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In the period from 1 to 15 May 2025, based on information from mass media in CARICC member states and other countries covered 9 events in the counter-narcotics field *(Azerbaijan - 1, Kazakhstan - 4, Russia - 3, Tajikistan-1).*

Published articles reflect information about prevention event *(Azerbaijan),* on preventive measures taken by police officers *(Kazakhstan),* on preventive measures by police officers in regions *(Russia)*, on a meeting of Coordination Council for Drug Abuse Prevention *(Tajikistan).*

## REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

### ISMAILLY HOSTED AN AWARENESS-RAISING CAMPAIGN ON THE THEME "LET'S SAY NO TO DRUG ADDICTION FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE"

An educational event "Let's say no to drug addiction for a healthy future" organized by the Standing Working Group of the State Commission on Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking together with the Executive Authority of Ismailli district was held on 1 May 2025 in school-lyceum No. 3 of Ismailli city.

The event was attended by a representative of the Standing Working Group of the State Commission, staff of legal department of the district executive, a representative of the district education department, a representative of the Regional Department of Youth and Sports of Gorno-Shirvan, a representative of the Caucasus Muslims Department for the district, and director of the lyceum.

During the meeting participants were provided with detailed information on the activities of the state in the field of combating illicit drug trafficking, importance of organizing leisure activities for young people, and the harmful effects of narcotic drugs on health, morality and the socio-economic development of society.

The event concluded with answers to students' questions and exchange of views.

https://nmdk.gov.az/page/post/3372/

## REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

### BEST COUNTERNARCOTICS BILLBOARDS BY SCHOOLCHILDREN SELECTED IN KYZYLORDA REGION

Best counternarcotics billboards by schoolchildren selected in Kyzylorda region.

Department for Combating Drug Crime of the DP of Kyzylorda region organized a contest of billboards and banners among educational institutions of the region on the theme: “Say NO to drugs!

Twenty best works were submitted for final competition. Contestants creatively demonstrated problems of drug addiction in billboards.

Regional winners were: secondary school No. 103 and school-lyceum No. 16 of Kazaly district, secondary school No. 202 of Jalagash district and school-lyceum No. 42 of Syrdarya district.

It should be mentioned that in the region police officers carry out a set of joint counternarcotics activities aimed at improving legal literacy of the population and promoting healthy lifestyle.

https://polisia.kz/ru/luchshie-antinarkoticheskie-bilbordy-vybrali-sredi-shkol-nikov-kyzylordinskoj-oblasti/

### PREVENTION OF CRIME: COLLEGE STUDENTS VISITED A COLONY IN KOSTANAY

Prevention of crime: college students visited a colony in Kostanay.

Students of Kostanay Higher College of Kazpotrebsoyuz and Kostanay Automobile Road College, and officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Police Department of Kostanay region took an active part in the event.

The initiative was aimed at raising awareness among young people about negative consequences of drug use and involvement in criminal activities. During the tour students were given a chance to learn about conditions of detention of persons serving sentences for drug crimes, about measures taken for rehabilitation and re-socialization.

Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the DP of Kostanay region held a preventive conversation with participants, during which they told about modern trends in drug trafficking, ways of involving young people in drug trafficking and criminal responsibility for such behavior. Special attention was paid to formation of students’ conscious rejection of drugs and development of skills to resist negative influence of drugs.

Organizers of the event expressed confidence that such meetings contribute to development of responsible citizenship among young people, increase their legal literacy and motivate to lead healthy lifestyle. At the end

of the excursion students expressed their gratitude to organizers and marked importance of such events for prevention of offences among young people.

https://polisia.kz/ru/profilaktika-pravonarushenij-studenty-kolledzhej-posetili-koloniyu-v-kostanae/

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## COUNTERNARCOTIC LECTURE FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN HELD IN ZHETYSU REGION

An anti-drug lecture for schoolchildren was held in Taldykorgan.

A preventive lecture aimed at forming a stable anti-drug mentality among adolescents was held at secondary school No. 6 named after A.S. Makarov in Taldykorgan. The event was organized as part of systematic work to prevent drug offenses and strengthen prevention on the eve of school vacations.

Police officers and addiction doctor from regional mental health center, a member of the Drug Abuse Prevention Council of Zhetysu region addressed the students. Specialist told about psychological mechanisms of addiction development, methods of combating bad habits, and ways to increase stress resistance and internal motivation.

- It is important to start prevention from adolescence. Our goal is not just to inform, but to form an informed and critical attitude towards drugs in young people," emphasized representative of the Council.

The event was attended by 97 schoolchildren. Such meetings allow adolescents to become more aware of risks associated with substance use and contribute to building healthy and responsible lifestyle.

https://polisia.kz/ru/antinarkoticheskaya-lektsiya-dlya-shkol-nikov-proshla-v-oblasti-zhetysu/

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## POLICE OFFICERS STRENGTHEN COUNTERNARCOTICS WORK WITH ADOLESCENTS IN AKMOLA REGION

Akmola schoolchildren are reminded of dangers of involvement in drug crime.

On the eve of the summer vacation officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Akmola Region Police Department hold preventive lectures at schools in the region. The events are timed to coincide with the end of school year, a period when risk of involving minors in illegal activities related to drug trafficking goes up.

During meetings with high school students police officers explain norms of legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan concerning responsibility for sale, possession and use of narcotic drugs, including pharmacy drugs. Special attention is paid to consequences that can affect both the health and future of teenagers.

The subject of easy money-making, often promoted in messengers and social networks, is raised separately. Schoolchildren are warned against dubious offers related to courier services and other "jobs without experience", which often hide schemes to distribute illicit substances.

Such activities are aimed at creating a sustainable understanding of risks associated with drugs among adolescents and preventing involvement of minors in illegal activities.

https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-usilivayut-antinarkoticheskuyu-rabotu-s-podrostkami-v-akmolinskoj-oblasti/

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## "BREATH OF THE STREETS - AGAINST DRUGS»: STREET DANCE FESTIVAL HELD IN TARAZ

Dance festival united Taraz youth in combating drugs.

The V city competition-festival of modern dance under the motto "Breath of the streets - against drugs" was held in the Palace of Schoolchildren of Taraz.

Main goal of the festival was to attract attention of young people to problems of drug addiction, and to popularize healthy lifestyle through creativity and dance. Contest participants were 19 teams that presented colorful numbers in various styles of street dance.

All participants were awarded diplomas, cups and memorable gifts.

The event was organized by the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Zhambyl Region Police Department, the Palace of Schoolchildren and the public association "Yelu zhylda - Yel zhana".

The competition resulted in the Grand Prix for the teams "Rhythmosphere Kids" (Schoolchildren's Palace), "South Style" and "Bronx". The first place was awarded to the teams "Fly Girls" (Schoolchildren's Palace) and "Ateam" (DL studio). The second place was awarded to the teams "Energy Girl's" (Schoolchildren's Palace) and "Bronx", and the third place was awarded to the teams "Rhythmosphere" (Schoolchildren's Palace) and "Eclips" (DL studio).

https://polisia.kz/ru/dyhanie-ulits-protiv-narkotikov-festival-ulichnogo-tantsa-proshel-v-taraze/

## RUSSIAN FEDERATION

### POLICE OFFICERS AND PUBLIC ACTIVISTS HELD PREVENTIVE MEASURES IN NOVOSIBIRSK REGION

Officers of units of GU MVD of Russia in the Novosibirsk region conducted preventive measures in Cherepanovsky district and the city of Berdsk. These events were aimed at preventing teenagers and young people from committing crimes and administrative offenses in the field of drug trafficking, information and telecommunication technologies and dropping.

Officers of the Drug Control Department of GU together with Andrei Funtikov, a member of the Public Council of GU, and Andrei Tsyplov, head of the Diocesan Department for Prevention of Negative Addictions of the Novosibirsk Metropolis of the Russian Orthodox Church, held preventive anti-drug activities for students of secondary schools and colleges in Cherepanov and Berdsk on the topic: "Prevention of bad habits. Drug addiction. Responsibility for distribution and use of narcotic drugs".

Within medical block Andrey Funtikov explained to students the concept and types of addictions, paid attention to etymology and causes of drug addiction, provided information about mental and physical drug addiction from the medical point of view, pointed out risk factors and the impact on internal organs of psychoactive substances, and also emphasized that there is no such thing as "easy" drugs.

Within the scope of legal section, Police Major Lilia Plutenko informed teenagers about the age of administrative and criminal responsibility set by the legislation of the Russian Federation for committing unlawful acts, about responsibility for possession, distribution, use and propaganda of drugs, about types of punishments imposed on minors who committed violations of the law.

The events included broadcasting of anti-drug videos prepared by MVD of Russia: "How do drug recruiters operate?" and "Can you break the law with a word or a picture?", which explain to audience the algorithm of actions in case of an offer of "quick money", tell what awaits a drug courier, explain what actions are considered propaganda and advertising of drugs in the Russian Federation. During the meetings Andrey Tsyplov told participants about difficulties faced by citizens who have become addicted due to the use of psychoactive substances, including drugs, long course of treatment, rehabilitation and constant control of behavior, priorities of a sober and healthy lifestyle, life - without addiction.

Officers of the Department for Combating Illegal Use of Information and Communication Technologies of GU and the Criminal Investigation Department of GU told audience about cybercrimes. Police Major Ildar Sultanov told about modern threats in the Internet, about such crimes as fraud and phishing, about methods and ways to deceive gullible citizens in a telephone conversation, about current opportunities for protection from digital threats, explained how to protect themselves and their loved ones and not fall for the tricks of fraudsters. Senior Police Lieutenant Yulia Telegina explained the concepts of "dropping" and "dropperism", provided information about types of involvement in criminal activities of teenagers, risks and consequences for illegal actions, warned against participation in fraud with bank cards, transfer of personal data and account details to third parties, reminded about criminal liability for crimes in the field of financial and IT-fraud.

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## POLICE OFFICERS IN IRKUTSK REGION HELD AN EVENT TO PREVENT CRIMES COMMITTED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF ETHNIC GROUPS

Officers of the Center for Combating Extremism of the regional police department together with colleagues from the Criminal Investigation Department of GU MVD of Russia in the Irkutsk region, Drug Control Department, their colleagues from the Intermunicipal Department of MVD of Russia "Cheremkhovsky", canine service of GU MVD and SOBR of Rosgvardia checked five places of residence of ethnic citizens.

Prevention measures are aimed at detecting violations of the law, such as non-compliance with rules of weapons storage, illicit trafficking of narcotic substances, prevention of theft and fraud, failure to fulfill duties of upbringing of minors, curbing vagrancy and begging by persons prone to antisocial behavior, and other violations.

During comprehensive raids police inspected residential premises and buildings, and checked documents of title of representatives of ethnic groups. During the raids police seized two items structurally similar to weapons, which had no documents. At the moment, the items were sent for examination to forensic experts.

Operatives also identified and documented cases of offenses under Article 6.9 of the KoAP RF "Consumption of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances without a doctor's prescription or new potentially dangerous psychoactive substances".

Police officers held preventive conversations with citizens, during which they explained rules of residence and norms of behavior in the Russian Federation.

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## OFFICER OF DRUG CONTROL DEPARTMENT OF GU MVD OF RUSSIA IN ROSTOV REGION SPOKE TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Rostov-on-Don College of Water Transport held a preventive event to warn against involvement in the use and distribution of drugs, organized with participation of GU MVD of Russia in the Rostov region.

Lieutenant Colonel Galina Sagaidachnaya, deputy head of the Department of Interaction with Government Authorities, Organization of Operational and Preventive Operations and Administrative Practice of the Drug Control Department of GU MVD of Russia in Rostov region addressed the students. She gave a talk on the importance of compliance with the law and consequences of committing crimes in the environment of illicit drug trafficking. The event was also attended by college director, head teacher for educational work and a representative of the Ministry of Education of the Rostov region.

Videos prepared by press service of the Directorate General of MVD of Russia in Rostov region touching upon the topics of prevention of drug offenses and civic engagement were demonstrated during the meeting.

Students were particularly interested in the question-and-answer session. Young people actively asked questions, including whether it is acceptable to paint over inscriptions on walls and fences with illegal content. During the discussion police officers emphasized the importance of participation in volunteer initiatives aimed

at improving urban environment and combating drug propaganda.

Special attention was paid to activities of the college's volunteer movement: students regularly paint over inscriptions with banned content, apply inscriptions with positive messages or simply tidy up fences and walls. These initiatives were noted as an example of good deeds that should be supported and developed.

Preventive work with young people is one of the priority areas of police activity, and such meetings will be continued.

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## REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

### MEETING OF THE COORDINATION COUNCIL FOR DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION

Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, chaired by Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan Mansuri Dilrabo Saidullo, hosted a regular meeting of the Coordination Council on Drug Abuse Prevention.

Deputy Chairman of the Council - Director of the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan Major General of the Drug Control Service Zafar Samad and Minister of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan Jamoliddin Abdullozoda, members of the Council - representatives of the Executive Office of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan and leadership of corresponding ministries and agencies, and members of the Council Secretariat and representatives of mass media participated in the meeting.

The meeting was opened by Chairman of the Council - Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan Mansuri Dilrabo, which addressed implementation of instructions and assignments of the Founder of Peace and National Unity-Leader of the Nation President of the Republic of Tajikistan Honorable Emomali Rahmon and items of the resolution of the Coordination Council on Drug Abuse Prevention and ways to ensure implementation of the "National Drug Control Strategy in the Republic of Tajikistan for 2021-2030" and the "Action Plan for its implementation".

The meeting heard reports from the Deputy Ministers of Justice, Interior and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan on implementation of requirements of the "National Strategy on Drug Control in the Republic of Tajikistan for 2021-2030".

Law enforcement agencies, local executive bodies of state power and specialized ministries and agencies of the Republic are instructed to report on implementation of the Action Plan of the National Drug Control Strategy in the Republic of Tajikistan for 2021-2030 in 2021-2025.

Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan has been tasked together with ministries and agencies to develop a draft Action Plan for implementation of the National Drug Control Strategy in the Republic of Tajikistan for 2021-2030 for 2026-2030 and submit it for approval in due time.

Upon results of the meeting, relevant decisions were made on the discussed agenda items.

https://akn.tj/ru/2025/05/15/meeting-of-the-coordination-council-on-drug-abuse-prevention/

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