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In the period from December 1 to 15, 2024, 17 events in the anti-drug sphere were covered, based on information from the media of CARICC member states and other countries, (*Kazakhstan - 7, Russia - 7, Tajikistan -1, Turkmenistan - 2*).

The issued articles reflect information on preventive measures carried out by police officers (*Kazakhstan*), on anti-drug measures carried out in the regions of the Russian Federation (*Russia*), on the participation of the Drug Control Agency (DCA) leaders in the next meeting of the Coordination Council (*Tajikistan*), on the international conference on addictology, on the drug disposal campaign (*Turkmenistan*).

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



«YOUTH. ENERGY. FUTURE»: ANTI-DRUG FORUM HELD IN KOSTANAY



A large-scale meeting organized by the regional police department took place in the «Zhastar Sarayi» cultural center.

The event brought together more than a thousand schoolers and students of the city. Before the main program, the participants visited an exhibition where special equipment, a forensic laboratory and combat weapons were presented.

- We decided to show how our service works, what means we use in the fight against drug crime. It is important that young people understand the scale of the problem and

know that they can become part of it, - noted the deputy head of the police department of the Kostanay region, Colonel Nurbol Saden.

The main attention was paid to issues of drug crime and the prevention of offenses among young people. The discussion was attended by Deputy Akim of Kostanay region Rinat Mukhametkaliev, deputy of the regional maslikhat Makhabbat Zhutayev, psychologist-narcologist of Kostanay regional mental health center Gulsum Bisimbayeva, as well as honored trainer in para-powerlifting Dmitry Tsarenko.

During the open discussion, students actively asked questions about what measures are being taken to combat drugs and what the consequences may occur.

- It is important for us that students understand the consequences of drugs. Everyone should be aware of not only health risks, but also big legal problems coming from drugs, - emphasized Deputy Akim of Kostanay region Rinat Mukhametkaliev.

The event also included an award ceremony for the winners of the «Best Anti-Drug Video» competition. The police awarded the best ones out of the thirty submitted works. The third place was taken by Bekzat Kubzhasarov, a student of the Kostanay Higher College Kazpotrebsoyuz, the second place award went to Chingiz Sheldebaev, a student of the Kostanay Humanitarian College, and the first place was taken by Konstantin Shcherbinin, also a student of the Humanitarian College. All the winners received memorable gifts.

- We actively support students participating in such competitions. It is important that young people not only talk about problems, but also look for ways to solve them, - noted Konstantin Shcherbinin the winner of the contest.

The students also watched educational videos that explained how the desire for «easy» money through social networks can lead to drug crimes and imprisonment. At the end of the event, the police demonstrated their strength skills in a demonstration performance, and also showed the work of the Belgian shepherd Tesla, the dog specializing in drug detection.

The students could try to hide drug imitators, and Tesla easily found them.

- It was really amazing! We couldn't even imagine that a dog could find drugs so accurately and quickly, - one of the participants shared his impressions.

There were also musical compositions that symbolized a bright future without drugs. This left the students with a sense of responsibility for their lives and a desire to lead a healthy lifestyle.

The event became important for the youth of Kostanay, raising issues of social responsibility and drug addiction prevention among the younger generation.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/molodezh-energiya-budushhee-antinarkoticheskij-forum-proshel-v-kostanae/>



12 THOUSAND STUDENTS TOOK PART IN ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGNS IN THE AKMOLA REGION



Over 12 thousand students in the Akmola region were involved in anti-drug preventive work for a month.

One of the main tasks of law enforcement agencies as prevention subjects is to inform students about the legal responsibility for involvement in the drug environment and illegal sale of narcotic and psychotropic substances. In this regard, the specialized unit of the regional police department, together with employees of the juvenile police and interested state bodies, conducts various preventive measures on a daily basis to form zero tolerance to drugs.

The organizers use various tools to instill anti-drug immunity in teenagers and young people. For this purpose, a set of various events (lectures, discussions, competitions, mass sports and entertainment events) is implemented.

In November alone, more than 85 preventive measures were held, including 20 events. These events covered all districts of the region - from large to smaller areas - and they were all united by the slogan «Akmola - a region without drugs.» During the events, the regional flag was passed, which the youth of one region passed to the youth of another. In addition to the events, events were held aimed at sports youth, such as football and kickboxing tournaments. For creative youth, a dance competition «World without drugs» was organized together with the NGO «Zerdeli Urpak».

They did not do without traditional preventive measures: lectures, which ensured a high coverage of adolescents and youth. At such meetings, the documentary film «A stash» was shown. The film really impress schoolers and students. Of course, there was a discussion after the film, during which the causes and consequences of what was seen were considered.

Based on the results of that discussion, competitions were launched for writing an essay on the topic «My argument against» and for the best post in the social networks on the same topic. Thus, during a month, over 12 thousand students of the region were covered by anti-drug preventive work.

Work on informing the younger generation will be continued in the territory of the Akmola region.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/12-tysyach-uchashhihsya-prinyali-uchastie-v-antinarkoticheskikh-aktsiyah-v-akmolinskoj-oblasti/>

A ROUND TABLE ON DRUG ADDICTION WAS HELD IN KOKSHETAU



A round table was held in one of Kokshetau colleges, which brought together police officers, experts and students to discuss the most acute problem - drug addiction, where participants were able to hear personal stories of drug addicts.

On December 2, a round table was held at the Arna College, which was attended by representatives of law enforcement agencies, the Mental Health Center, the youth wing of Zhastar Ruhy, the non-governmental sector Zerdeli Urpak and college

students. Discussion topic: «Drug addiction is an acute problem of our time.»

The senior operative of the drug department of the Akmola region police department Raziya Kursanova reminded the students about administrative and criminal liability for violating the law, explaining the concepts of storage, use and distribution of drugs.

Psychologist of the Mental Health Center Aigul Alzhanova told the students about the harm and consequences of using psychoactive substances, and also debunked the myths about their harmlessness. She emphasized that even a single use can lead to addiction and, as a result, to loss of health.

The students were especially interested in the revelations of drug addicts undergoing rehabilitation at the Mental Health Center. They shared their life stories and the problems they face as addicts.

The ages of the invitees were 25, 28 and 31 years, and their experience of drug use was 3, 12 and 14 years, respectively. The participants were very interested in questions about how and why they started using, about the reaction of their families and problems with the law, which confirmed the activity of the discussion. All questions were answered comprehensively.

The head of the youth public association MOO «Zerdeli Urpak» Gulnar Orazbaeva spoke about various forms of primary prevention aimed at conveying correct information about drug addiction.

The deputy head of the youth wing «Zhastar Rukhy» Marzhan Mukusheva shared with the participants the activities that can be taken to avoid getting into the «narcotics trap». She invited young people to join volunteer projects in various areas, which contributes to self-development and the realization of personal opportunities.

At the end of the round table, the winners of the essay competition on the topic: «My argument against» were awarded. Teenagers shared their thoughts on addiction, the consequences of involvement in the drug business and alternative ways to solve problems related to drugs. The event was fruitful, the participants expressed satisfaction with its holding and suggested holding such meetings more often.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/kruglyj-stol-na-temu-narkomanii-proshel-v-kokshetau/>

ONLINE MEETING OF THE COORDINATION COUNCIL TO COMBAT DRUGS WAS HELD IN THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS



Online meeting of the Coordination Council to Combat Drugs was held in the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The twenty-sixth meeting of the Coordination Council of the Heads of Competent Authorities to Combat Drug Trafficking of the Member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CCBCD CSTO) was held via videoconference.

The event was attended by delegations of the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic,

the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan, as well as representatives of the CSTO Secretariat, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia, Rosfinmonitoring and the Committee of Heads of Law Enforcement Agencies of the Council of Heads of Customs Services of the Member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The meeting participants summed up the results of the implementation of the CCBCD Action Plan for 2024, discussed the current state of the drug situation in the CSTO countries and developed recommendations to improve the effectiveness of joint work in the fight against drug trafficking.

Particular attention was paid to strengthening the coordination of actions between the participating states in the fight against drug crime and the exchange of information to achieve more sustainable results.

Work in this direction will be continued.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/onlajn-zasedanie-koordinatsionnogo-soveta-po-protivodejstviyu-narkotikam-proshlo-v-mvd/>

ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN ANTI-DRUG PROPAGANDA WERE NOTED IN EAST KAZAKHSTAN REGION



A meeting on the topic «Students against drugs» was held at the S. Amanzholov Higher School of Culture, which was attended by representatives of the East Kazakhstan Region police department, famous athletes and activists who spoke out in favor of the fight against drug addiction in society.

A meeting of students with representatives of the East Kazakhstan Region Police Department on the topic «Students against drugs» was held at the East Kazakhstan University named after S. Amanzholov. The event was organized to discuss the problem of drug addiction, the formation of intolerance towards this phenomenon in

society and the awarding of active participants in anti-drug propaganda.

- The police are always at the forefront of the fight against drugs. Our task is to ensure the safety of citizens and prevent the spread of this threat in society, - with these words, Deputy Head of the East Kazakhstan Region Police Department Serik Manapov opened the meeting.

A special guest of the event was the master of sports in canoe slalom and ambassador of the «No to drugs» project Ekaterina Smirnova. She called on students to actively combat drug graffiti and other manifestations of illegal drug trafficking.

As part of the meeting, Serik Manapov presented letters of gratitude to volunteers, activists and youth associations on behalf of the Head of the East Kazakhstan Region Police Department Erlan Omarbekov.

Students were also shown social videos on anti-drug topics. The event ended with students performing modern

dances, which emphasized the creative and unifying nature of the meeting.

The police call on all citizens to actively support the anti-drug initiative and work together to eradicate this problem in society.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/aktivnyh-uchastnikov-antinarkoticheskoy-propagandy-otmetili-v-vko/>



DRUG-RELATED CRIME PREVENTION ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED IN THE ALMATY REGION



A workshop on combating drug crime was held in the regional police department with the participation of the department employees. The results of the 11 months work were summed up, current issues were discussed and a course for the future was set.

The meeting participants analyzed the current situation and developed a plan aimed at further strengthening measures to combat drug crime. The meeting began with a discussion of the state of law and measures to combat corruption in the internal affairs agencies. The personnel were familiarized with the key findings of the

analysis, which emphasized the importance of adhering to the principles of transparency and ethics in work.

The main focus of the meeting was on issues of drug crime prevention. New ideas and approaches were proposed aimed at preventing the spread of drugs, especially among young people. Participants considered the possibility of active interaction with public organizations, educational institutions and the media to raise awareness among citizens about the risks associated with drug trafficking. In addition, methods for increasing the effectiveness of the unit, strengthening analytical work and using modern technologies to identify and suppress drug crimes were discussed.

The decisions taken at the meeting laid the foundation for the unit's development strategy aimed at creating a safe environment and actively involving society in the fight against drug crime.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/voprosy-profilaktiki-narkoprestuplenij-obsudili-v-almatinskoj-oblasti/>

POLICE OFFICERS IN TURKESTAN TOLD STUDENTS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF «SYNTHETICS»



A preventive event was held among students in the hostel No. 2 of the international Kazakh-Turkish University named after Khoja Ahmed Yasawi in Turkestan, aimed at explaining the dangers of synthetic drugs to human life and responsibility for their distribution.

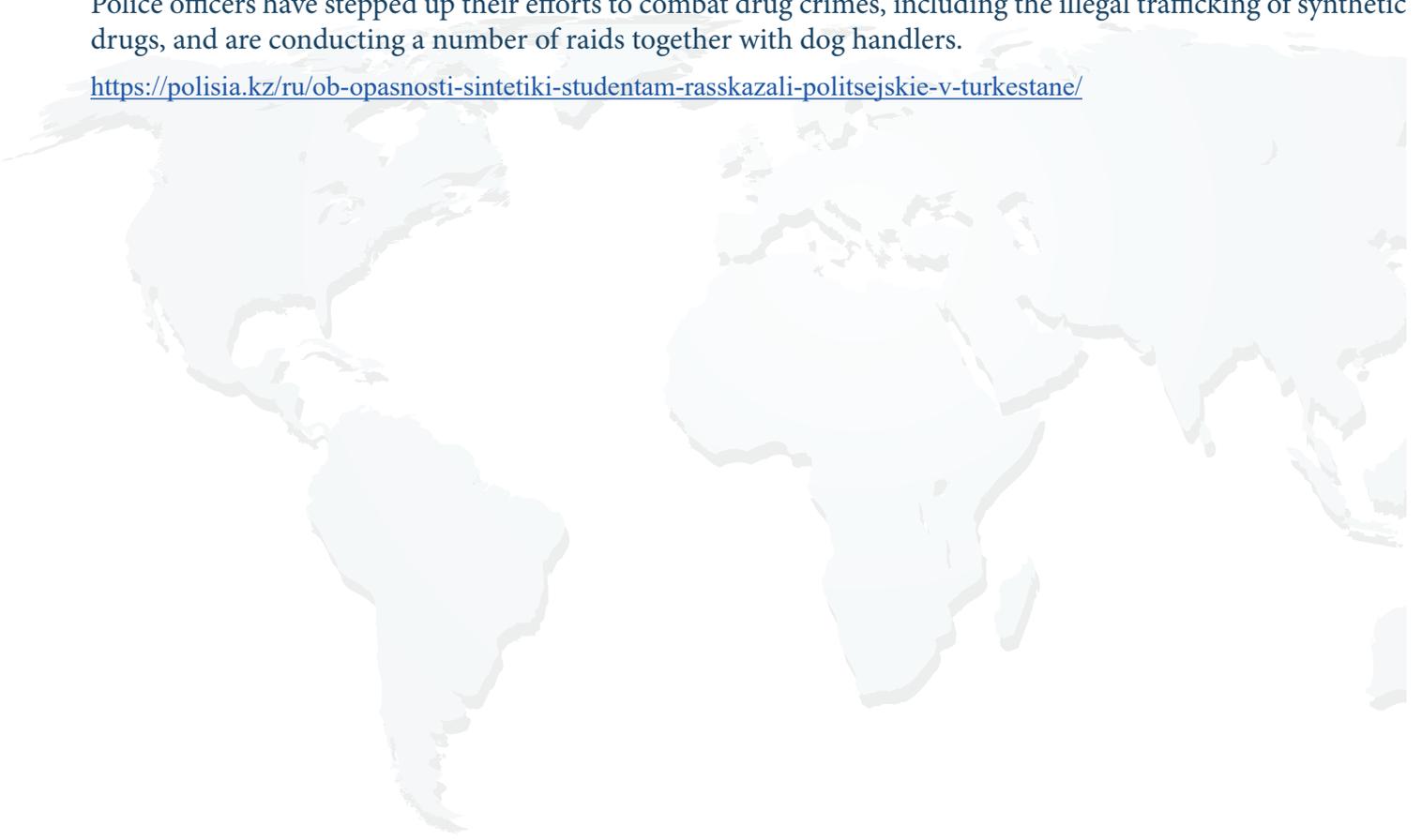
368 students took part in the event.

- Prevention of drug-related crime is a common task that requires the combined efforts of educational institutions, parents, public organizations and young people. Only together can we create a healthy

society without drugs, - emphasized Marat Bimakhanov, senior detective for especially important cases of the Turkestan region police department.

Police officers have stepped up their efforts to combat drug crimes, including the illegal trafficking of synthetic drugs, and are conducting a number of raids together with dog handlers.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/ob-opasnosti-sintetiki-studentam-rasskazali-politsejskie-v-turkestane/>



RUSSIAN FEDERATION



**DRUG CONTROL POLICE ADDRESS CADETS AT
TVER SUVOROV MILITARY SCHOOL**



Tver, Russia — Officers from the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Tver Region held an educational session with cadets at the Tver Suvorov Military School. The meeting aimed to raise awareness about the dangers of drug addiction and the risks of youth involvement in the drug trade.

Police Colonel Mikhail Lebedev, head of the regional Drug Control Department, led the discussion, sharing alarming statistics on adolescent offenses and explaining the legal consequences of drug use. Addressing the cadets, Colonel Lebedev emphasized the dangers of accepting dubious

offers to «earn» money through drug distribution, urging them to make healthy life choices and avoid becoming part of criminal statistics.

The cadets listened attentively as Colonel Lebedev recounted real-life cases from his professional experience. They were particularly engaged during a Q&A session, asking about the early signs of drug addiction and the methods used to manipulate minors under the influence of substances.

In a candid and open dialogue, participants discussed strategies for personal safety and the core values essential for leading a productive and fulfilling life.

The police view such meetings as a vital tool in fostering a culture of healthy living and law-abiding behavior among adolescents. Officers believe these interactions play a key role in shaping a comprehensive understanding of the risks and responsibilities young people face today.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--plai/news/item/58063335>



**IN THE NOVGOROD REGION, POLICE OFFICERS AND CYBER
VIGILANTES HELD A FORUM «DANGERS OF THE WEB»**



Veliky Novgorod, Russia — A regional forum titled “Dangers of the Web” took place at the main building of Yaroslav the Wise Novgorod State University in Veliky Novgorod. The event brought together law enforcement officers, cyber safety volunteers, students, and educators to address the growing challenges of cybersecurity.

The forum, supported by the UMVD of Russia for the Novgorod Region, was attended by police representatives, members of the university’s «Cyber Squad» volunteer group, students from various colleges across the region, and faculty members. Joining the forum this year was

Elena Pisareva, a Senator of the Russian Federation and member of the Federation Council Committee on Science, Education, and Culture, who opened the meeting with a keynote address.

The “Dangers of the Web” project seeks to equip participants with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the online world safely and combat cyber threats. Presentations were delivered by representatives from several divisions of the regional police, including public order, drug control, criminal investigation, and the Center for Combating Extremism.

Topics ranged from recognizing illegal content and fake information to understanding how to guard against virtual criminals. Officers emphasized prevention, teaching students how to engage different audiences and effectively communicate information to safeguard themselves and others.

Throughout the event, students engaged actively, posing questions about identifying and reporting online drug advertisements, accessing lists of extremist materials, and understanding the legal consequences of cyber-related offenses.

The forum concluded with a thematic quiz organized by the «Cyber Squad,» adding an interactive element to reinforce the day’s lessons.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--plai/news/item/58065143>



TULA TRANSPORT POLICE OFFICERS TAKE PART IN THE PREVENTIVE ACTION «TO KNOW IS TO LIVE!»



Tula, Russia — Employees of the linear department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs at the Tula railway station, in collaboration with city prevention officers, the Tula Regional Narcological Dispensary, the Ministry of Emergency Situations, and the UMVD of Russia for Tula, have initiated a series of preventive activities as part of the winter stage of the citywide campaign «To Know is to Live.»

The campaign aims to instill law-abiding behavior in young people, foster a commitment to healthy lifestyle choices, and emphasize the importance of valuing and safeguarding their lives.

Key discussions during these sessions focus on the risks associated with drug, alcohol, and tobacco use. Special attention is also given to warning teenagers about completing dubious tasks received through Internet messengers for monetary rewards, which could pose significant risks, including destabilizing transport systems.

Law enforcement officers engage students with interactive quizzes, testing their knowledge of safe behavior at railway facilities. Additionally, participants are informed about a children’s helpline, offering advice and psychological support for those facing challenging life situations.

Between December 2024 and January 2025, the campaign plans to reach over 100 educational institutions, underscoring the city’s commitment to raising awareness and promoting safety among its youth.

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POLICE OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUBLIC COUNCIL HELD ANTI-DRUG TALKS WITH SCHOOLCHILDREN IN LIPETSK



Police officers and public activists in Lipetsk held anti-drug discussions with students at Secondary School No. 4 as part of a broader campaign to promote a healthy lifestyle and combat illegal drug trafficking. The event aimed to instill an anti-drug stance in teenagers while informing them of the consequences of substance abuse and related offenses.

Mikhail Korostin, a member of the Public Council at the Ministry of Internal Affairs and deputy chief physician of the Lipetsk Regional Narcological Dispensary, addressed students on the dangers of drug and psychoactive substance use. He outlined the factors

leading to addiction and highlighted the rapid progression from a seemingly harmless habit to dependency.

Police Lieutenant Colonel Ruslan Moiseyev, head of the drug control department in Lipetsk, discussed legal liabilities tied to drug-related offenses and revealed tactics used by criminals to lure minors into their schemes. Additionally, Senior Police Lieutenant Anna Korbalkova, senior inspector of the juvenile affairs department, warned students about internet dangers, common crimes among teenagers, and rules for staying safe in public spaces.

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POLICE AND PUBLIC FIGURES IN MORDOVIA HELD A GAME FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN TO PREVENT ILLEGAL BEHAVIOR



In Ruzayevka, Mordovia, employees of the Drug Control Department and Information and Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs organized a preventive game titled «Say No to Drugs!» for high school students at Secondary School No. 8. The initiative, led by Zhanna Zubrilina, Chairperson of the Public Council under the OMVD of Russia for the Ruzaevsky District, aimed to address drug addiction and the growing problem of remote fraud.

The event began with a presentation by Vyacheslav Lashin, Senior Referent of the Regional Ministry of Internal Affairs' Information Department, who explained the role of «droppers»—individuals unwittingly involved in fraudulent money-laundering schemes by sharing their bank details with criminals.

Students then participated in a six-round intellectual game, competing in areas such as Russian legislation on drug trafficking, the physical and psychological effects of substance abuse, and preventive measures. A special round focused on inspirational films about renowned Russian athletes, and the final round required thoughtful

responses on drug prevention.

At the event's conclusion, police officers commended the students for their knowledge, encouraging them to remain law-abiding and adopt a healthy lifestyle. Winners of the game received certificates for free admission to the Museum of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Mordovia.

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IN NOVOSIBIRSK, STUDENTS IN THE CYBER SQUAD WERE AWARDED FOR THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS AIMED AT COUNTERING THE DRUG THREAT ON THE INTERNET



Students from the Siberian State University of Telecommunications and Informatics were recognized in a ceremonial meeting for their proactive role in countering drug-related threats on the Internet. Letters of gratitude from the Head of the Drug Control Department of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Novosibirsk Region were presented to the participants.

Police Colonel Pavel Tabatchikov, Head of the Drug Control Department, opened the event by commending the students for their active civic engagement and collaboration with law enforcement agencies in anti-drug initiatives. In his report, Colonel Tabatchikov provided an overview of the region's challenges with illegal drug trafficking, highlighting how

technology has transformed the drug market. He praised the students' significant contributions, particularly in identifying and combating the online distribution of drugs and psychotropic substances.

Attendees were shown a documentary detailing the operational work of the Drug Control Department, offering insights into its role as part of the regional law enforcement framework.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of awards to the SibSUTI students for their efforts in restricting access to illegal websites and online content banned in the Russian Federation.

Following the awards, a senior officer from the Drug Control Department shared insights into the professional responsibilities of drug control personnel, emphasizing the importance and public value of their work in curbing illegal drug activities.

The meeting concluded with the department's leadership reiterating their gratitude to the student initiative group for their dedication. In response, the students expressed appreciation for the knowledge and practical skills gained through their cooperation with the Drug Control Department, reinforcing their commitment to promoting a safer online environment.

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POLICE OFFICERS AND ACTIVISTS HELD A SERIES OF PREVENTIVE MEETINGS WITH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN ALTAI REGION



Barnaul, Russia — Law enforcement officers from the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for Altai Krai, in collaboration with the Youth Affairs Committee of the Barnaul Administration and local activists, held a series of educational sessions on cybersecurity and safety for students from leading universities in the region.

The discussions centered on critical topics such as information security, identifying prohibited content, and measures to protect against online threats. Students from institutions including Altai State University, Altai State Agrarian University, Altai State Technical

University named after I.I. Polzunov, Altai State Medical University, and Altai State Pedagogical University, as well as international students, actively participated in the sessions.

Representatives from the Center for Combating Extremism highlighted behaviors and activities that can be classified as extremism. They informed students about the legal consequences of engaging in extremist or terrorist activities and the methods used to recruit young people into illegal communities. The officers provided practical advice on recognizing such tactics and avoiding involvement.

The Drug Control Department addressed the legal ramifications of drug-related offenses, warning against schemes involving «easy money» offers through messaging apps. Officers illustrated the dangers of these illicit opportunities with real-life cases, demonstrating the severe consequences of participating in illegal activities.

Alongside these warnings, law enforcement and public figures provided actionable recommendations on how to respond to suspicious situations and where to seek assistance.

The initiative aimed to equip students, both domestic and international, with the knowledge and skills to navigate the modern digital landscape safely, emphasizing the importance of cybersecurity, legal awareness, and personal responsibility. Organizers underscored the significance of fostering a generation of law-abiding, informed citizens.

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REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN



PARTICIPATION OF THE AGENCY DIRECTOR IN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COORDINATION COUNCIL



On December 2, 2024, the twenty-sixth meeting of the Coordination Council of the Heads of Competent Authorities for Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking of the Member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CCBCD of the CSTO Member States) was held via video conference.

The event was attended by delegations from the Republic of Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, representatives of the CSTO Secretariat, representatives of the Russian Foreign Ministry and Rosfinmonitoring and the Committee of Heads of Law Enforcement Units of the Council of Heads of Customs Services of the CIS

Member States.

Tajikistan was represented by the Director of the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Major General of the Drug Control Service Zafar Samad.

The meeting participants summed up the implementation of the action plan of the CCBCD of the CSTO member states for 2024, discussed the drug situation in the CSTO member states, the conduct of subregional anti-drug operations, exchanged experience in countering drug challenges and information on improving national legislation in the field of combating drug trafficking.

It was noted that drug trafficking poses a threat to the health and well-being of the population of the CSTO member states. It was noted that the growth in the production of synthetic materials and other types of drugs, and their smuggling along the «Northern» route requires the development and adoption of additional measures.

Following the discussion of the agenda items, relevant decisions were made.

<https://akn.tj/ru/2024/12/03/participation-of-the-director-of-the-agency-in-the-next-meeting-of-the-coordination-council-2/>

TURKMENISTAN

**ARZUW
NEWS****INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
ADDICTOLOGY HELD IN ASHGABAT**

Ashgabat, Turkmenistan — The Archabil Hotel served as the venue for an international conference on addictology, focusing on enhancing strategies for the prevention of psychoactive substance use, minimizing their supply, and developing national expertise in the field within the Central Asian region.

The conference, organized under the European Union-funded CADAP program (Central Asia Drug Action Programme), aimed to curb drug proliferation in Central Asia and foster collaboration between regional

countries and the EU.

Delegates from over ten nations, including the United Kingdom, Lithuania, Colombia, Spain, and several Central Asian countries, participated in the event. Discussions centered on strengthening public health systems and promoting sustainable development in the context of drug prevention.

The conference provided a platform for international experts to share insights, exchange best practices, and establish partnerships to tackle the pressing challenges of substance abuse in the region. Organizers highlighted the importance of unified efforts in shaping effective policies and ensuring long-term health and social stability.

<https://arzuw.news/v-ashhabade-proshla-mezhdunarodnaja-konferencija-po-addiktologii>

**TURKMENISTAN HOLDS EVENT TO DESTROY SEIZED
DRUGS AND CONTRABAND TOBACCO**

On December 8, Turkmenistan hosted an event to burn narcotic drugs and contraband tobacco products that had been seized by the country's military and law enforcement agencies. The ceremony took place at a specialized facility of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, as reported by the Türkmenistan newspaper.

The event was attended by members of the government, representatives from the State Security Council, public organizations, the healthcare sector, media, and respected elders.

During the event, the confiscated narcotic substances, contraband tobacco, and illegal pharmaceutical products were displayed before being sent to furnaces for destruction. Participants were invited to take part in the symbolic act by personally throwing bundles of contraband goods into the furnace.

Throughout the process, law enforcement officers and authorized experts closely monitored the burning to ensure that it was carried out according to established procedures. The event highlighted Turkmenistan's commitment to combating illegal drug trafficking and contraband activities.

<https://tmcars.info/post/3728783243/v-turkmenistane-proshla-aktsiya-po-unictojeniyu-narkotikov-i-kontrabandnogo-tabaka>



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