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IN THE ANTI-DRUG SPHERE  
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In the period from 1 to 15 August 2025, based on information from the media CARICC member states and other countries covered 10 events in the counter-narcotics field (*Azerbaijan -1, Kazakhstan – 4, Kyrgyzstan – 1, Russia – 4*).

Published articles contain information about educational activities against drug addiction carried out in correctional facilities (*Azerbaijan*), on preventive measures carried out by police officers (*Kazakhstan*), on inspections of nightclubs (*Kyrgyzstan*), on preventive measures carried out by police officers in the regions (*Russia*).



## REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN



### AN AWARENESS-RAISING EVENT AGAINST DRUG ADDICTION HELD IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES



As part of implementation of the Action Plan approved by the Penitentiary Service of the Ministry of Justice and the Working Group of the State Commission for Combating Drug Addiction and Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs, educational events for convicts were organized in correctional institutions No. 2 and No. 17.

Representatives of the Working Group of the State Commission, the Penitentiary Service, the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, and the

Baku City Narcological Center took part in the events.

During meetings on the topic “impact of drug addiction on human health and the social environment,” convicts were provided with information about the harm drugs cause to the body, the spread of infectious diseases, and the psychological and social consequences of addiction.

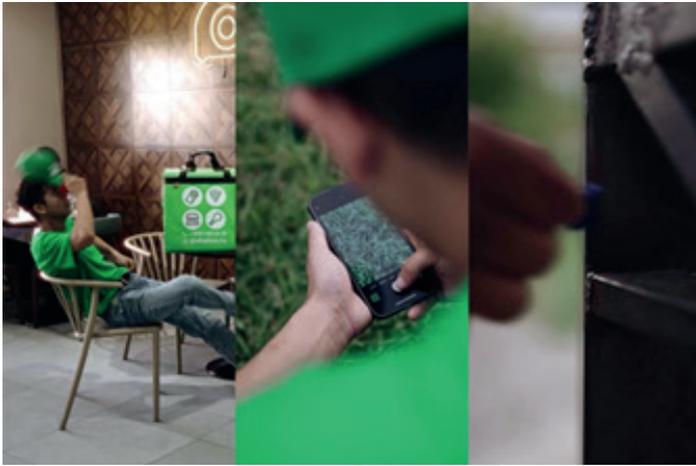
Convicts were also informed about state support, opportunities for social reintegration, and employment. The event continued in the form of an interactive discussion, and participants received answers to their questions.

<https://www.nmdk.gov.az/page/post/3408/>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



**FROM ORDINARY COURIER TO CRIMINAL: INTERIOR MINISTRY SOCIAL MEDIA VIDEO SHOWS THE PRICE OF “EASY MONEY”**



Ministry of Internal Affairs releases social video on preventing drug crime among young people.

Protagonist — an ordinary food delivery courier who, trying to make quick money, gets involved in the criminal world and becomes a drug dealer. After a while, he tries illegal substances himself, loses control of his life, and in the end commits a particularly serious crime such as murder.

The video’s plot is based on real-life situations that are recorded in police practice.

In the first seven months of 2025, the agency identified 4,655 criminal offenses related to illegal

drug trafficking. A total of 3,216 individuals were detained, including 509 drug couriers. 43 minors were brought to justice.

MVD urges young people not to fall for offers of “easy money” linked to illegal drug trafficking. Anyone who agrees to become a drug courier becomes part of a criminal scheme.

Remember: such actions are subject to criminal liability.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/ot-obychnogo-kur-era-do-prestupnika-sotsial-nyj-rolik-mvd-pokazal-tsenu-legkogo-zarabotka/>



**POLICE OFFICERS AND IT SPECIALISTS JOIN FORCES TO COMBAT DRUG CRIME IN NORTH KAZAKHSTAN REGION**



How to stop drugs from spreading using high tech—this was the topic of a chat between the regional police department’s directorate for combating drug crime and some IT experts.

Police officers provided detailed information about current schemes for contactless distribution of synthetic drugs and methods of payment for illegal activities. Together with experts, they discussed potential vulnerabilities of these schemes and legal aspects of high-tech methods of combating drug trade.

There were also proposals to use artificial intelligence technologies to detect drug crimes and to create a chatbot that would allow anyone concerned to conveniently and

anonymously report information of operational interest.

“There are no quick fixes in this area; every proposal requires careful consideration. And it must begin with open dialogue and an understanding of how active members of civil society view the problem,” says Ruslan Umbetov, head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the North Kazakhstan Regional Police Department.

Representatives of the Council for Prevention of Drug Offenses under the DP SKO were also active participants

in the meeting. In addition, at the conclusion of the dialogue, police officers presented certificates to new members of this body.

Police interaction with the community is one of the main conditions for implementing the concept of “law and order.”

<https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-i-it-spetsialisty-ob-edinyayutsya-dlya-bor-by-s-narkoprestupnost-yu-v-sko/>



**POLICE COOPERATE WITH UNICEF IN  
WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**



Police officers in the Akmola region took part in the opening of the UNICEF Volunteer School.

A ceremony was held at the Kokshetau House of Friendship to mark the launch of a new volunteer program as part of UNICEF’s national campaign “For the Rights and Well-being of Children and Youth.”

This initiative continues a series of youth meetings aimed at promoting children’s rights, developing a culture of volunteerism, and encouraging young people to actively participate in solving social problems.

— Cooperation between police and volunteers is not just support, it is real strength. Together we can do more: identify problems earlier, respond faster, and prevent trouble before it happens, emphasized Razia Kursanova, senior operative of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Akmola Region Police Department.

Format of the event included interactive discussion, storytelling, team games, and presentation of opportunities to participate in the UNICEF Volunteer School.

Akmola region is an active and promising region with a high proportion of young people. There are 69 youth organizations operating here, which indicates a high level of youth involvement in social, cultural, and volunteer activities. It is in this region that UNICEF is launching a new large-scale initiative that brings young people together around shared values — equality, inclusion, care for children, and a sustainable future.

To date, more than 300 participants from the Akmola region have already registered with the UNICEF Volunteer School, confirming high level of interest among young people in the topics of children’s rights and volunteering.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/politsiya-sotrudnichaet-s-yunisef-v-rabote-s-molodezh-yu/>

**MVD WARNS CITIZENS ABOUT DRUG TRAFFICKING  
SCHEMES INVOLVING DROPPERS**



- Dear citizens! Ministry of Internal Affairs warns: do not get involved in criminal activities related to so-called “dropping.”

Today, illegal networks involved in drug trafficking are increasingly attempting to recruit law-abiding citizens, especially young people, into their illegal activities.

Under the pretext of “earning money,” they offer to use your bank cards, cryptocurrency wallets, or other payment methods. This is done to cover up traces of drug trafficking. Remember: giving your personal bank cards, mobile apps, and crypto wallets to

third parties is not just a mistake, it is complicity in a serious crime.

Every such card or wallet used for drug transactions becomes evidence. And their owners become defendants in criminal cases. In the future, this could result in long prison sentences.

We urge everyone to be vigilant! Do not fall for the tricks of malicious individuals. Do not allow yourself to be taken advantage of.

If you have any information about such incidents, please report it to the police immediately. Safety begins with each and every one of us. Protect yourself, your loved ones, and your children from harm, said Daniyar Meyirkhan, acting chairman of the MVD Committee for Combating Drug Crime.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/mvd-preduprezhdaet-grazhdan-o-shemah-narkobiznesa-s-uchastiem-dropperov/>

## KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

**TOPNEWS.KG****DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS INSPECTED  
NIGHTCLUBS AND BARS IN BISHKEK**

Conversations were held with owners and visitors of establishments

A preventive operation called “Marijuana” was carried out in Bishkek, organized by operatives from the Counter Narcotics Service of GUVB.

According to police press service, the raid involved dog handlers from MVD, PSN fighters, and Public Security Service employees.

During inspections of nightclubs and bars, police officers spoke with visitors and owners. They reminded them of the need to avoid using and distributing drugs, as well as the possible criminal penalties for drug crimes.

<https://topnews.kg/obshchestvo/54012-narkoborecy-proverili-nochnye-kluby-i-bary-v-bishkeke.html>

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**



**POLICE OFFICERS IN UDMURTIA MET WITH TEENAGERS AT A YOUTH CAMP AS PART OF THE “POLICE SCHOOL” CAMPAIGN**



An educational prevention event called “Police School” was held at the Yolochka children’s health camp in the Zavyalovsky district of Udmurtia, organized by officers from the republic’s MVD.

More than 150 young vacationers took part in interactive lessons at themed stations, where they learned about the work of law enforcement officers, how police investigate crimes, and what tools and equipment they use in their work.

Juvenile affairs inspector and officers from the Drug Control Department and the Department for Combating the Illegal Use of Information and Communication Technologies of MVD in the Udmurt Republic used real-life examples to

show the children how to behave in different situations in order to avoid trouble. In addition, they explained to them that every offense has its consequences and that it is important to know the law so as not to become a victim of crime.

In addition, an employee of the Personnel Department addressed the audience: she informed young people about advantages of studying at departmental universities of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs and the procedure for entering internal affairs agencies.

Together with a forensic expert and representatives of the State Traffic Safety Inspectorate, participants learned about daily routine of police officers, tasks they face every day, and qualities required for this responsible profession.

One of the most memorable episodes of the program was introduction to unmanned aerial vehicle station. Police officers demonstrated equipment equipped with high-resolution cameras and thermal imagers, and explained in detail how it helps to maintain law and order.

“Police School” became not only an exciting and informative event, but also an important step in shaping children’s responsible attitude towards the law and respect for the work of law enforcement agencies.

At the end of the meeting, participants thanked guests for an interesting and rich program.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/68147789>



**A PREVENTIVE CAMPAIGN CALLED “EXERCISE WITH POLICE!” KICKED OFF TODAY IN PSKOV REGION**



Pskov region traditionally hosts the “Exercise with Law Enforcement” event organized by the Russian MVD ahead of Physical Culture Day. The event is held in cooperation with representatives of the regional branch of the Russian Children and Youth Movement “Movement of the First.”

Main goal - promoting healthy lifestyles among young people, preventing the use of illegal substances, organizing active recreation for children and adolescents.

A dynamic outdoor session for children was led by a multiple World and European Cup winner, as well as European and world games among law enforcement agencies, international

master of sports in judo and master of sports in sambo, instructor of the group working with personnel of a separate company for protection and conveying suspects and accused persons of UMVD of Russia in the city of Pskov, senior police lieutenant Sergey Fomin.

Among the participants in the exercise session were volunteers from the regional anti-drug movement, who, after the warm-up, together with representatives of the Drug Control Department of UMVD Russia in the Pskov region, handed out leaflets to young people and reminded them of unacceptability of consuming narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, as well as the harmful effects of drugs on human body.

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**OFFICERS OF UNK UMVD OF RUSSIA IN TAMBOV REGION HELD AN ANTI-DRUG EVENT WITH PUPILS OF THE SPUTNIK CHILDREN’S HEALTH CAMP**



As part of its cooperation with the regional branch of the All-Russian public-state movement for children and youth “Movement of the First” in the field of prevention of unlawful behavior by minors, officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD held an anti-drug event with pupils of the “Sputnik” children’s health camp in the Michurinsky municipal district, among whom there are teenagers from “risk groups” from regional educational organizations.

The camp has organized a specialized program called “The Shift of the First: Do Good!” During 14 days full of discoveries, creativity, and friendship, the children don’t just relax, but do

real work to build the city of Good Times, which has a media center, a mission bureau, an environmental control bureau, and a creative ideas bureau.

The older campers met with Marina Krasnoslobodtseva, deputy head of the department for interaction with government agencies and interagency cooperation in the field of prevention, who spoke in an accessible manner about inevitability of punishment for crimes related to illegal drug trafficking, and shared facts from the practice of drug control officers demonstrating the serious consequences of any drug deals.

Dmitry Polukhtin, head of the Tambov interregional public organization “Society for Sobriety and Health,” warned young people about the danger of losing true human happiness in pursuit of illusory pleasures of

psychoactive substances through original musical compositions, psychological games, and training sessions, in which the young people eagerly participated.

At the end of the meeting, children asked the guests questions that interested them and received competent answers.

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## INTERNATIONAL ANTI-DRUG OPERATION “SPIDER WEB” CONCLUDED



An anti-drug operation called “Spider web” was conducted in member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. The International Coordination Staff was based at the Police Training Center of the Public Security Bureau of the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region in Urumqi, People’s Republic of China.

The operation was conducted with the aim of strengthening intergovernmental cooperation between law enforcement agencies of SCO member states in the fight against drugs, combating transnational drug trafficking groups, and dismantling drug smuggling channels. Representatives of competent authorities

and the SCO Secretariat carried out coordination, statistical, and organizational work.

Under the chairmanship of the Chinese side, the operation involved heads of anti-drug agencies from Belarus, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. Representatives of the Directorate General for Drug Control of the Russian MVD participated on behalf of the Russian Federation.

According to preliminary data, since the start of the operation, a total of about 10 tons of narcotics and over 21 tons of precursors have been seized in the SCO territory.

Participants in the operation identified approximately 1,100 crimes related to illegal drug trafficking, of which 132 were committed by a group of individuals. Twenty-five cases of drug smuggling and 21 cases of drug shipment via postal mail were prevented. In total, more than 2,500 people were detained for crimes and offenses related to illegal drug trafficking.

Representatives of the ICS exchanged information online on drug seizures and conducted joint operations to apprehend individuals involved in drug-related crimes.

Participants in the event learned about activities of the customs and border services at Tianshan International Airport, the customs international mail processing center, the anti-drug education center, the drug testing laboratory, the railway border terminal at the international land port, and the multimodal transport and logistics center in Urumqi.

With a view to further developing cooperation on anti-drug measures, the parties exchanged experiences and best practices. First and foremost, this concerned countering the use of Internet for distribution of narcotic drugs and legalization of drug proceeds. Results of work in these areas were presented.

Following the results of the international operation “Spider web,” experts from the ICS emphasized that such events serve as an effective platform for joint efforts to combat the drug threat and contribute to the development of effective measures to strengthen international security and stability both within the SCO region and beyond.

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