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In the period from 1 to 15 February 2025, 25 counter-narcotics activities were covered by mass media in CARICC member states and other countries (*Azerbaijan-1, Kazakhstan - 14, Kyrgyzstan - 1, Russia - 8, Turkmenistan - 1*).

Published articles reflect information on highlighting the topic of combating illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs (*Azerbaijan*), on preventive measures carried out by police officers (*Kazakhstan*), on the meeting of the CNS officers with schoolchildren (*Kyrgyzstan*), on preventive measures by police officers in regions of the Russian Federation (*Russia*), on participation of delegation of Turkmenistan in the “Regional Training for Trainers on Drug Abuse Prevention” (*Turkmenistan*).

## REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN



### PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH CONTINUES TO EXPAND



Media coverage of combating illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors, as well as drug addiction, is ongoing.

Videos prepared by the Standing Working Group of the State Commission under the titles “Drugs leave an irreversible trace in the brain” and “Drugs - a boundless catastrophe”, as well as a social video on the activities of the “802-Hotline” service, were broadcast on television channels a total of 29,563 times

between January and December 2024. A total of 167 special programs with the participation of experts and author’s stories on the harm of drug addiction were also produced.

In addition, a total of about 5129 informational and educational materials were published in 17 print and 46 online media outlets across the country last year in order to better educate citizens about the use of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and related problems.

<https://nmdk.gov.az/page/post/3345/Ictimai-maariflendirme-islerinin-ehatesi-genislendirilmekdedir?lang=ru>

## REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



## A LECTURE ON DRUGS FOR STUDENTS HELD AT KAZGUU



More than 100 students learned about the importance of drug crime prevention at a lecture in Astana.

On 29 January in the capital Kazakh Humanitarian Law University held a guest lecture on “Prevention of offenses related to illicit trafficking of narcotic and psychotropic substances”. The lecture for students of 1 and 2 courses of the faculty of “Jurisprudence” was delivered by Deputy Head of the Department of the Committee on Combating Drug Crime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan Sergei Ilyinykh. The event was also attended by 11th grade students from schools № 17, 85, 64 and 31.

The lecture, which was attended by more than 100 students, featured videos and slides and discussed important aspects of drug trafficking. Students actively asked questions, shared their opinions and participated in discussions, which made the lecture not only informative but also entertaining.

The session aroused so much interest that the students asked to take pictures with the speaker. Sergey Ilyinykh emphasized the importance of preventive work among young people and the need to raise awareness about the harm of drugs and consequences of use.

The event is part of an ongoing effort to raise legal awareness among youth and prevent drug crimes in the country.

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MORE THAN 500 ATHLETES TOOK PART IN THE TOURNAMENT  
“SPORT AGAINST DRUG ADDICTION” IN ATYRAU

Atyrau hosted an open wrestling tournament organized by the regional wrestling federation UWW Grappling.

More than 500 athletes of different ages took part in the competition and demonstrated their skills in a tense battle.

The tournament was attended by Deputy Head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime Police Colonel Roman Yermukhanov, and Senior Operative Police Lieutenant Colonel Maryana Dzhangalieva.

Main goal of the event is to promote healthy lifestyle among children and teenagers through sports, prevention of drug crime and drug abuse prevention. During the competition, athletes demonstrated their strength and skill in various weight categories.

In the tournament, where the strongest competed, 180 athletes were among the medalists, winning gold, silver and bronze medals. Winners were awarded valuable gifts on behalf of the Department for Combating Drug Crime.

- Health of young people is the key to a prosperous future of our country. Sports such as wrestling help teenagers to develop their abilities, as well as to form a healthy lifestyle through the desire to win. Our main task is to instill a love for sports,” said Roman Ermukhanov, Deputy Head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime.



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## YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS OF KARAGANDA REGION SUPPORTED CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUG ADDICTION



tournament.

The question of combating drug addiction and drug trafficking in modern conditions requires a comprehensive approach and active actions on the part of society. In the context of implementation of the Comprehensive Plan to combat these phenomena in the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2023-2025, the juvenile police and the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the city of Karaganda together with the Public Organization FSO “Dynamo” and the public initiative “Healthy Generation - Healthy Nation” held a volleyball

This event was a shining example of involving young people in sports activities, which contributes to the formation of health awareness and negative attitudes towards drugs among adolescents.

Participation of ten teams from Karaganda colleges in the competition inspired young people to show their sports talents and team spirit. At the end of the tournament, the winners were awarded with certificates, medals and cups. Individual recognition in categories such as “Best Player” and “Best Defender” was also contested.

This tournament was an important step towards creating a healthy and strong nation capable of resisting addictions.

And in Shet district a campaign held by the Agadyr police station together with the Agadyr youth organization entitled “Drug addiction - disease of the century” was held. The aim of the event was to prevent drug addiction and explain criminal responsibility among young people.

As part of the event, the documentary “Zakladka” was shown in front of the participants, which touched upon important aspects of the problem.

High school students of Akadyr settlement from three educational institutions: Gagarin Lyceum School, Ermekov School and M. Mametova School took an active part in the campaign. They enthusiastically competed in showing scenes and defending posters, demonstrating creativity and awareness of the seriousness of the topic.

Following the results of the competition, the first prize was taken by the school named after M. Mametova, the second place belongs to the school named after A. Ermekov, and the third place went to the school-lyceum named after Y. A. Gagarin, which was a worthy result of the active participation of young people in the fight against drug addiction.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/aktsiyu-protiv-narkomanii-podderzhali-molodezhnye-organizatsii-karagandinskoj-oblasti/>

## STOP-DRUGS: KYOKUSHINKAI-KAN KARATE TOURNAMENT HELD IN ALMATY REGION



On the first and second of February 2025 in the children's and youth sports school №1 of Karasai district held an open national tournament "KASKELEN CUP-2025" on kyokushinkai-kan karate. About 300 athletes from Kyrgyzstan and nine regions of Kazakhstan took part in the competition.

At the opening ceremony, the President of the Almaty Regional Branch of the NFCC Bauyrzhan Abibekov, Deputy Head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Department of

Internal Affairs of the Almaty Region Dastan Jexenbekov and Prosecutor of the Department for Supervision of the Legality of Pre-Trial Investigation and Criminal Prosecution Anuar Artykbayev spoke at the opening ceremony.

They highlighted that sport is a path to health and discipline, and an important alternative to bad habits.

Legendary martial arts master Zhan Ata Ivan Ivanovich became the guest of honor of the tournament, who blessed the participants and noted the high level of the competition.

The first place was taken by Almaty region, having won 19 gold, 19 silver and 42 bronze medals.

The second place was taken by the Zhetysu region, and the third place was taken by the athletes of Almaty city. The organizers expressed their gratitude to the Department of Sports and Physical Culture, Police Department and Prosecutor's Office of Almaty region for supporting the tournament.

"KASKELEN CUP" annually gathers the strongest young karate players, popularizing sports and healthy lifestyle.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/stop-narkotik-turnir-po-kiokushinkaj-kan-karate-proshel-v-almatinskoj-oblasti/>

## 6 THOUSAND YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK PART IN ANTI-DRUG LECTURES IN TURKESTAN PROVINCE



In Turkestan region during the month police conducted lectures with participation of about 6 thousand young people.

Kurmanbek Sakhov, Deputy Head of the Police Department, told at a briefing about the work carried out by police officers of Turkestan region to stop drug crimes.

In January 2025 police officers of the region detected 47 cases of illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs. Of these, 11 were felonies and 36 misdemeanors. Four facts of drug sales, two facts of illegal sowing of

drug-containing plants, five facts of drug possession on a particularly large scale and two drug laboratories were revealed. About 38 kilograms of various drugs were seized during the month.

For instance, as a result of operational-search activities officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime discovered an illegal phytolaboratory in Saryagash district, where a local resident was growing drug-containing

plants. Special equipment, 41 drug plants and 30 kg of marijuana packed in 12 bags were found there. Two civilian firearms were also seized from the 38-year-old suspect.

- In addition, law enforcement agencies monitored the Internet, identified 117 drug sites and blocked them with the help of the Cybernadzor system. Since the beginning of the year, the police and prosecutor's office together with other government agencies have organized 58 preventive activities, in which about 6,000 schoolchildren and students took part," Sakhov said.

As the police emphasized, prevention is one of the effective ways to combat drug crime and addiction.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/6-tysyach-molodyh-lyudej-prinyali-v-antinarkoticheskikh-lektsiyah-v-turkestanskoj-oblasti/>



### COUNCIL FOR PREVENTION OF DRUG OFFENSES: THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS MADE AN IMPORTANT STEP IN COMBATING DRUGS



An important step in the fight against drug crime was made by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan - the Council for Prevention of Drug Crimes was set up for the first time.

The main objective is to strengthen the prevention of drug abuse and drug trafficking, which will be made possible through the active participation of civil society representatives.

- As the Head of State pointed out, tackling drugs is a matter of the nation's gene pool. With this in mind, an order to approve the Council's statute has

been signed. Its main tasks are to prevent drug addiction and drug crime, promote law-abiding behavior and a healthy lifestyle, and involve broad segments of the population, especially young people, in anti-drug work. A holistic approach is necessary, involving all state bodies, society and the population as a whole. Only then the principle of "Law and Order" will be observed," said Minister of Internal Affairs Yerzhan Sadenov.

All members of the Council were given certificates confirming their participation in this project. It includes media personalities, well-known athletes and experts in the field, as well as representatives of public organizations. This diversity of participants will ensure a comprehensive approach to addressing the drug problem in the country.

- This is the first time the council has been established in 30 years. I think it will bear fruit. We have been working on prevention for 5 years, working with convicts. We also worked in rural areas, met with young people, held master classes, talked about the harm of drugs and the responsibility for its distribution," said world record holder Sergey Tsyurulnikov.

Rinat Balgabaev, director of the movie "Zakladka", was one of the participants of the Council. This film, which touches on the topic of drug addiction, is an important contribution to public awareness of the drug problem.

- In fact, drug use and addiction, including addiction, is a complex problem. It is necessary for society to change itself. We inform and do what we can, i.e. we warn about the danger, what consequences there are," Rinat Balgabaev said.

During the event, Chairman of the Council was elected by voting. First Deputy Minister Baurzhan Alenov became the Chairman. Deputy Chairmen were also elected. These are the chairman of the fund "Esirtkisiz bolashak" Zhandos Aktaev and deputy chairman of the Committee for Combating Drug Crime Kuandyk Alzhanov.

The Council will be an important tool in changing public consciousness, raising awareness of the harms of drugs and creating effective measures to prevent drug dependence, especially among young people.

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### PREVENTION OF ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING IN THE MEDICAL SPHERE WAS ORGANIZED IN ATYRAU



Police officers in Atyrau region conducted awareness-raising work on prevention of drug trafficking in medical sphere.

A special seminar aimed at preventing offenses related to the legal circulation of precursors and medicines was held at the Atyrau Higher Medical College. The event was attended by Mariana Dzhangalieva, senior operative of the Department for Combating Drug Crime, Asel Berdenova, head of the Pharmaceutical Service Department, and Elmira Makasheva, chief specialist of the department.

During the meeting students of the specialty “pharmacy” were explained the identified offenses related to the turnover of precursors and medicines, their causes and consequences. Also the legislative requirements for storage, transportation and dispensing of medicines related to narcotic drugs were clarified.

- Drug trafficking is a global problem that knows no borders and affects the entire world. Drug addiction is often referred to as an infectious non-epidemic disease. The short-term illusions that arise after drug use lead to severe addiction, which causes irreparable damage to a person’s health and future. We call on everyone to actively fight the spread of drugs, as it poses a serious threat to the health of citizens of our country and future generations,” Dzhangalieva said.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/profilaktiku-nezakonnogo-oborota-narkotikov-v-meditsinskoj-sfere-proveli-v-atyrau/>

**DRUG PREVENTION ISSUES DISCUSSED WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS IN KOKSHETAU**



Drug and corruption prevention was discussed with students of Arna College in Kokshetau.

As part of implementation of the Law and Order principle, representatives of the police, justice and anti-corruption departments joined together to conduct an educational seminar for students of the Kokshetau Higher College “Arna”.

Representative of the anti-corruption service urged the audience to always follow the principles of law and order, and emphasized the basics of anti-corruption legislation.

Special attention was paid to consequences associated with drug use, including its impact on the physical and psychological health of young people. The focus was on explaining amendments and modifications made to legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, concerning toughening of responsibility for organization and manufacture of drugs, introduction of criminal responsibility for distribution of potent drugs popular among drug users, as well as mitigation of responsibility for first-time drug dealers.

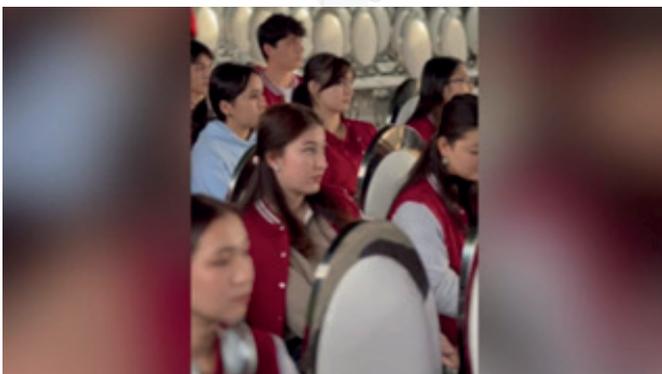
In turn, representative of the Department of Justice emphasized that compliance with the law means being a responsible citizen and an example for others.

Video clips illustrating real-life situations related to these phenomena were shown during the event, which allowed students to feel the seriousness of the problem. In addition, participants were provided with informative booklets containing useful tips and contact details of professionals to whom they can turn for help.

Such interaction contributes to the formation of a responsible attitude of young people to the laws and norms of behavior in society, said the organizers of the meeting.

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**POLICE OFFICERS AND STUDENTS DISCUSSED DRUG PREVENTION IN TURKESTAN**



Police officers and students discussed drug prevention in Turkestan.

Bolashak Higher Multidisciplinary College held a meeting with students on the topic of drug abuse prevention and healthy lifestyle, organized by the Youth Resource Center and the Department for Combating Drug Crime of DP Turkestan region under the title “No drugs!”.

The event was attended by more than 200 students and teachers of the educational institution. Marat Bimakhanov, a senior operative, spoke to the

students about the danger and harm of drugs, their impact on human body, and consequences of crimes related to illicit trafficking of narcotic substances.

Young people were also shown a video about prevention of drug abuse and the harm of synthetic drugs, which have become an urgent problem in society. Police officers and organizers of the event urged young people to lead a healthy lifestyle and play sports.

At the end of the meeting, which aroused genuine interest among young people, students asked questions on the discussed topic and received detailed answers from experts, shared their opinions and promised to avoid drugs.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-i-studenty-obsudili-profilaktiku-narkomanii-v-turkestone/>



## LARGE-SCALE ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN HELD IN ALMATY



More than 2 thousand Almaty citizens took part in the campaign “Protecting the future: together against drugs!” organized by police officers and representatives of the Assembly of the People of Kazakhstan.

Almaty police officers together with representatives of the Assembly of the People of Kazakhstan and leadership of the Directorate of Sports Facilities of the city held a large-scale action “Protecting the Future: Together Against Drugs!” at the Medeu Sports Complex. Over 2,000 young people took part in the event.

- The Head of State and the Government are implementing a clear and consistent anti-drug strategy, within the framework of which a number of projects aimed at prevention, deterrence and suppression of drug addiction are being implemented. Our common goal is to build a future without drugs, and that is why we are here. Today we see that not only state bodies are fighting against drugs, but also participation and support from social movements and civil society at thematic events - this is our joint struggle. There is a volume of work in this direction, and I am sure that with our joint efforts we will be able to prevent and protect our young people from deadly drugs, - said the head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of Almaty City DP Murat Zhumabaev.

Information booklets with anonymous hotlines of the Drug Control Department and QR codes for prompt response to drug signals were circulated among the participants of the preventive event.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/masshtabnaya-antinarkoticheskaya-aktsiya-provedena-v-almaty/>

**YOUTH AGAINST DRUGS: MIA OFFICERS  
HELD A LECTURE FOR STUDENTS**



As part of ensuring the principle of “Law and Order”, Astana IT University College hosted a meeting-lecture for first year students.

More than 200 students took part in the event, where Sergey Ilynykh, Deputy Head of the Department of the Committee for Combating Drug Crime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, made an important presentation.

At the meeting, the speaker used a peer-to-peer approach, sharing life examples and explaining to students the consequences that can arise from drug use. Sergey Ilynykh spoke in detail about the negative

effects of drug addiction and emphasized how drugs can destroy a person’s life and future.

10 cases of juveniles arrested for drug offenses have already been recorded in January 2025 alone. These facts were a vivid reminder of how important it is to realize the consequences of one’s actions.

- Preventive measures are carried out on a regular basis in order to reduce involvement of younger generation in the drug environment. At the lectures, teenagers are told about the harmful effects of using psychoactive substances, as well as criminal legislation that comes as a consequence of illegal possession of drugs and its sale in Kazakhstan,” said Deputy Head of the Department of the Committee on Combating Drug Crime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs Sergei Ilynykh.

The Committee for Combating Drug Crime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs will continue to hold similar lectures aimed at preventing drug addiction among young people, emphasizing the importance of awareness of personal responsibility and the ability to make the right choice.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/molodezh-protiv-narkotikov-sotrudniki-mvd-proveli-lektsiyu-dlya-studentov/>

**KARAGANDA YOUTH SPOKE OUT AGAINST DRUGS AND CRIME**



Karaganda youth expressed their opposition to drugs and crime.

A TEDx meeting with active student youth of Karaganda was held in the House of Friendship. The main topic was counteraction to drug addiction and prevention of juvenile delinquency.

Officers of the Karaganda City Police Department’s Anti-Drug Crime Unit warned students against the use and distribution of drugs, telling them about the devastating consequences for their health and future. It was emphasized that tempting promises of “easy” earnings from the drug business turn out to be broken

fates and prison sentences.

Representatives of the juvenile police explained the legal consequences of illegal actions among minors. The students were encouraged to be responsible, vigilant and to avoid conflict situations. In case of a threat or evidence of an offense, young people were advised to immediately seek help from law enforcement agencies. The event is aimed at strengthening anti-drug propaganda and improving legal literacy among Karaganda students.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/karagandinskaya-molodezh-vyskazalas-protiv-narkotikov-i-prestupnosti/>



## JASULAN IN THE ABAY REGION WERE TOLD ABOUT HARM OF DRUGS



Jasulan in the Abay region were informed about harm of drugs.

Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Abay region DP, police lieutenant colonel Gaukhar Espaeva and senior police lieutenant Ravil Serikbolsynov, held a preventive lecture for students at the Zhasulan specialized lyceum.

The main topic of the meeting was criminal liability for crimes related to illicit drug trafficking. Police

officers explained to the schoolchildren in detail what actions may entail criminal punishment, what articles of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan regulate this area and what sanctions are provided for distribution, possession and use of illegal substances.

The lecture was in an interactive format, allowing students to actively participate in the discussion, asking questions about penalties and rehabilitation options for those who find themselves in addictions.

Police officers gave real examples from operational practice, showing the tragic consequences of drug addiction. Particular attention was paid to the impact of drugs on the human body and psyche, as well as the devastating consequences for the user himself, his family, friends and society as a whole. The police emphasized that drug trafficking is not only a serious crime, but also a direct threat to the future of young people.

At the end of the meeting, police officers encouraged students to lead a healthy lifestyle, to be vigilant and not to give in to provocations related to the use or distribution of drugs. They were reminded of the hotlines to report such offenses and of the state program to combat drug crime.

Such preventive activities help to improve the legal literacy of young people and promote a responsible attitude towards their future. It is important that every teenager understands that drugs are not just a bad habit, but a direct path to problems with the law, health and social isolation.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/o-vrede-narkotikov-rasskazali-zhasulanovtsam-v-oblasti-abaj/>

## KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

**DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TOLD SCHOOLCHILDREN ABOUT COMBATING DRUGS AND SHOWED WORK OF SERVICE DOGS**

A prevention session for students of 8th and 9th grades was held on 11 February 2025 at School No. 25 in Bishkek. As well as warning adolescents against involvement in drug trafficking and formation of their conscious attitude to their own safety.

They also demonstrated work of service dogs. Specialists showed how trained dogs are used to detect prohibited substances.

The lecture for schoolchildren was given by Akylbek Joorbaev, Deputy Head of the CNS in Bishkek. He spoke about drug situation in the country, possible risks and gave recommendations on how not to fall under the influence of criminal elements.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/4110>

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**



**KABARDINO-BALKARIA HOSTED SOCCER COMPETITIONS UNDER THE MOTTO “SPORT AGAINST DRUGS”**



“Leather Ball” soccer tournament among boys born in 2007-2008, representing teams of general educational institutions of the republic, was held at the Nalchik sports complex as part of the first stage of the anti-drug prevention campaign “For Health and Safety of Our Children”. The competition was held under the motto “Sport against drugs”.

One of the main goals of the event is to promote a healthy lifestyle, prevent drug abuse and popularize sports.

The tournament was attended by officers of the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kabardino-Balkar Republic. Lieutenant Colonel of Police Irina Davydova, a senior operative of UNK MVD of the

Kabardino-Balkar Republic, gave a talk to participants of the competition aimed at preventing the involvement of minors in the illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

At the end of the sports tournament, winners and prize-winners were awarded cups, medals and diplomas.

The culmination of the competition was an impromptu flash mob “No to Drugs”.

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**POLICE OFFICERS IN UDMURTIA HELD A LEGAL AWARENESS DAY FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN**



Officers of Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Udmurt Republic together with the Education Department of the Administration of the Municipal Municipality “Votkinsk City” organized a Legal Awareness Day for students in grades 8-9 at schools in Votkinsk.

Police officers told the children how drug addiction develops and how to avoid it, and also explained the consequences of drug and alcohol use both for the physical and psychological state of a person and for the social conditions of his or her life. The children were told how to protect themselves from addiction and warned that drug addiction is incurable and its

manifestations accompany a former drug addict throughout his or her life. The children were encouraged to be attentive to their surroundings and to immediately stop communicating with drug addicts for their own safety.

Police officers informed about criminal and administrative liability for trafficking of illicit substances and gave a number of examples from practice, emphasizing inevitability of punishment and impressive sanctions of the articles of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation.

Schoolchildren could get answers to their questions during an open dialog with the representatives of the

Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Police officers visited a total of 14 schools in Votkinsk, with a total attendance of more than 900 people.

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**ABOUT TWO THOUSAND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATED  
IN THE CAMPAIGN “FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR  
CHILDREN” IN THE KABARDINO-BALKARIAN REPUBLIC**



As part of the republican anti-drug campaign “For Health and Safety of Our Children”, preventive activities were held in ten schools in Nalchik. Employees of the Drug Control Department and juvenile affairs departments of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kabardino-Balkarian Republic, as well as representatives of the city administration, clergy and public organizations came to meet with the children.

Police officers warned students against committing illegal acts and spoke about the irreversible consequences of drug use.

Shakhidat Temmoyeva, Chief Specialist of the Department of Education of the local administration of

the city of Nalchik, reminded the children of the inadmissibility of committing offenses and involving them in illegal activities.

Then representatives of the Spiritual Administration of Muslims, the Orthodox Church of KBR and the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Kabardino-Balkarian Republican Branch of the public organization “Combat Brotherhood” representative of the Public Chamber of KBR Vladimir Abanokov addressed the audience.

Children took an active part in discussing issues of drug abuse and delinquency prevention, expressing their opinions on the topic at hand.

At the end of the meeting, high school students supported the action by taking a photo with the hashtag “No to Drugs!”.

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## POLICE OFFICERS IN ADYGEYA HELD A PREVENTIVE CONVERSATION WITH FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS



Officers of the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Adygea talked to first-year students about the problems of drug addiction in the youth environment.

Major Elena Danilova, a representative of the Ministry's specialized service, told the children about the most high-profile drug trafficking crimes committed in the republic recently. In her speech she emphasized that drug traffickers, using all sorts of tricks and promising "golden mountains", are increasingly attracting young people into their networks. The speaker dwelt separately on the involvement of young people, including students, in criminal activities as drug couriers.

The participants of the event were shown a preventive film specially prepared by the press service of the republican Ministry of Internal Affairs, in which not only the types of crimes related to the use and distribution of narcotic substances, but also the sanctions that may follow if a person decides to step on the slippery path of drug trafficking were analyzed using specific examples.

Drug enforcers once again warned children about the deadly danger of drug addiction, explained to them how to behave in order not to fall under the negative influence of drug dealers and not to spoil their fate by rash actions.

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## POLICE OFFICERS IN KUZBASS WARNED SCHOOLCHILDREN AGAINST USING PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES



Police officers continue to conduct preventive activities for students of local schools as part of the "Future without Drugs" anti-drug campaign.

In Anzhero-Sudzhensk, police officers together with students from the student law enforcement unit "Vector" held a preventive lesson for students of a local school. Senior Inspector of Juvenile Affairs of the Department of Internal Affairs of Russia for Anzhero-Sudzhensk Urban District Police Major Lilia Shagivaleeva told the teenagers about the harmful effects of illegal substances on the physical and mental health of a person, and also warned the minors against the desire to get "easy" money for the distribution of

drugs, explained what punishment may be threatened for the use, possession and sale of narcotic drugs. Sergei Kireev, commander of the student squad of law enforcement "Vector", urged schoolchildren to always think about the future and not to commit rash actions that can forever change life and become an insurmountable obstacle on the way to the dream.

In Krapivinsky District, police officers visited high school students at the Zelenogorsky settlement. The

police officers reminded about the negative health consequences that result from the use of narcotic drugs. Police captain Roman Troshkov, operative of the Drug Control Department, emphasized that the maximum punishment for drug crimes is life imprisonment, and gave examples from practice that show that the court imposes real imprisonment for the sale of even a small amount of drugs.

Police officers visited School No. 27 in Kiselevsk as part of the anti-drug campaign “Future without Drugs”. Senior Lieutenant of Police Marina Skudarnova, inspector for juvenile affairs of the Department of Internal Affairs of Russia for Kiselevsk, told about the harm and danger of using narcotic and psychotropic drugs. The police officer recommended the children to lead a healthy lifestyle, give up bad habits and play sports.

Tatyana Fayzrakhmanova, a member of the Public Council of the Mezhdurechenskiy Department of Internal Affairs of Russia and an epidemiologist at the Mezhdurechensk City Hospital, held talks with students of educational institutions as part of the campaign. The main goal of the events was to prevent negative consequences of drug addiction. Tatyana told about the spread of HIV infection, viral hepatitis B and C, and drug overdose deaths. She noted the low employment rate of drug addicts, high frequency of criminal behavior and criminal records.

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### OFFICERS OF DRUG CONTROL DEPARTMENT OF UMVD OF RUSSIA IN THE TAMBOV REGION HELD “COMMON SENSE LESSONS”



A set of events “Lessons of Common Sense” aimed at prevention of non-medical consumption of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, prevention of crimes in the field of illegal drug trafficking among minors was held on 13 February at secondary school No. 4 in Rasskazovo.

The events were organized by the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in the Tambov region and the Rasskazovo administration.

Representatives of the municipal anti-drug commission and the commission for juvenile affairs and protection of their rights, the Tambov interregional public organization “Society of Sobriety and Health”,

employees of the juvenile affairs division of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia “Rasskazovsky”, eighth grade students of educational organizations of Rasskazovo and their teachers took part in the implementation of the interdepartmental prevention project.

Olga Gorelkina, deputy head of the municipal administration, made a welcoming speech before the start of the meeting.

The audience was shown a video about specifics of the work of the drug control division, and then the deputy head of the department of organization of interaction with government agencies and interagency cooperation in the field of prevention, police colonel Marina Krasnoslobodtseva spoke about the legal responsibility for committing drug crimes, gave examples of crimes and punishments from the practice of law enforcement agencies, gave recommendations on how to avoid dangerous situations associated with the proliferation of drug trafficking.

Psychological trainings aimed at development of positive thinking, forming skills to overcome life difficulties

and psychological problems, introducing schoolchildren to a healthy lifestyle, were conducted by Dmitry Polukhtin, chairman of the regional society of sobriety and health..

Schoolchildren were invited to participate in creative project, which includes three nominations: “The best script of a video dedicated to prevention of substance use”; “The best prevention slogan and its justification” and “The best video-challenge ‘Happiness is...’”.

The contest is held within the framework of the implementation of the substance abuse prevention program “Zozhivi” among students of educational organizations of the Tambov region.

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### POLICE OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS IN KRASNODAR KRAI IMPLEMENT ACTIVITIES AGAINST DRUG PROPAGANDA



As part of the campaign “Kuban without drug stencils” officers of OMVD of Russia in Kurganinsky district together with representative of the Public Council Vitaly Zakharov, youth guards and volunteers conducted a raid to paint over the inscriptions promoting the use of narcotic substances. The main purpose of such events is not only to eliminate visual advertising of psychotropic substances, which spoils the image of the city, but also to disseminate information about the harm of drugs. Police officers and activists go on joint raids to identify and eliminate such cases, which contributes to the formation of a safe and clean urban environment and is an important part of preventive work among young people. During

the day, the activists removed many prohibited notices on city walls and fences advertising narcotic drugs.

Officers of the OMVD of Russia in Otradnensky District and Margarita Gigolova, a representative of the local Youth Affairs Committee, held a preventive talk with students of school No. 24 in Poputnaya village. The police officers told the children about the negative consequences of using illegal substances, involvement of minors in their distribution, as well as administrative and criminal responsibility for drug trafficking. Speakers noted that in today’s world there are many safe hobbies that can bring joy, and urged the children to lead a healthy lifestyle, as well as to engage in sports. In addition, the law enforcement officers reminded the schoolchildren about the negative impact of drugs on the psychological and physical state of a person by showing a specially prepared video clip.

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TURKMENISTAN



**TURKMENISTAN PARTICIPATED IN A CONFERENCE ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION**



Representatives of the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Turkmenistan took part in the “Regional Training for Trainers on Drug Abuse Prevention” held in Almaty (Kazakhstan) from 27 to 31 January. This was reported by press service of the Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan.

The event was organized within the framework of the Central Asia Drug Action Programme (CADAP) and focused on efforts of the European Union in combating drug trafficking in Central Asia.

Along with specialists from Turkmenistan, the conference brought together representatives of education, health care and law enforcement agencies from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. Participants exchanged experience and discussed approaches to addiction prevention.

During the event international experts presented successful practices of preventing bad habits such as smoking, drug addiction and alcohol abuse. Trainers who took part in the event shared their knowledge with other participants.

In addition, Turkmen specialists discussed with their foreign colleagues the teaching of recently introduced subject “Basics of Social Science and Life Activities” for students of 1-10 grades in general education schools.

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