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IN THE ANTI-DRUG SPHERE  
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In the period from 1 to 14 July 2024, mass media in CARICC Member States covered 11 events in counternarcotics sphere (*Azerbaijan - 2, Kazakhstan - 1, Kyrgyzstan - 2, Russia - 4, Tajikistan - 1, Uzbekistan - 1*).

Published articles reflect information on prevention activities carried out in regions (*Azerbaijan*), on summarizing results of anti-drug month (*Kazakhstan*), on measures taken in the Russian Federation to prevent involvement of citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic in drug crime, on meeting of the State Coordination Committee for Drugs Control (*Kyrgyzstan*), on anti-drug events held in regions of the Russian Federation (*Russia*), on launching the Anti-Drug Center (*Tajikistan*), on meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan on the occasion of completion of the diplomatic mission by the UNODC Regional Representative (*Uzbekistan*).

## REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN



### AN EVENT HELD IN SUMGAYIT



On 10 July this year with the joint organization of the working group of the State Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs and the executive authority of Sumgayit city, an event was organized at the Heydar Aliyev Center on the theme “Analysis of the work carried out in the field of combating drug addiction in Sumgayit city”.

First, a short film “ampoule” was presented to the attention of the participants of the event.

The event was attended by the deputy head of the executive authority of Sumgayit city, Chairman of the Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and Illicit Trafficking of

Narcotic Drugs, responsible representative of the working group of the State Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs, officer of the Main Department for Combating Drugs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, head of the clinical and diagnostic department of the Republican Narcology Center of the Ministry of Health, Absheron-Khizi Regional Department of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports, Deputy City Prosecutor. Among the participants of the event were the head of the city department of the State Committee for Work with Religious Organizations, a narcologist of the narcological dispensary, chairmen of the Council of Elders and Veterans, imam of the Juma Mosque, deputy chairman of the Public Council under the Executive, deputy directors for educational work of general education schools, as well as teenagers and young people.

The event provided detailed information on the risk factors of drug use, the negative impact of drug addiction on human life and health, moral values and socio-economic development, increasing attention to effective leisure activities, adapting anti-drug propaganda to the requirements of modernity, the legal framework for combating the consequences of drug addiction and other issues related to issues of interest to adolescents and young people. Discussions were held.

In conclusion, participants were presented with a booklet “Methodological Recommendations on Assistance in Identifying Persons Abusing Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances” and other necessary visual aids prepared by the standing working group of the State Commission.

<https://nmdk.gov.az/page/post/3226/Sumqayit-seherinde-tedbir-kecirilmisdir?lang=ru>



## A TRAINING “LET’S SAY NO TO DRUG ADDICTION!” WAS HELD FOR AGDASH YOUTH



Training under the title “Let’s say NO to drug addiction!” was organized in Agdash within the framework of the Mobile Youth Service within the organization of the Youth Foundation of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Gadir Khalilov, Acting Executive Director of the Youth Foundation of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Tanriverdi Aydynov, Deputy Head of the Standing Working Group of the State Commission, Aynur Novruzova, Deputy Executive of Aghdash district on socio-political issues and representatives of other state structures took part in the opening day of the event.

During the training, organized from 06 to 10 July, in order to raise awareness of young people about the problem of drug addiction, detailed information was provided on risk factors of drug use, properties of psychoactive substances and their harmful effects on health, on the effective organization of leisure activities for young people, on the direction of the hotline “802” and other issues, as well as discussions on issues of interest to young people were held.

Finally, the youth were presented with the necessary promotional materials “know the truth about drugs”, “the truth about marijuana” and “the truth about psychotropic substances” prepared by the standing working group of the State Commission.

<https://nmdk.gov.az/page/post/3227/Agdas-gencleri-ucun-Narkomaniyaya-yox-deyek-adli-telim-kecirilib?lang=ru>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARIZED  
RESULTS OF ANTI-DRUG MONTH



Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and its territorial subdivisions, with the assistance of local executive bodies, organized a national anti-drug month dedicated to the International Day Against Drug Addiction.

- It was officially opened on 24 May under the chairmanship of the Minister of Internal Affairs at a meeting of the Anti-Drug Headquarters with the participation of representatives of the Presidential Administration, the Government Office, central state and local executive

bodies. Akimats in all regions approved plans for anti-drug prevention activities. During the anti-drug month, 5,414 events were organized throughout the country, including 310 actions, 103 seminars, 427 lectures and 359 meetings, 113 round tables, 432 sports competitions and tournaments, and 150 prevention contests. Of these, 994 were held with the participation of addiction doctors, 894 with the participation of volunteers, 215 with the participation of local executive bodies, 425 with the participation of the non-governmental sector, and 610 in educational organizations. It is important to emphasize that the total coverage of adolescents and young people amounted to over 280,000 people. Narcologists and healthy lifestyle centers organized consultations with citizens on issues of interest to them. In all regions, together with NGOs, graffiti advertising drug websites was identified and painted over. About 500 volunteers also took part in this work, with the participation of which more than 6 thousand graffiti were painted over," said Deputy Head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs Bakhytzhan Amirkhanov.

In Astana on 22 June, anti-drug actions "Astana - a city without drugs!" were held in the shopping and entertainment complex "Khan Shatyr", as well as in the Amphitheater on the embankment of the Yesil River. They were attended by Kazakhstani pop and sports stars, vocal and dance groups.

In Almaty on 23 June Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs organized an international grappling tournament at the SADU ARENA sports complex. About a thousand athletes from Kazakhstan, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan took part in the tournament.

Similar large-scale events were held in all cities of republican significance and regional centers of the country on 26-27 June.

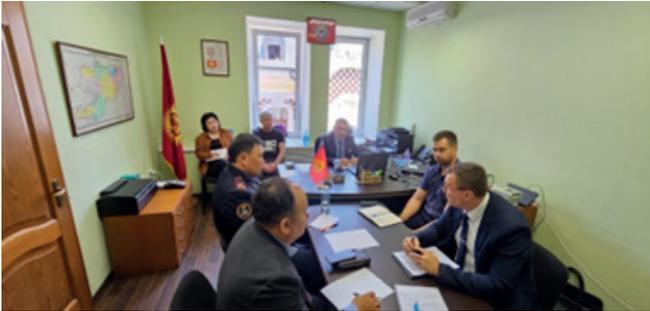
- On the occasion of the International Day against Drug Addiction, 110 representatives of local executive bodies and civil society were awarded letters of commendation and certificates of appreciation by the rights of the Minister of Internal Affairs. The events were covered in the national media. A total of 4259 publications were posted, including 462 in news agencies, 121 on TV channels, 3676 on Instagram, Facebook, YouTube and TikTok. All materials were duplicated in departmental accounts and social networks of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Similar activities in all regions of the republic will be continued on a regular basis," said Bakhytzhan Amirkhanov.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/v-mvd-podveli-itogi-antinarkoticheskogo-mesyachnika/>

## KYRGYZ REPUBLIC



## VLADIVOSTOK AND NOVOSIBIRSK HOSTED EVENTS TO PREVENT THE INVOLVEMENT OF KYRGYZ CITIZENS IN DRUG CRIME



On 28-30 June 2024 in Vladivostok and Novosibirsk drug prevention activities were conducted among migrant workers, citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic working in Omsk, Novosibirsk, Tomsk, Kemerovo, Amur, Magadan regions, Chukotka, Jewish Autonomous Districts, Altai Republic, Khabarovsk, Altai, Kamchatka, Primorsky Krai of the Siberian and Far Eastern Federal Districts of the Russian Federation.

The event was held as part of the implementation of the Resolution of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic “On Measures to Counter Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Precursors among Youth” and the protocol of the interdepartmental meeting on measures to counteract illicit drug trafficking.

The meetings were attended by citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic working in these regions, leaders and activists of the Kyrgyz diaspora, head of the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic Sultanov U.A., representative of the Ministry of Labor, Social Security and Migration of the Kyrgyz Republic in Russia Sharshev M.K., Consul General of the Kyrgyz Republic in Novosibirsk Aidarbekov A.A., Consul of the Office of the Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic in Vladivostok Isakov R.M, D.K. Keneshbaev, a representative of the State Financial Intelligence Service under the Ministry of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic, as well as the heads of the migration and drug trafficking control divisions of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for Primorsky Krai, O.V. Dubovitsky and A.L. Kostylev, and I.V. Novikov, a senior operative in charge of especially important cases of the drug control division of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for Novosibirsk region.

Discussion focused on issues of preventing drug use and involvement of Kyrgyz citizens in drug-related crime, including common methods and ways of attracting and counteracting illegal drug trafficking, as well as topical issues of ensuring labor rights of migrants and other migration problems..

In his speech, Ulanbek Sultanov noted that recently there has been an increase in detentions of Kyrgyz citizens for committing drug offenses in Russia, in 2023 292 citizens were prosecuted, and for the first 5 months of 2024 141 Kyrgyz citizens were prosecuted. This fact causes concern on the part of the Presidential Administration, Cabinet of Ministers, deputies of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, as well as the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Kyrgyzstan and Russia.

“It is necessary to warn every citizen about the risks of being involved in the illegal drug trade, this is primarily dubious offers through messengers, earning “easy money”, high-paying courier work, delivery of dubious parcels from unknown persons, especially for high payment.

Awareness raising is the best tool in the fight against the spread of drugs. I recommend talking to your children, friends and relatives about the risks associated with drug use and distribution. Take care of yourself and your loved ones,” said the head of the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic.

In conclusion, officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia invited citizens to contact law enforcement agencies in any drug-related situations and shared their contact information.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/3428>



## MEETING OF THE STATE COORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR THE CONTROL OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND PRECURSORS



A regular meeting of the State Coordination Committee on Drug Control of the Kyrgyz Republic was held on 2 July 2024 at the Park Hotel Bishkek under the chairmanship of Ulanbek Sultanov, Head of the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, Deputy Chairman of the SCC, police colonel.

The meeting was attended by members of the SCC, invited guests and representatives of international organizations.

The meeting reviewed the progress of implementation of:

- Action Plan for the implementation of the Anti-Drug Program of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic No. 445 of 10 August 2022;
- Decree of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic No. 1842-VII of 31.01.2024 “On measures to combat illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors among young people”;
- Protocol of the interdepartmental meeting on measures to counteract illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, held in pursuance of the instruction of the Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers - Chairman of the State Committee for National Security Tashiev K.K. of 23 April 2024.

SCC members discussed implementation of the above documents, identified positive results, shortcomings in solving the tasks and made relevant decisions.

Also, members of the SCC familiarized themselves with the Russian automated information system “Antinar” and supported its implementation in the Kyrgyz Republic.

The meeting of the SCC was technically supported by the OSCE.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/3434>

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**



**OFFICERS OF DRUG CONTROL DEPARTMENT HELD A FRIENDLY MINI-FOOTBALL MATCH WITH TEENAGERS IN KEMEROVO**



Young soccer players aged 7 to 15, participants of the project “Another Way”, were invited to the game. This social project unites children from social rehabilitation centers for minors, orphanages, schools, boarding schools in Kemerovo and the region by introducing them to sports and developmental leisure activities.

Keeping the guys company on the soccer field were employees of the Department for Drug Trafficking Control of the Main Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Kemerovo Region - Kuzbass, who also formed their own sports team.

The field unfolded a serious competition. Rivals did not want to concede to each other, the ball only had time to fly from one gate to the other, forcing the goalkeepers to work very hard.

The main time of the game ended in a 5:5 draw. The participants demonstrated that soccer is a game that is accessible to everyone and unites people, regardless of their age and athletic ability.

Both teams received diplomas of participants of the event. Officers of UNK GU MVD of Russia for the Kemerovo Region - Kuzbass prepared gifts for children, they gave all the participants caps and key chains with the symbols of the project “Kuzbass Against Drugs”.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/52165904>



**IN THE RYAZAN REGION POLICE OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS TOLD SCHOOLCHILDREN VACATIONING IN THE HEALTH CAMP “ORBITA” ABOUT A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE**



Attitudes and guidelines for the right lines of behavior, laid down in childhood, are the valuable baggage that affects the future life of each person. Therefore, the task of adults is to warn and protect children in time from possible mistakes and rash actions, to develop immunity from the harmful temptations of the adult world.

For this purpose in the children’s health camp “Orbita” held an interagency preventive event “Health is the norm” with the participation of volunteers of the Center for the prevention of antisocial phenomena among young people in the city of Ryazan “My Choice”,

specialists of the Department for Drug Control UMVD of Russia in the Ryazan region and the Center for Medical Prevention of the Ministry of Health of the Ryazan region. The event was organized with the active support of a member of the Public Council under the UMVD, the chief doctor of the ROKNDD Natalia Emets in the framework of the campaign “Vacations with the Public Council”.

Volunteers of the My Choice Center conducted various activities for different age groups of children at three sites simultaneously on a peer-to-peer basis. In game and training forms they helped schoolchildren to learn

what a healthy lifestyle is and how to lead it, to form a negative attitude towards bad habits, etc. For the youngest children, volunteers organized “fun starts”.

The speech of the head of UNK UMVD Lieutenant Colonel of Police Alexander Ilyin, aroused the keen interest of the campers. He spoke about the legal consequences of involvement in drug trafficking and gave examples of tragic fates of young people - drug users, whom he encountered during his operational work. The police officer answered numerous questions from the audience.

Students enjoyed participating in the exciting activities and thanked the guests for the useful information they received.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/52189973>



**POLICE OFFICERS IN THE SMOLENSK REGION HELD AN ANTI-DRUG EVENT “FUTURE BELONGS TO A HEALTHY GENERATION”**



Today, a representative of the Drug Control Department of the UMVD of Russia for Smolensk region held a preventive event in the children’s health camp “Fakel”. More than 30 children took part in the lecture aimed at preventing the spread of drug addiction among young people, promoting a healthy lifestyle, and forming a negative attitude of the young generation towards drugs.

Teenagers learned about the physical and psychological state of the human body after a single use of drugs. The law enforcer told about the impact of narcotic drugs on young organism, about administrative and criminal responsibility

for possession, use and distribution of prohibited substances. The children listened attentively and asked interesting questions.

Additionally, police officer warned vacationers to be cautious when communicating on social media with unknown people, including those offering high-paying jobs.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/52367725>



## POLICE OFFICERS AND PUBLIC ACTIVIST IN THE ORENBURG REGION HELD AN EVENT DEVOTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING



At the school named after M.I. Kalinin in Buguruslan, specialists from the Orenburg Regional Clinical Narcological Dispensary, Anna Pyankova, head of the department for the prevention of narcological disorders, member of the Public Council of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia “Orenburgskoe”, and medical psychologists Evgenia Maslova and Violetta Shmal organized an intellectual game “Secrets of Health” for schoolchildren.

The event was attended by more than 30 students of general education institutions of the city. Specialists together with schoolchildren discussed

how smoking tobacco, e-cigarettes, hookah and other nicotine-containing products, consumption of alcohol, narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances affects the body. The participants of the game realized that there is no harmless dose of alcohol, and with the help of augmented reality glasses and a special application simulating the state of intoxication, they were convinced of impaired coordination, impaired attention and reaction. Then they discussed issues of responsibility for illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including inducing a minor to consume illegal substances. They conducted an exercise to determine whether it is possible to persuade a teenager to take drugs and how decisive a firm “No” plays a decisive role.

The jury, including Nikita Prakhov, an operative of the drug trafficking control department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia “Buguruslansky”, Marina Gavrilova, a medical psychologist of the Buguruslansky narcological dispensary, and Svetlana Kosareva, a leading specialist of the Education Department, determined the winning teams and the most active participants, and awarded them with certificates and souvenirs.

The event was a logical conclusion of the anti-drug month.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--plai/news/item/52442872>

## REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

**RAHMON: TAJIKISTAN IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE FIGHT AGAINST THE DRUG THREAT**

President of Tajikistan commented on establishment of the Anti-Drug Center in Dushanbe, which was supported by all SCO member states

Tajikistan is at the forefront of the fight against the drug threat. This was stated by President Emomali Rakhmon in an interview with the Chinese news agency Xinhua.

In this regard, the country came up with an initiative to establish the Anti-Drug Center of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Dushanbe, which was

supported by all participants, the head of state noted.

“Taking into account that our country is at the forefront of the fight against the drug threat, we consider the placement of this SCO center in Tajikistan to be absolutely fair,” Rakhmon stressed.

The President added that Dushanbe will continue to increase its contribution to the collective efforts within the organization to ensure regional security.

It should be reminded that the initiative to establish the SCO Anti-Drug Center was announced by the President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon in 2019 during a conference on combating terrorism and illicit drug trafficking.

At the time, the head of state noted that creation of a separate structure would increase efficiency of joint actions of competent bodies of the SCO countries.

<https://tj.sputniknews.ru/20240705/rahmon-tajikistan-narkougroza-1063427668.html>

## REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

UZ DAILY

UNODC REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
WRAPS UP DIPLOMATIC MISSION

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan Muzaffar Madrakhimov met with Ashita Mittal, Regional Representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Central Asia, who is completing her diplomatic mission.

At the meeting parties highly appreciated current level of interaction between Uzbekistan and UNODC, especially in the areas of combating drug trafficking, organized crime, human trafficking and international terrorism.

Special attention was paid to Ashita Mittal's contribution to the development of the Office's project

activities and strengthening cooperation with Uzbekistan.

Ashita Mittal expressed sincere gratitude to the Government of Uzbekistan for supporting activities in the region.

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