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IN THE ANTI-DRUG SPHERE  
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In the period from 1 to 15 November 2025, based on information from mass media CARICC member states and other countries covered 20 events in the counter-narcotics field (*Kazakhstan-3, Kyrgyzstan – 2, Russia – 13, Turkmenistan-1, Uzbekistan-1*).

Published articles contain information about preventive measures taken by police officers (*Kazakhstan*), about meeting between leadership of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic and CARICC, about operational and preventive measures taken under the title “Antikino” (*Kyrgyzstan*), about preventive measures taken by police officers in the regions (*Russia*), about annual meeting of the UNODC Programme Steering Committee of the Programme for Central Asia in Ashgabat (*Turkmenistan*), on introduction of a new award for combating drugs, “Turn in your drug-addicted friend and receive a medal” (*Uzbekistan*).



REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



YOUNG PEOPLE IN ATYRAU PLAYED FOR A DRUG-FREE LIFE



A mini-football tournament was held in Atyrau among young people from the “1-Uchastok” microdistrict, organized with the support of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Atyrau Region Police Department.

Ten teams took part in the competition, with a total of around 100 athletes of different ages. The tournament was held under the slogan “No to drug addiction!” and aimed to promote a healthy lifestyle, develop interest in sport, and prevent drug use among young

people.

At the end of the competition first place went to the team of 19-year-old participants, who demonstrated high levels of preparation and confident play outperforming their more experienced opponents.

Since the beginning of this year officers from the Department for Combating Drug Crime have carried out around 800 preventive measures aimed at preventing young people and teenagers from becoming involved in illegal drug trafficking, and also at developing strong life values based on health and sport.

The tournament was one of the most notable initiatives bringing together the police, the public, and young people in strengthening anti-drug immunity and promoting an active and safe lifestyle.

Police officers point out that sports are the best way to counter negative influences and keep the younger generation physically and mentally healthy.

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**WRESTLING ON THE MAT AND PROMOTING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE IN TURKESTAN REGION**



The Bekzat Sports Complex in Turkestan hosted a national Greco-Roman wrestling tournament for juniors, dedicated to the memory of Khaiss Akkaliyev, an honored coach of the USSR and the Republic of Kazakhstan, the first Kazakhstani referee of international category, and a prominent figure in domestic sports.

During this event the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Turkestan Region Police Department, together with volunteers from the Youth Resource Center, held a prevention campaign aimed at promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Police officers and volunteers talked to spectators and tournament participants, telling them about dangers of drugs and importance of sport in young people’s lives. Guests were handed out leaflets encouraging them to practise sport and give up bad habits.

In addition, police officers and volunteers talked with guests from the Kyrgyz Republic, holding a discussion aimed at strengthening friendly relations between youth of the two countries.

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**SCHOOLCHILDREN IN ATYRAU REMINDED OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRUG CRIMES**



A preventive meeting on drug addiction was held with high school students in Atyrau.

Department of Combating Drug Crime of the Atyrau Region Police Department, together with members of the Council for the Prevention of Drug Offenses, organized a meeting with high school students from Secondary School No. 27. The event was aimed at preventing drug crime, protecting young people from harmful habits, and building strong immunity to manifestations of drug culture.

Senior operative Mariana Dzhangalieva told students in detail about dangers of psychotropic substances, illegal trafficking and criminal liability measures. She emphasized that drug crime is one of the most dangerous threats affecting safety of not only individuals but also society as a whole.

Mr. Adilet Sabitov, a member of the Council for the Prevention of Drug Offenses and blogger, held an open dialogue with schoolchildren, noting the impact of social media on shaping values of young people. He emphasized the importance of communication culture, responsible expression of opinion, and the role of positive content in developing healthy values.

An inspector from canine center demonstrated skills of a service dog named Khan during the event. Schoolchildren watched the demonstration with interest and asked questions.

Preventive meetings contribute to improving legal culture of adolescents, shape a responsible attitude towards their own lives, and motivate them to lead a healthy lifestyle.

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## KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

**MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC AND CARICC  
STRENGTHEN COOPERATION IN COMBATING DRUG TRAFFICKING**

Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs Major General Nurbek Abdiev met with Director of the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre for Combating Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and their Precursors (CARICC) Mr. Makhmud Khamidov on 10 November.

They discussed current state of the Centre's activities, measures being taken to improve its work and enhance effectiveness of cooperation among member states. Special attention was paid to strengthening CARICC's status and image, and planned initiatives aimed at expanding international cooperation in countering drug

threats.

Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs Major General Nurbek Abdiev congratulated Mr. Khamidov on his appointment to the responsible and honorable position of CARICC Director, mentioning that it is a well-deserved recognition of his professionalism, experience, and contribution to the development of interstate cooperation in combating drug trafficking.

Deputy Minister emphasized that the Kyrgyz Republic places great importance on cooperation with CARICC and is ready to further strengthen it in all areas of mutual interest. He indicated that in the context of globalization and growth of transnational crime, drug threat remains one of the key problems of the 21st century. Distribution of synthetic drugs and involvement of young people in illegal trafficking require joint efforts and coherent interagency coordination.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the parties confirmed their commitment to active cooperation and implementation of joint projects aimed at improving effectiveness of measures to combat illicit drug trafficking.

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## MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS: «ANTIKINO» OPERATIONAL AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES CONTINUE



Counter Narcotics Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic continues conducting operational and preventive measures “Antikino” aimed at preventing the use and distribution of narcotic drugs in the republic.

Service officers are carrying out inspections in major cities and regional centers of the republic—in places of recreation and entertainment, such as Antikino, karaoke bars, computer clubs, and others.

Comprehensive measures are being taken during the event to identify offences, establish identities of individuals involved in drug use and distribution, and conduct educational work among young people.

MVD of the Kyrgyz Republic calls on citizens to be active participants in combating drug trafficking and states that preventive measures of this kind will continue.

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RUSSIAN FEDERATION



**A YOUTH FORUM FOR VOLUNTEER ANTI-DRUG MOVEMENT OPENED IN THE PSKOV REGION**



The Pilgrim Center “Pilgrim’s House” in the city of Pechory, Pskov region, hosted the grand opening of the 11th Youth Forum of the Pskov region’s volunteer anti-drug movement “Dobrovolie.60”.

It is already a tradition for the forum to play a fundamental role in establishing traditions and continuity in anti-drug volunteering in the Pskov region. The current meeting brought together more than 100 volunteers.

For three days the most prominent representatives of the volunteer anti-drug movement will share their experiences in preventing drug addiction among young people, refine their knowledge, and create new

projects that will encourage more people to get involved in the volunteer movement in their regions.

Deputy head of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in the Pskov Region Police Colonel Valery Baev, head of the Prevention Department, acting minister of youth policy of the Pskov Region Dmitry Yakovlev, and children’s rights ombudsman in the Pskov Region Natalia Sokolova. They remarked that for today’s youth volunteering is a way to achieve self-fulfillment, acquire new skills, and develop an active life position.

Students of the Pskov Regional College of Arts named after N.A. Rimsky-Korsakov also performed for the audience.

The forum will feature a packed program. Organizers have planned round tables, lectures, training sessions, anti-drug quests, and networking events. At the forum, experts will give master classes to activists and share their work experience.

The forum is organized by the Drug Control Department of UMVD Russia in the Pskov Region, the Ministry of Youth Policy of the Pskov Region, and ANO PO “Center for Youth and Public Initiatives”.

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## POLICE OFFICERS, ATHLETES, AND COMBAT VETERANS HELD PREVENTIVE MEETINGS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PERM REGION



A series of themed meetings between police officers, athletes, and war veterans with school and technical college students was held in Solikamsk with the aim of preventing young people from becoming involved in illegal drug trafficking and promoting a passion for sport and healthy habits.

Officers of the Solikamsky Department of MVD of Russia spoke about irreversible consequences caused by ingestion of dangerous substances into a growing child's body. Police officers dispelled the myth that "soft drugs" and smoking mixtures do not cause lasting addiction and can be easily given up. Resins and substances contained in these products lead to addiction and irreparable damage to a person's mental

and physical health.

In addition, police officers reminded the children to strictly follow rules of safe communication on the Internet and in instant messengers, and that any suspicious offers of employment should be reported immediately to their parents or teachers.

Later in the conversation, law enforcement officers explained consequences of being registered with the police and warned teenagers against rash actions. Discussing the proposed situation with police officers, the teenagers came to the conclusion that a desire to make quick money by participating in illegal drug trafficking could ruin their entire future.

Sergey Vyatkin, honored coach of Russia, honored master of sports of Russia in arm wrestling, multiple champion of Russia, Europe, and the world, told schoolchildren and students where to direct their energies and how to spend their free time usefully.

Sergey Nikolaevich has limited physical abilities, and he knows better than anyone else how sport helps overcome any difficulties and makes a person mentally strong. With many years of coaching experience, Sergey Vyatkin always finds the right words of support, explaining to his students and young people he meets that there is always a way out of any situation, even the most difficult ones, and that one should never give up. Help should not be sought on social media or in suspicious groups. Parents, teachers, and coaches are there to support you in difficult times, give advice, and guide you on how to act in a given situation.

Next, Roman Korznikov, a participant in the SVO, joined the conversation with young people gathered there. After becoming disabled following a serious injury, he found the strength to join Sergey Vyatkin's friendly team of athletes. Roman Sergeyevich now successfully competes in contests and sets an example of fortitude.

Children listened with interest to the soldier's story and were deeply moved by his account of how he had kept a letter from a first-grader in his uniform pocket for a long time, which he had received along with a parcel.

At the end of the meeting, Roman Korznikov urged children to be kinder and more sympathetic, to treat their parents with respect, to help younger children, and to care for the weak. It is precisely such actions that make a person kinder, while playing sports and leading an active lifestyle strengthen character and help one say "NO" in questionable situations.

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## POLICE OFFICERS IN TULA HELD A TALK FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION



Police officers organized and conducted a preventive lecture for students at Education Center No. 21 in the regional center. The event was aimed at preventing the spread of drug addiction among minors, and explaining legal consequences of participating in illegal trafficking of prohibited substances.

Oksana Shkanaeva, inspector of the Juvenile Affairs Department of UMVD of Russia in Tula, and Alena Avdeeva, officer of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in Tula Region, took part in the conversation with schoolchildren.

Law enforcement officers told the children in detail about harmful effects of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances on human health, especially on young, developing bodies. They explained to the

teenagers consequences of drug use, which lead to personality degradation, destruction of social ties, and onset of serious illnesses.

A special focus during the talk was on the legal side of things. Alena Avdeeva, officer of UKON UMVD, explained to the students types and measures of administrative and criminal liability for illegal drug trafficking. She used specific examples to show what punishment is provided by Russian law for possession, distribution, and promotion of illegal substances.

PDN officer Oksana Shkanaeva, in turn, emphasized the importance of choosing a healthy lifestyle, organizing one's leisure time properly, and not succumbing to provocations and false beliefs that may come from malicious individuals both in real life and on the Internet.

Preventive work with the younger generation is an important area of activity for the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs. Such measures help to build up a strong immunity among young people to unlawful behavior and encourage them to make informed choices in favor of a law-abiding lifestyle.

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**POLICE OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS IN MORDOVIA  
CARRY OUT PREVENTIVE MEASURES AS PART OF THE NATIONWIDE  
CAMPAIGN “CONSCRIPTS - DEFENDERS OF THE FATHERLAND”**



All-Russian campaign “Conscripts - Defenders of the Fatherland” goes on in the Republic of Mordovia. Officers of the Drug Control Department of MVD in the Republic of Mordovia together with public organizations carry out a set of preventive measures aimed at counteracting drug addiction among young people.

At the assembly point of the Military Commissariat of the Ruzaevsky District of the Republic of Mordovia police officers organized a thematic session for conscripts who are to be sent to their military service locations. Law enforcement officers explained responsibility under Russian law for illegal drug trafficking, described in detail destructive impact of drugs and psychoactive substances on

physical and mental health, and gave examples from court cases demonstrating consequences of drug crimes.

Together with the Republican Civic and Patriotic Youth Center, officers of the Regional Ministry of Internal Affairs’ UNK held educational events for students of educational institutions in the region. Students from N.P. Ogarev Moscow State University, M.E. Evseyev Moscow State Pedagogical University, Saransk Electromechanical College, Saransk Technical College of Food and Processing Industry, Saransk Construction Technical College, Saran Automobile Mechanics Technical School, Saran Medical College, and the Middle Volga Institute of the Russian State University of Justice (RPA of the Ministry of Justice of Russia) took part in the campaign.

Furthermore, representatives of UNK MVD spoke at the republican seminar-conference “The Problem of Drug Addiction Among Young People,” informing school and university teachers about forms of primary prevention of drug addiction and drug crime among high school and university students.

The “Conscripts - Defenders of the Fatherland” campaign will continue. Joint efforts by law enforcement agencies, educational institutions, and public organizations will help preserve the health and future of our youth!

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**POLICE OFFICERS IN MAGADAN REGION TOOK PART IN A FORUM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ENTITLED “YOU ARE THE FORCE OF CHANGE!”**



Senior operative of the Drug Control Department of the regional UMVD Tatyana Chernikova took part in the youth forum “You Are the Power of Change!” organized by the Department of Youth Policy of the Magadan region. Young people were told about opportunities for personal and professional growth, prospects, and government support measures.

One of the event’s themes was healthy lifestyles. Alongside the “Your Own Business,” “Project Office,” and “Inspiration Workshop” areas, there was a section called “Learn to Say No!”—a training session led by Sergey Tenyakov, a medical psychologist at the regional psychiatric and narcology clinic.

As part of the forum, Tatiana Chernikova met with schoolchildren from the villages of Ust-Omchug and Yagodnoye, and the town of Susuman. In total the senior operative officer met with almost 200 middle and high school students.

The students watched social videos prepared by GUNK MVD of Russia: “How not to fall for drug traffickers?” and “What to do if you see a drug dealer?” Together with a police major, the young men and women discussed the unacceptability of using illegal substances, learned about the consequences of illegal drug trafficking, and reinforced their knowledge in a themed quiz.

Tatyana Vladimirovna also handed out booklets entitled “Consequences of Drug Use,” “Drug Mafia: How Drug Dealers Work,” and “Youth Against Drugs” to forum participants.

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**HEAD OF KALININGRAD TRANSPORT POLICE AND REPRESENTATIVE OF PUBLIC COUNCIL TALK TO SCHOOLCHILDREN AS PART OF NATIONWIDE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN “CLEAN GENERATION 2025”**



As part of the nationwide prevention campaign “Clean Generation 2025” Kaliningrad Transport Police officers and members of the Authority’s Public Council organised meetings with teachers and pupils at schools in the city of Baltiysk in the Kaliningrad region.

The purpose of their visit was to educate teachers and students at local schools about the dangers of drugs, as well as the legal consequences associated with use, possession, and distribution.

During the meeting Colonel Sergey Titov, head of the Western Linear Administration of the Russian MVD on Transport, gave a detailed account of how the transport police work and what measures are being taken to combat

illegal drug trafficking.

The speaker emphasized that synthetic drugs have a devastating effect on the psyche of young people, which can lead to serious consequences not only for their health but also for their future.

An important part of the meeting was discussion of legal aspects related to violations of laws in the field of trafficking in prohibited substances. Sergey Titov explained that serious penalties are provided for such actions and called on young people to take a conscious approach to their choices and life in general. He noted that knowledge of the law and understanding of its consequences can help avoid trouble and stay healthy.

At the conclusion of the lecture, participants were shown a special film that clearly demonstrated consequences of drug addiction.

After watching the video, public representative Victoria Ponomareva expressed her hope that information obtained at the meeting would be useful for students and help them make the right choice in the future.

Deputy Chief of Police for Public Order of the Western Transport Police Department of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs Police Colonel Vladimir Alpatov told young citizens about details of service in the transport police, the procedure for joining the service, and social guarantees for law enforcement officers. He also invited them to join the ranks of transport police after completing education.

Organizers of the event wished everyone good health and success in their studies, and urged them not to forget importance of taking care of themselves and their future.

The students, in turn, expressed gratitude to guests for interesting and informative conversation, noting that such events really help to better understand problems associated with drugs and recognize its gravity.

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**AS PART OF THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL PREVENTIVE OPERATION  
“CLEAN GENERATION - 2025” POLICE OFFICERS IN KAZAN GAVE  
A LECTURE TO STUDENTS ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION**



As part of the interdepartmental preventive operation “Clean Generation - 2025” students in grades 8-9 at one of the city’s schools met with police officers.

The conversation was about measures to prevent minors from becoming involved in illegal drug trafficking, fostering a negative attitude toward drug use, and promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Senior operative of the Drug Control Department Police Major Veronika Vetoshkina explained harmful effects of drugs on human body, focusing on administrative liability for promoting drugs on the Internet. She also reminded the audience that the Russian Federation’s legislation provides for criminal liability for drug crimes.

She recommended leading a healthy lifestyle and paying close attention to one’s surroundings.

Children listened attentively to the lecture, asked questions, and showed interest in the topic.

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## SECOND STAGE OF OPERATION CLEAN GENERATION 2025 KICKS OFF IN ORENBURG WITH INTERACTIVE GAME FOR STUDENTS



Second stage of the interdepartmental comprehensive operational and preventive measure “Clean Generation – 2025” has commenced in Orenburg. The event commenced with a preventive meeting at the Central City Library named after N.A. Nekrasov with first-year students of the State Educational Institution of Higher Professional Education “Oil and Gas Exploration Technical School”.

Officers of UNK UMVD of Russia in the Orenburg Region, together with a volunteer from the V.N. Bevzyuk OATK State Educational Institution, held an interactive game called “What would you do?” The game was aimed at demonstrating and discussing real-life situations related to illegal activities in the field of

drug trafficking.

Using illustrated scenario cards, participants analyzed the characters’ actions and attempted to independently determine the crime or offense committed, based on provisions of the Criminal Code and Code of Administrative Offenses of the Russian Federation. Police officers provided legal assistance, explaining in detail to students consequences of each step.

This event was an important part of the intervention aimed at preventing drug abuse among young people and improving their legal literacy.

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**POLICE OFFICERS IN SMOLENSK ARE GIVING PREVENTIVE LECTURES AS PART OF OPERATION CLEAN GENERATION 2025**



Officers from the Drug Control Department gave a preventive lecture to 10th and 11th grade students at Secondary School No. 14 in Smolensk as part of the interdepartmental preventive operation “Clean Generation - 2025”.

The aim of the event was to instill in teenagers a lasting negative attitude towards harmful habits, promote a healthy lifestyle, and prevent the use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

During the lecture police officers told high school students about harmful effects of drugs on the human body, legal consequences of illegal drug trafficking and use, and ways to resist peer pressure.

Operative emphasized importance of preventive work with young people, because it is at a young age that foundations are laid for developing a responsible attitude towards one’s health and future.

In conclusion of the event, all attendees were given informational leaflets with key information about the dangers of drugs, signs of illegal substance use, and a helpline number.

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**OMSK TRAFFIC POLICE OFFICERS AND LAW COLLEGE STUDENTS DISCUSSED ASPECTS OF COMBATING DRUG ABUSE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE**



Discussion on educational and legal aspects of preventing drug, alcohol, and tobacco use was held in Omsk as part of the nationwide campaign “Clean Generation – 2025”.

At a meeting with first-year students and teachers of the Omsk Law College, officers from the Omsk Linear Department of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs discussed ways of raising awareness among teenagers and young people about the negative consequences of using illegal substances, as well as countering involvement in criminal activities related to distribution.

Pavel Klester, head of the juvenile affairs department, focused on criminal law penalties for illegal drug trafficking and measures taken,

including by the transport police, to detect and combat drug trafficking. In addition, the meeting participants discussed general rules of conduct at transport infrastructure facilities and penalties for administrative offenses and crimes in the field of transport security.

At the end of the meeting, transport police officers talked about prospects of serving in law enforcement agencies, requirements for candidates, and opportunities for higher education at departmental educational institutions of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs.

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**AS PART OF THE “CLEAN GENERATION” CAMPAIGN POLICE OFFICERS IN THE JEWISH AUTONOMOUS REGION TOLD STUDENTS ABOUT HARMFUL EFFECTS OF DRUGS AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRAFFICKING**



As part of the “Clean Generation” operational and preventive measure Senior Investigator of the Drug Control Department of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Jewish Autonomous Region Police Captain Yulia Suntsova held a preventive talk with young students.

Main goal of the meeting was to prevent the spread of drug addiction among minors and to foster a strong negative attitude toward the use of illegal substances among the younger generation.

In her speech, Yulia Suntsova explained in detail destructive effects of drugs on human body, emphasizing irreversible consequences for physical and mental health, personality degradation, and

complete loss of social connections.

Police officers paid particular attention to illegal methods used by criminals to lure young people into unlawful activities. Students were told that the first offer to try drugs or “just earn some extra money” by distributing is often disguised as a harmless request or a quick solution to financial problems. Yulia Alexandrovna warned that any manipulation of prohibited substances—whether storage, transportation, or sale—inevitably leads to serious legal liability.

The discussion covered in detail types of legal liability for involvement in illegal drug trafficking.

The senior operative emphasized that the most important barrier to drug addiction is conscious choice of each young person in favor of a healthy lifestyle, sports, education, and self-realization in legal spheres of activity.

Similar preventive measures aimed at protecting younger generation from the threat of drugs are carried out on an ongoing basis in the Jewish Autonomous Region.

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**PDN INSPECTOR HELD A DISCUSSION WITH TEENAGERS ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY AND HARMFUL EFFECTS OF DRUGS AS PART OF THE “CLEAN GENERATION” CAMPAIGN IN TULA**



A meeting between students in grades 7-9 and Anna Sevostyanova, inspector for juvenile affairs of UMVD of Russia in the city of Tula, took place at Education Center No. 21 in Tula as part of the All-Russian anti-drug campaign “Clean Generation” and Legal Awareness Week.

Police officer held an informative talk on administrative and criminal liability of minors.

As part of the “Clean Generation” campaign the PDN inspector spoke in detail about harmful effects of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances on minors and warned of serious consequences of use and distribution, including criminal liability.

Police officer reminded schoolchildren of the need

to strictly observe safety rules when participating in online computer games. Particular attention was paid to inadmissibility of showing interest in extremist content on social networks. Detailed description of types of liability for these offences was also provided.

Questions concerning prevention of smoking and alcohol consumption among minors were considered in detail.

Separately, law enforcement officials focused on the problem of minors driving pit bikes and other vehicles. They explained legal aspects and risks associated with operating such vehicles without appropriate licenses and skills.

The legal information provided by the PDN inspector proved to be very useful and relevant for the students, helping to improve their legal literacy and promote responsible and healthy behavior.

UMVD of Russia in the Tula Region attaches great importance to preventive work with the younger generation and regularly holds similar events aimed at preventing crime and promoting a healthy lifestyle.

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## POLICE OFFICERS AND ATHLETES IN THE KURGAN REGION TOLD SCHOOLCHILDREN ABOUT DANGERS OF DRUGS AND BENEFITS OF A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE



A meeting was held today at the Kurgan Education Center as part of the “Clean Generation” preventive operation aimed at preventing drug use and distribution among teenagers as well as promoting a healthy lifestyle. The event was attended by students of the Education Center and pupils of the Olympic Reserve Sports School No. 1.

Maria Mishina, leading expert at the Drug Control Department of UMVD Russia in the Kurgan Region, reminded those present of inevitability of punishment for both possession and sale of prohibited substances. The children were shown a documentary film about dangers of drug use.

Maria Sergeevna also emphasized that no amount of money can compensate for ruined lives of young people or the grief of parents whose children have been brought to criminal justice.

Then Alexandra Khomyakova, candidate for master of sports in sambo and judo, bronze medalist of the Russian sambo championship, multiple winner and medalist of all-Russian competitions, and champion of the Ural Federal District in sambo and judo, spoke to the children. Alexandra shared her personal experience of becoming a successful athlete and encouraged all participants to lead a healthy lifestyle. At the end of the event, the athlete led an outdoor workout, during which she demonstrated various physical exercises to the children accompanied by energetic music.

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## TURKMENISTAN

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PROGRAMME STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE UNODC PROGRAMME FOR CENTRAL ASIA HELD IN ASHGABAT**

On 6 November 2025 Ashgabat hosted the annual meeting of the Programme Steering Committee (PSC) of the UNODC Programme for Central Asia for 2022–2025.

The meeting was organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Regional Office for Central Asia, Afghanistan, Iran, and Pakistan, in cooperation with the Government of Turkmenistan.

Turkmenistan was represented at the meeting by Ovezgeldy Kakalyev, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs.

More than 100 people from Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan took part in the event organized in a hybrid format.

The PSC meeting served as a platform to review the Programme's key achievements in 2025, approve strategic and operational priorities for 2026, and begin consultations on a new regional programme cycle for 2027–2030. Participants recognized ongoing contribution of the UNODC to strengthening regional cooperation in areas such as drug control, crime prevention, criminal justice, anti-corruption, border management, and health matters.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Oliver Stolpe, UNODC Regional Representative for Afghanistan, Central Asia, Iran, and Pakistan, emphasized that «over the past four years, since the launch of the Central Asia Program in November 2021, it has successfully served as a strategic framework for UNODC technical assistance to Central Asian states, contributing to addressing both traditional and emerging development challenges and security threats».

The meeting participants reiterated the UNODC's commitment to working closely with regional stakeholders to strengthen institutional capacity, promote coordinated action against drug trafficking and organized crime, and improve justice and health systems throughout Central Asia.

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## REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**TURN IN A DRUG-ADDICTED FRIEND AND RECEIVE A MEDAL:  
UZBEKISTAN INTRODUCES A NEW BADGE FOR COMBATING DRUGS**

“Наркотикларга қарини курашни фидойиси” кўсрак нишони



A new badge has been introduced in the country—it will be awarded to those who actively help in tackling drug crime. The award will be presented annually by the Prime Minister of Uzbekistan on 26 June, International Day Against Drug Abuse.

A new system to combat drug addiction is being introduced in Uzbekistan. Citizens who report illegal drug trafficking or assist in detection will now be rewarded with special prizes, according to government sources.

scheme and submit it to the Cabinet of Ministers. This measure is aimed at strengthening the fight against drug addiction through active participation of citizens.

In addition, by the end of 2025 the Ministry of Internal Affairs will organize training for prevention inspectors on identifying illegal drug laboratories and clandestine packaging workshops. Effective employees will be rewarded with extra-budgetary funds.

Modern technical equipment for rapid detection of narcotic substances is planned to be purchased for internal affairs agencies by 1 March 2026.

In addition, measures against trafficking of psychotropic and potent substances are being strengthened. Separate strict liability is provided for crimes committed with involvement of young people.

The new initiative aims not only to combat crime, but also to ensure informed public participation.

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