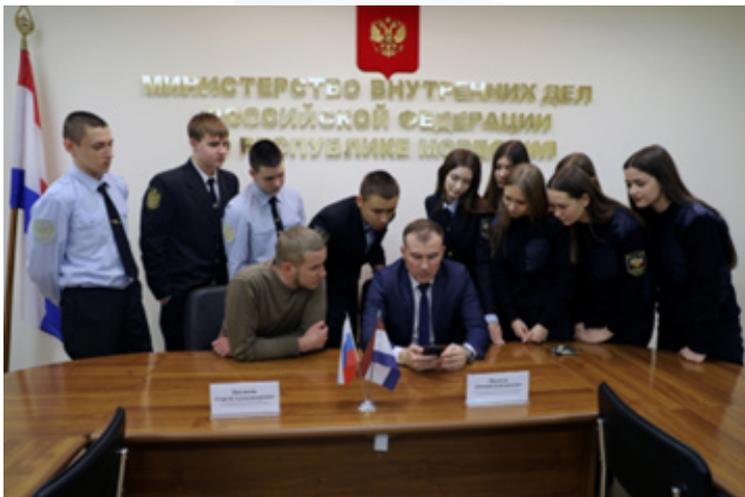
Liability for non-medical use of narcotic drugs and their analogues was explained to the trainees.

At the end of the preventive conversation, the college students asked questions to the employees of the Department of Internal Affairs of the State Department of Internal Affairs about the conditions and necessary criteria for entry into service in the internal affairs bodies, the possibility of training on the basis of secondary vocational education in universities of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and also thanked the police officers for useful information.

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## FUTURE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN MORDOVIA VISITED THE DRUG CONTROL DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR A TOUR



Within the framework of the All-Russian campaign «Student Troop 2024» students of the College of the Russian Law Academy visited the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs with a tour.

Police Colonel Dmitry Filatov, Head of the Criminal Investigation Department, met with the future lawyers. He explained the work of police officers in combating drug trafficking, and explained the tasks of the unit's officers: from detecting and suppressing crimes to preventing drug addiction and promoting healthy lifestyles.

Sergey Kiushkin, a member of the Public Council at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Mordovia, chairman of the regional public organization «Law and Order Squad», introduced the children to the procedure for joining voluntary people's groups and explained how vigilantes help police officers in ensuring law and order.

Then the guests went to the Expert Forensic Center of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Mordovia, where they learned about how narcotic drugs are investigated. Pavel Igushkin, Head of the ECC Department, Colonel of Police, demonstrated to the children the analytical equipment that allows not only to

determine the type of drugs, but also to detect traces of narcotic drugs on various objects.

At the end of the event, the police officers answered the students' questions about the peculiarities of employment in internal affairs bodies and universities of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs system and congratulated their future colleagues on the upcoming Day of Russian Students.

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**IN YAKUTIA OFFICERS OF THE DRUG CONTROL DEPARTMENT HELD EVENTS AS PART OF THE «STUDENT TROOP» CAMPAIGN**



In Yakutsk officers of the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), as part of the all-Russian «Student Troopers» campaign, held a number of events aimed at promoting healthy lifestyles and legal education for pupils in grades 10-11 of the Yakutsk City National Gymnasium named after A.G. and N.K. Chiryaevs. A.G. and N.K. Chiryaevs», first-year students of the Yakutsk Institute of Water Transport of the Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Professional Education «Siberian State University of Water Transport».

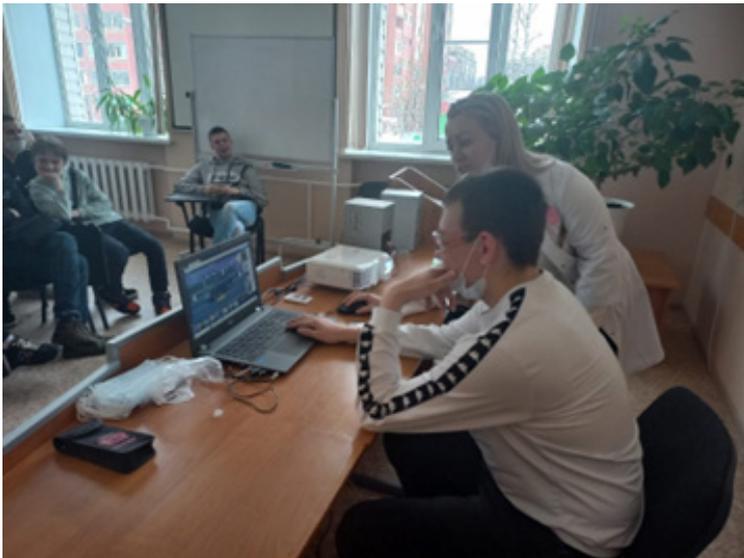
During the meetings, police officers reminded the children about the devastating effects of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances on the body, as well as explained the administrative and criminal responsibility for committing offenses in the field of drug trafficking, with the screening of a cartoon. In addition, the police officers told the children about their service in the agencies and familiarized them with the activities of voluntary people's squads.

Students and future graduates of the gymnasium actively asked questions, which were fully answered.

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**IN THE REPUBLIC OF MARI EL DRUG POLICE OFFICERS DEVELOPED A NEW FORM OF WORK TO PREVENT DRUG ABUSE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE**



The campaign was launched this week. The activities will cover all secondary vocational educational institutions of the republic.

A distinctive feature of the campaign is that talks with students about the negative consequences of communicating with drugs are held on the territory of the Republican Narcological Dispensary. This psychological technique should allow to penetrate deeper into the problem of drug addiction.

A series of events organized by the employees of the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Mari El and the drug dispensary for students of secondary vocational educational organizations of the

republic. The administration of each university was asked to select students belonging to the «risk group» category, and according to a pre-determined schedule, specialists in the field of counteraction to drug addiction will conduct explanatory work with them.

Whereas medical professionals explain the negative health consequences of illicit substance use, police officers explain the legal consequences of dealing with drugs. Using concrete examples from criminal cases of drug trafficking, police officers create an ideology of avoiding participation in illegal activities related to intoxicating substances.

In addition, those who wished to do so were invited to wear glasses that simulated the perception of the environment as a person in an inebriated state. Perceiving a distorted reality, the guys tried to navigate in space, as well as play computer races. The accidents on the monitor screen, which were made already in the first seconds, showed what tragic consequences occur if you get on the wheel in a state of intoxication.

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## TURKMENISTAN



## TURKMENISTAN AND EU COOPERATION DISCUSSED IN ASHGABAT



European Commission Vice-President Schinas completed his tour of five Central Asian countries with the last stop in Turkmenistan.

President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdimuhamedov received Vice-President of the European Commission Margaritis Schinas, the press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan reported.

Schinas conveyed to the head of Turkmenistan words of greetings from the leadership of the European Union, expressing interest in expanding the dialog with

Turkmenistan.

During the meeting the Head of State stated that such projects as «Sustainable Energy Connectivity in Central Asia (SECCA)», «Dialogue and Action for Resourceful Youth in Central Asia (DARYA)», Border Management Assistance Program in Central Asia (BOMCHA-10), Central Asia Drug Action Programme (CADAP) are successfully implemented at the regional level.

At the same time, it was emphasized that currently the leading European companies are represented in various sectors of the Turkmen economy - in the oil and gas complex, power industry, construction, and communications.

As part of the discussion of new ways of cooperation in key areas, the President of Turkmenistan emphasized the importance of the upcoming EU-Central Asia Investment Forum on Sustainable Transport to be held in Brussels at the end of January this year. In this context, Turkmenistan's readiness to participate in the forum was confirmed, given that the transport and logistics sector is one of the promising areas of cooperation, and the upcoming forum will provide an opportunity to transform the Trans-Caspian transport corridor connecting Central Asia and Europe into a multimodal, modern, stable and high-speed route.

In his turn, Schinas emphasized that the implementation of new approaches to partnership with Turkmenistan by the European Union is a solid basis for effective joint activities.

The Vice President of the European Commission has completed his tour of five Central Asian countries with a final stop in Turkmenistan. Schinas has been touring five Central Asian countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan) since 14 January.

Schinas' visit precedes the «Europe-Central Asia Investors Forum», which aims to strengthen ties by developing transportation routes between the regions.

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## TURKMENISTAN AND UZBEKISTAN INTRODUCE PILOT MECHANISM FOR EXCHANGE OF PRELIMINARY CARGO INFORMATION



A joint sub-regional field training on the introduction of a pilot mechanism for the exchange of preliminary information on cargo was held at the Farap Avtoyollary customs posts of the State Customs Service of Turkmenistan and the Alat customs post of the State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan.

The training was organized within the framework of the Global Container Control Programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the World Customs Organization.

Its purpose is to familiarize port control team members with the mechanism of preliminary cargo information exchange. In this regard, the course

participants tested the exchange of mutually agreed data sets on incoming and outgoing cargo. The training was led by international expert Svetlan Savov.

Expansion of information interaction with customs administrations of other countries is one of the key tasks facing the customs authorities of Turkmenistan.

Preliminary data exchange with the Customs Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan is now in place and was signed in October 2021.

<https://turkmenistan.gov.tm/ru/post/79774/turkmenistan-i-uzbekistan-vnedryayut-pilotnyj-mehanizm-obmena-predvaritelnoj-informaciej-o-gruzah>

## REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**MEETING WITH THE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME FOR CENTRAL ASIA**

Director of NCDC held a meeting with Ms. A. Mittal, Regional Representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for Central Asia on 16 January this year.

The meeting discussed topical issues related to implementation of existing project initiatives.

At the end of the meeting, parties expressed confidence in active cooperation in combating drug trafficking and abuse.

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## CHINA



## CHINA IS READY TO ENGAGE WITH U.S. TO FIGHT DRUG CRIME



Wang Xiaohong, head of the Chinese National Narcotics Control Committee, has expressed China's interest in developing cooperation with the United States in countering drug production and trafficking. This is reported by TASS.

«I hope China and the United States will promote pragmatic cooperation to combat drugs, properly address mutual problems, and deepen law enforcement and security cooperation,» the agency quoted his statement as saying.

According to the Committee Head, Beijing seeks to engage on the basis of the consensus that has been reached between the leaders of the two countries. He noted that China and the United States should promote cooperation on the principles of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit.

«The PRC hopes to inject more positive energy into the stable, healthy and sustainable development of China-US relations,» Wang Xiaohong added.

As the agency recalls, on 30 January the first meeting of the US-China working group on combating the spread of the synthetic opioid fentanyl was held in Beijing. On the U.S. side, a large delegation of representatives from the National Security Council, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury participated in the meeting. The parties pledged to strengthen law enforcement cooperation to address the problem.

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BELARUS



**NIO: ALL PARTICIPANTS OF EDUCATIONAL PROCESS ARE INVOLVED IN THE PREVENTION OF DRUG ABUSE AMONG CHILDREN**



All participants of educational process are involved in the prevention of drug addiction among children. Margarita Tovkes, head of the sector of coordination and methodological support of prevention of crimes and delinquencies among students of the National Institute of Education of the Ministry of Education, told the BELTA press center about this fact.

«The Ministry of Education systematically and comprehensively takes measures to prevent the involvement of students in drug

trafficking and drug use. Our country's educational institutions carry out targeted work to prevent crime and delinquency. Of course, this work involves all participants in the educational process: students themselves, their legal representatives and teachers. The main emphasis in this area is on the complex interaction of all those who are directly responsible for the upbringing of minors: parents (legal representatives of students) teachers, medical workers, employees of internal affairs bodies,» said Margarita Tovkes.

She noted that the tasks and mechanisms for organizing this work have been included in the Concept of Development of the Education System of Belarus and the Strategy of Development of the State Youth Policy until 2030.

«The Comprehensive Action Plan aimed at taking effective measures to combat illicit drug trafficking and prevent drug use for 2023-2024 is being implemented. We provide for relevant channels to convey information on this problem to students and their parents. For these purposes, we use traditional forms, such as meetings with specialists, representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, health care, as well as informational hours, class (curatorial) hours. And they have confirmed their effectiveness. These activities are part of our work system», - informed the representative of the research institute.

However, along with traditional forms of work, new ones are also used. «These are interactive events using streaming services among students with the participation of persons convicted of drug trafficking and undergoing rehabilitation in prison. During communication, children learn real life stories from those in prison, which due to illegal actions lead to sad consequences. This is the most effective form of work at the moment,» emphasized Margarita Tovkes.

<https://www.belta.by/society/view/nio-v-profilaktiku-narkomanii-sredi-detej-vovlecheny-vse-uchastniki-obrazovatel'nogo-protssessa-609143-2024/>



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