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IN THE ANTI-DRUG SPHERE  
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In the period from 1 to 15 January 2025, media of CARICC member states and other countries covered 9 events in the counter-narcotics sphere (*Kazakhstan - 5, Kyrgyzstan - 1, Russia - 2, Tajikistan - 1*).

Published articles reflect information on preventive activities carried out by police officers (*Kazakhstan*), on organization of a quiz as part of drug use prevention (*Kyrgyzstan*), on preventive measures by police officers in regions of the Russian Federation (*Russia*), about meeting with parents and pupils of general education institution No. 3 of Firdavsi district (*Tajikistan*).



## REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



### ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN “HAPPINESS IN LITTLE THINGS!” HELD IN KOKSHETAU



The event was initiated by officers of the regional police department’s directorate for combating drug crime.

Together with juvenile police officers and drug police officers, volunteers of the public foundation “Esbol qory” took an active part in the event, and organizers chose locations where a large number of young people congregate.

In just a few hours participants of the campaign met with young people on the territory of the skating rink located on the central square, in the shopping and entertainment center “Rio”, and also talked to young citizens on streets of Kokshetau.

Volunteers together with police officers handed out sweets with anti-drug slogans to passers-by, talked about the purpose of the event and learned opinion of young people about the problem of involvement in drug environment and alternatives to drugs.

The campaign participants were amused by humorous slogans such as: “It is better to be sober on the outside than high in a cell!”, ‘Drugs are not a way out, but a one-way ticket for 10 years without return!’, ”Do you want to see the world? Don’t go to prison first!”, ‘Get high without drugs - freedom tastes better than any pill!’, ‘Drugs are like a bad game: the only thing you get out is prison and boredom!’, ‘Pills don’t solve problems, but prison bars sure do!’, ‘Drugs are like subscribing to a prison magazine, but without the option to unsubscribe!’, ”Those who smoke weed don’t realize that there is no Wi-Fi in prison!”

- In general, young people were sympathetic to the event and supported the initiative to inform people about problems and alternatives to psychoactive substances in such a non-standard way,” said Lieutenant Colonel Raziya Kursanova of UPN DP.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/antinarkoticheskaya-aksiya-schast-e-v-melochah-proshla-v-kokshetau/>

## WHAT THREATENS DRUG TRAFFICKERS: POLICE OFFICERS IN SKO EXPLAIN CHANGES IN LEGISLATION



Information work is carried out by law enforcement officers in large labor associations.

There are over 60 female workers, young girls and women with children at the sewing factory of Progress LLP. Police officers together with representatives of the youth resource center told them about novelties of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan, which came into force on the first of January.

Now the responsibility for the so-called “dead droppers” has been reduced - they face imprisonment from 5 to 8 years, and in case of repeated offenses - from 8 to 12 years.

But drug producers and organizers of their sale will be held liable under a new article - “Illegal manufacture, processing, production for the purpose of sale of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, their analogues”. It carries a penalty of 10 to 15 years’ imprisonment.

Criminal liability for trafficking in precursors is also introduced - from 3 to 7 years. Corresponding changes were made to Article 301 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

- Remember yourself and explain to your children: drugs destroy both those who use and those who distribute. Even if criminal liability is reduced, the years in prison will not return, and in case of a relapse, a person’s entire youth will be spent “behind bars”. Keep in contact with your children, pay attention to changes in their character, prevent neglect and try to instill in them a legal culture,” police officers say.

A total of 67 people were criminally liable for drug distribution in SKO last year, 55 of them under 25 years of age.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/chto-grozit-narkodel-tsam-v-sko-politsejskie-raz-yasnyayut-izmeneniya-v-zakonodatel-stve/>

## ANTI-DRUG SOCIAL ADVERTISING LAUNCHED BY POLICE IN ALMATY



Police call on society to work together to counter drug crime.

To this end, thematic informational spots with police helplines were placed on 42 bus stops in Almaty with the support of the city Akimat.

The social product is made in order to attract attention of citizens to the “scourge” of modernity and consequences of drug use.

- Anyone with information about drug distribution can report it to us at the phone numbers listed, and it can be done anonymously. Confidentiality is guaranteed by the state. If we want to rid our society and protect our children

from this nastiness, we must act together. For this purpose, we inform population about hotlines, where any citizen who has witnessed a drug crime or has relevant information can contact us round the clock,” said Dauren Kobaev, senior operative for especially important cases of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Almaty City PD.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/antinarkoticheskuyu-sotsial-nuyu-reklamu-zapustila-politsiya-v-almaty/>

## ULYTAU REGION STEPS UP EFFORTS TO COMBAT DRUG CRIME



An important meeting was held yesterday in the building of the regional akimat to coordinate efforts of government agencies in countering drug addiction and illicit drug trafficking.

The event was held under the leadership of the deputy akim of the region A.S.Idyrysov.

Participants of the meeting - deputy akims of cities and districts, heads of state bodies, discussed implementation of Comprehensive Plan on Combating Drug Addiction and Drug Trafficking for 2023-2025. Current problems and prospects of development of this sphere were reviewed, as well

as specific steps for more effective fight against drug crime in the region were defined.

Special attention was paid to improving coordination of actions of all interested agencies. Participants of the meeting emphasized the importance of joint work to achieve a common goal - to ensure safety and health of the region’s population.

The meeting resulted in recommendations and tasks for further work aimed at strengthening interaction between authorities and improving effectiveness of measures taken.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/oblast-ulytau-aktiviziruet-bor-bu-s-narkoprestupnost-yu/>

## PARENTS OF SCHOOLCHILDREN IN AKMOLA REGION ARE TOLD ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ADDICTION AND DRUG TRAFFICKING



With the start of the new school period, police officers in Akmola region resumed meetings with parents of schoolchildren. As part of their preventive work, drug enforcers attend parent meetings and talk about the problem of drug addiction, emphasizing criminal responsibility for distribution of illegal substances and criminal activity as a courier-trafficker..

During the talk senior operative Lieutenant Colonel of Police Raziya Kursanova informed parents of students about statistics on offenses committed by minors, including those related to drugs, and spoke about legal consequences.

Speaker separately briefed participants of the meeting on recent changes in the anti-drug

legislation.

- Drug use among youth and adolescents spreads like a chain reaction. Without a deep understanding of the problem of drug addiction, adults are completely powerless against it. Therefore, the purpose of our meeting with parents is to give them knowledge about ways and signs of teenagers' use of synthetic drugs of new generation and "pharmacy" drug addiction, as well as the legal consequences of drug use. To prevent our younger generation from being involved in this "evil" is the task of the whole society," the police officer noted.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/o-probleme-narkomanii-i-narkobiznese-rasskazyvayut-roditelyam-shkol-nikov-v-akmolinskoj-oblasti/>

**KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**



**MIA CNS: A QUIZ WAS ORGANIZED AS PART OF DRUG USE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES**



CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs with the support of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek conducted an intellectual quiz on drug prevention among young people on 13 January 2025. The event took place at the Salymbekov International University.

The goal of the quiz is to raise awareness among young people of risks associated with the use of psychoactive substances, to foster an informed attitude towards their health, and to increase participation of young people in prevention of drug use and drug distribution.

Senior operative of the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs Lt. Col. Umida Ismatova, pro-rector for external relations and development Avaz Kazakov attended the event.

At the end the teams that took the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places were awarded with memorable gifts and certificates.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/4052>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION



**RUSSIAN MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES THE LAUNCH OF THE REGIONAL PHASE OF THE “SAVING LIFE TOGETHER” SOCIAL ADVERTISING CONTEST**



GUNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia announces the start of the regional stage of the social advertising contest “Let’s Save Life Together”. Works of participants of the All-Russian contest of social advertising of anti-drug orientation and promotion of a healthy lifestyle are submitted from 10 January to 20 February 2025.

Preliminary selection of submissions is carried out by drug control units of the territorial bodies of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in three nominations: “Best layout of outdoor social advertising aimed at reducing the demand for drugs”, ‘Best anti-drug and healthy lifestyle promotion video’, and ‘Best anti-drug video for social media’. Winners will represent their region at the federal level.

Last year authors of 130 works from 60 regions of the country took part in the federal stage. Leadership of territorial bodies of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia awarded winners and prize-winners of the creative competition with valuable gifts from the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation.

Requirements for works to be submitted and application form are available in the section “GUNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia” on the Ministry’s official website.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/59736803>



## A MEETING WITH EXPERTS WAS ORGANIZED AT THE FORUM “YOUNG LEADERS OF SIBERIA” IN ALTAI KRAI



Youth Forum “Young Leaders of Siberia” is held in Barnaul on the initiative of Tatyana Velichko, Chairman of the Public Council of GU MVD of Russia in Altai Krai. More than 200 leaders of children’s and youth movement representing various educational institutions and public organizations of Altai Krai became its participants.

Meetings with representatives of the Government of Altai Krai, leadership of the Directorate General of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Altai Krai, election commission and other organizations were arranged for participants as part of the forum. The meeting

entitled “Commonwealth of Adults and Children” was attended by Major General Mark Levin, Deputy Head of the Directorate General of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for Altai Krai. The conversation touched upon the most serious and topical topics: the prospects of the youth movement, the development of patriotic traditions. Answering the questions of the participants, Mark Mikhailovich noted that patriotism is one of the main points in the upbringing of the younger generation. No less important in the formation of young people he called vocational guidance, passion for the future profession and hobbies, which help to develop intellectually and physically. The young leaders asked all the experts participating in the event many questions. Mark Mikhailovich, for example, was asked whether, in time, high-tech inventions will be able to completely replace police officers, such as Robocops. The General replied that he does not yet imagine the police of the future without human participation, although he very much appreciates modern technologies that are dynamically introduced into police activities today and help solve crimes and ensure law and order.

In addition, lectures, debates, contests and master classes were held, organized by representatives of various divisions of the Directorate General.

Major Alexander Faranosov, Head of the Department for Outreach of the Department for Work with Personnel of the Directorate General of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, held a lesson with teenagers on career guidance. He told about educational institutions of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, where young people can get a profession of a lawyer, law enforcer, investigator, and then come to serve in the internal affairs bodies. In addition, he familiarized his audience with the history of the region’s police and spoke about achievements of internal affairs officers.

Senior lieutenant Maria Dudkina, an expert of the biological examination department of the EKC of GU MVD of Russia for Altai Krai, gave a captivating lecture on features of forensic work and spoke about relevance of medical and forensic research for law enforcement agencies.

Lieutenant colonel Yulia Shevchenko, representative of the Drug Control Department, organized a discussion game, during which teenagers were given the opportunity to analyze problematic situations and learn about responsibility for drug distribution.

Tatyana Velichko, initiator of the forum “Young Leaders of Siberia”, chairperson of the Public Council of the Directorate General, said that the meetings were highly useful and informative

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--plai/news/item/59534091>

## REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

**MEETING WITH PARENTS AND PUPILS OF GENERAL  
EDUCATION INSTITUTION NO. 3 OF FIRDAVSI DISTRICT**

A meeting with teachers and parents of students of secondary general education institution No. 3 of Firdavsi district of Dushanbe was held on 10 January 2025 in connection with the Address of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan Honorable Emomali Rahmon to the Supreme Assembly of the Republic of Tajikistan “On main directions of domestic and foreign policy of the Republic”.

Representative of the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan,

representatives of the executive authority of Firdavsi district of Dushanbe city, Religious Committee and Education Department of Firdavsi district spoke at the meeting.

As it was highlighted, message of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan to Majlisi Oli is a logical continuation of messages of previous years and defines path of our development and progress for the nearest future. Due to the devoted work of the people of the country, the process of construction and development continues uninterrupted, outlined plans and programs are purposefully implemented, ensuring stable development of the national economy, improving the standard of living and quality of life of the country’s population.

During the meeting representatives on prevention of drug addiction among adolescents and youth spoke about the adverse factors of drug addiction, causes and consequences of outbreaks of drug intoxication, HIV/AIDS infectious diseases, prevention of factors of countering terrorism and extremism, disintegration of young families, and also about the Law “On responsibility of parents for upbringing of the child and the proclamation of 2025 ‘The Year of Economic Development and Digital Innovation.’

<https://akn.tj/ru/2025/01/10/meeting-with-teachers-and-parents-of-students-of-mtmu-%e2%84%963-of-firdavsi-district/>



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