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In the period from 1 to 30 September 2025, based on information from mass media CARICC member states and other countries covered 33 events in the counter-narcotics field (*Azerbaijan - 9, Kazakhstan - 11, Kyrgyzstan - 1, Russia - 8, Tajikistan - 2, Turkmenistan - 1, Uzbekistan - 1*).

Published articles contain information about preventive measures taken by staff and adoption of a six-year program to combat the drug threat (*Azerbaijan*), on preventive measures taken by police officers, on discussions between representatives of MVD and legislators on improving laws in the field of combating drug crime (*Kazakhstan*), on holding a regular meeting of the GKKN (*Kyrgyzstan*), on implementation of preventive measures by police officers in the regions (*Russia*), on eradication of seized drugs, on discussion of cooperation in border issues and countering the drug threat (*Tajikistan*), about training trip to Spain (*Turkmenistan*), on holding a subregional seminar on “Risk Analysis and Search Techniques in Drug-Related Offences” (*Узбекистан*).

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN



TRAINING CONDUCTED IN ABSHERON DISTRICT



A training session on “Guidelines for Combating Drug Addiction” was held at the Heydar Aliyev Center in the Absheron district on 29 August this year as part of measures to strengthen measures to combat drugs. The event was organized by the Permanent Working Group of the State Commission for Combating Drug Addiction and Illegal Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs in conjunction with the Executive Authority of the

Absheron District.

The training was attended by the deputy head of the Absheron District Executive Authority, a member of the district commission on combating drug addiction and illegal drug trafficking, a senior official of the Permanent Working Group of the State Commission, and psychologists from secondary schools in the district.

Main goal of the training was to inform participants about risk factors for psychoactive substance use, characteristics of addiction development, and socio-psychological causes of addiction in adolescents, stages of drug addiction development, physiological signs and emotional and behavioral changes associated with psychoactive substance use, methods for school psychologists to work individually with at-risk adolescents, issues related to organizing leisure activities for students, and the importance of anti-drug propaganda. Participants’ questions were answered and discussions were held.

As part of the training, participants were presented with a brochure prepared by the Permanent Working Group of the State Commission entitled “Methodological recommendations for identifying persons who abuse narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.”

<https://www.nmdk.gov.az/page/post/3428/>



TRAINING SESSIONS ORGANIZED IN GÖYGÖL AS PART OF THE MOBILE YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT



As part of the Mobile Youth Service project dedicated to the Year of the Constitution and Sovereignty, a series of training sessions were organized in the Goranboy district. Schoolchildren actively participated in the events.

During the training sessions participants received detailed information on topics such as: “Youth policy and statehood,” “Say no to bad habits,”

“Choosing a profession and career,” and “Healthy and safe living.”

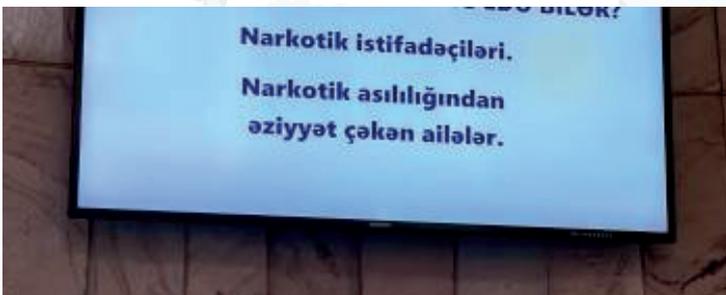
In order to raise awareness among young people about the problem of drug addiction, detailed information about the dangers of drug addiction was presented to participants during the meetings. They were told about the risk factors for drug use, the properties of psychoactive substances and their harmful effects on health, the stages of addiction formation, the importance of anti-drug propaganda, and existing methods of combating drug abuse. During the training sessions, participants’ questions were answered and opinions were exchanged.

In conclusion, members of the Standing Working Group of the State Commission provided participants with educational printed materials.

<https://www.nmdk.gov.az/page/post/3432/>



OUTREACH ACTIVITIES IN PUBLIC PLACES ARE EXPANDING



In order to expand the reach of public awareness activities, starting 5 September of this year as part of the cooperation between the Permanent Working Group of the State Commission and relevant agencies a social video has been shown on monitors in metro stations.

A social video created to raise awareness among young people about harmful effects of using narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, as well as to strengthen public activity in the fight against drug addiction, contains detailed information about the activities of the State Commission’s “Hotline 802.”

It should be mentioned that this social video is intended for long-term distribution.

<https://www.nmdk.gov.az/page/post/3433/>



THE MOBILE YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT WAS ORGANIZED AGAIN IN THE DASHKESAN DISTRICT



An educational training session was held in the Dashkasan district as part of the Mobile Youth Service project initiated by the Youth Fund of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The opening ceremony was attended by the head of the Dashkessan District Executive Authority, the chair of the Young Volunteers Public Association, the officer in charge of the Permanent Working Group of the State Commission, and representatives of other government agencies.

During the training session, which aimed to raise awareness among young people about drug addiction, detailed information was provided on the risk factors for drug use, the properties of psychoactive substances and their harmful effects on health, the organization of meaningful leisure activities for young people, the activities of the “Hotline 802” and other issues. Discussions were held on topics of interest to young people, and their questions were answered.

In addition, training sessions were organized for young people from remote villages on topics such as “Statehood and Citizenship,” “Digital Skills Development,” “Education and Career,” and “Healthy Lifestyle,” as well as master classes in robotics and art. Meetings were held with professionals on the use of digital tools.

In conclusion, the youth were presented with informational materials prepared by the Permanent Working Group of the State Commission: “Learn the Truth About Drugs,” “The Truth About Marijuana,” and “The Truth About Psychotropic Substances.”

<https://www.nmdk.gov.az/page/post/3435/>

REPORT
ИНФОРМАЦИОННОЕ АГЕНТСТВО

AZERBAIJAN ADOPTS SIX-YEAR PROGRAM TO COMBAT DRUG THREAT



Azerbaijan has approved a State Program to Combat Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances, Their Precursors, and Drug Addiction for 2025–2030.

According to Report, President Ilham Aliyev signed a corresponding decree.

According to the document, the Cabinet of Ministers will coordinate and monitor the implementation of measures provided for in the State Program, as well as resolve other issues arising from the order.

The State Commission for Combating Drug Addiction and Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs shall monitor and evaluate the implementation of measures provided for in the State Program. At the same time, the Commission shall be required to submit annual reports to the President on the status of implementation of measures provided for in the program.

<https://report.az/ru/vnutrennyaya-politika/v-azerbajdzhane-prinyata-shestiletnyaya-programma-protivodejstviya-narkougroze>



INSTRUCTIONS FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS AND MEDICAL WORKERS IN SCHOOLS WILL BE DEVELOPED TO PREVENT DRUG ADDICTION



Instructions for psychologists and medical workers in general education institutions will be developed to improve the organization of drug abuse prevention.

As reported by Day.Az with reference to AZERTAC, this matter is reflected in the “State Program on Combating Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Their Precursors and Drug Addiction for 2025-2030,” approved by the relevant decree of President Ilham Aliyev.

According to the Action Plan, the program implementation period covers 2025-2030.

The Ministry of Science and Education has been designated as the main executive body, and the Ministry of Health as the other executive body.

<https://news.day.az/society/1781203.html>

REPORT
ИНФОРМАЦИОННОЕ АГЕНТСТВО

A NEW MEDICAL FACILITY TO COMBAT DRUG ADDICTION WILL OPEN IN AZERBAIJAN



A new medical facility will be launched in Azerbaijan in 2025-2026, which will carry out compulsory medical measures against drug addiction.

According to Report, this is stated in the “State Program to Combat Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Their Precursors and Drug Addiction for 2025-2030.”

The program points out that by 2031, they plan to set up rehabilitation centers to improve the quality of drug treatment services.

The Ministry of Health has been designated as the

main executive body for the program.

<https://report.az/ru/zdravookhranenie/v-azerbajdzhane-otkroyut-novoe-meduchrezhdenie-dlya-borby-s-narkomaniej>

AZERBAIJAN'S MVD STEPS UP FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS: PLAN FOR 2025 APPROVED

Work plan of the State Commission for Combating Drug Addiction and Illegal Drug Trafficking for 2025 has been approved and sent for implementation.

This was reported by the Commission.

The document was signed by the head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs Vilayat Eyvazov who is also the deputy chairman of the Commission.

The plan provides for strengthening measures to combat drug trafficking and drug addiction, improving the effectiveness of preventive measures and information campaigns.

The electronic version of the document is available in the “Documents” section on the commission’s official website.

<https://media.az/society/mvd-azerbajdzhana-usilivaet-borbu-s-narkotikami-utverzhdn-plan-na-2025-god>

**PREVALENCE OF DRUG ADDICTION IN DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS WILL BE STUDIED**

BAKU /Trend/ - Sociological studies will be conducted in Azerbaijan to assess the prevalence of drug addiction among various age groups, and relevant proposals will be prepared.

According to Trend, this matter is reflected in the “State Program on Combating Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Their Precursors and Drug Addiction for 2025-2030,” approved by a relevant decree of President Ilham Aliyev.

According to the Action Plan, the program implementation period covers 2025–2030.

The main executive body is the permanent Working Group of the State Commission for Combating Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking, while other executive bodies include the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Ministry of Science and Education, the Center for Social Research, and relevant non-governmental organizations.

<https://cbctv.az/news/124649/budet-issledovana-rasprostranennost-narkomanii-v-raznyx-voznrastnyx-gruppax>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



**MVD AND DEPUTIES DEVELOPED
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMBATING DRUGS**



MVD RK and “Zhasyl Zhelken” discussed improving legislation in the field of combating drug crime.

Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan hosted a round table discussion on “Problematic issues of amendments to criminal legislation concerning the fight against drug trafficking.” The event was organized by MVD RK and the public association “Zhasyl Zhelken.”

Representatives of MVD, deputies of the Mazhilis of Parliament, and representatives of civil society took part in the discussion.

Main goal was to comprehensively review proposals for improving criminal legislation in the field of combating drug trafficking. Participants focused on strengthening law enforcement practices and striking a balance between protecting society and the principles of humanizing criminal responsibility, especially in cases involving minors.

The discussion covered current aspects of the application of criminal law provisions, taking into account recent changes and contemporary challenges. Issues such as the proportionality of punishments, the elimination of gaps in regulation, and ensuring uniformity in judicial and investigative practice were debated.

Following the meeting, specific recommendations were formulated aimed at developing effective criminal law mechanisms, improving the regulatory framework, and preparing proposals for amendments to the current legislation.

Participants pointed out that these initiatives will make it easier to fight illegal drug trafficking and build trust in law enforcement agencies.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/mvd-i-deputy-vyrabotali-rekomendatsii-po-bor-be-s-narkotikami/>

YOUTH AGAINST DRUGS: THE CAPITAL CITY FIGHTS BACK AGAINST THE DRUG THREAT



Large-scale preventive measures to combat drug crime are being carried out in Astana.

A 30-day set of measures to combat drug crime is continuing in the capital, implemented by the police in coordination with the city prosecutor's office. The main goal is to prevent young people from becoming involved in illegal drug trafficking and to foster a lasting rejection of the drug threat in society.

Awareness-raising activities in schools and colleges.

Meetings with students are held in educational institutions in Astana with the support of the Akimat

and the city education department. Police officers, representatives of the prosecutor's office, psychologists, and drug treatment specialists speak to schoolchildren and students. They talk about harm drugs cause to health, modern methods of involving young people in drug networks, and criminal liability for such actions.

The initiative receives special support from well-known media personalities who take part in meetings, sharing their views on the importance of healthy lifestyles and social responsibility. Since the start of the month-long campaign, preventive measures have been implemented in more than 100 schools in the capital and reached almost 4,000 students.

Combating drug advertising.

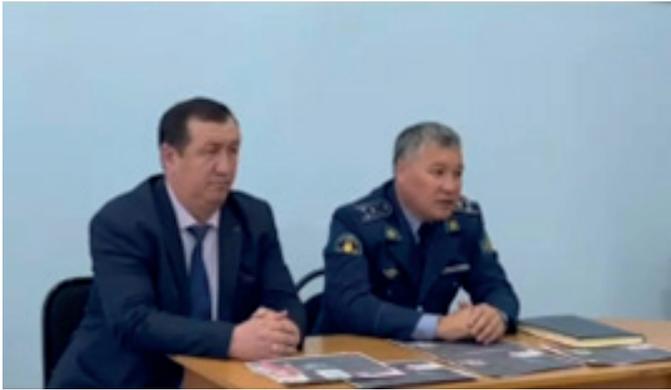
Much attention is paid to cleaning up drug advertising from the urban environment. The Astana Zhastary Youth Resource Center, together with the police and volunteers, organizes raids to identify and paint over graffiti with drug dealers' contact details.

Systemic approach.

Comprehensive measures show that drug crime prevention is not a one-off campaign, but systematic work aimed at preserving the health and safety of the younger generation.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/molodezh-protiv-narkotikov-stolitsa-daet-otpor-narkougroze/>

POLICE HELD A PREVENTIVE TALK WITH STUDENTS IN PAVLODAR REGION



A police officer held a preventive meeting with students in the Irtysh district.

Acting head of the Irtysh District Police Department Tulegen Alpysbayev held a talk with students of the Agricultural Technical College on the prevention of drug addiction and crime.

The purpose of the event is to promote a healthy lifestyle, shape a negative attitude toward drug use among young people, encourage participation in sports, and discourage harmful habits.

During the meeting the police officer told students about dangers of synthetic and other drugs, psychotropic substances, and consequences of crimes related to possession and sale of illegal substances. The young people were shown videos and given booklets with useful information.

In addition, attention was paid to the topic of online fraud. Students were explained how attackers try to lure out personal data and given practical advice on how to protect it. The issue of dropers—people who apply for bank cards or provide accounts for transferring illegal funds—was discussed separately. On September 16, a new article was added to the Criminal Code: aiding and abetting such crimes is punishable by up to seven years in prison.

At the end of the meeting, the speaker touched on the topic of property theft, which often occurs due to the carelessness of the owners themselves. The police officer noted that such crimes are often committed by minors and reminded students of their possible consequences.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/politsiya-provela-profilakticheskuyu-besedu-so-studentami-v-pavlodarskoj-oblasti/>

CAPITAL CITY STUDENTS WERE WARNED ABOUT RISKS OF GETTING INVOLVED IN DRUG TRADE



Police and prosecutors in Astana held a meeting with students on combating drug crime.

A month-long campaign to prevent drug addiction and implement a comprehensive plan to combat drug trafficking is continuing in the capital. As part of this campaign, representatives of the prosecutor's office and the police met with students at the IT University.

During the open dialogue, young people were told about real consequences of drug use and its destructive impact on human health and life. It was specifically noted that the law provides for severe penalties for possession, use, and distribution of prohibited substances.

Students were reminded that involvement in drug trade can begin subtly—through the internet, social media, or under the guise of temporary employment.

Speakers emphasized the importance of such preventive measures. Their goal is not only to convey accurate

information to young people, but also to encourage students to take an active stance in favor of a healthy lifestyle and a safe future.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/stolichnyh-studentov-predupredili-o-riskah-vovlecheniya-v-narkobiznes/>



EXPERIMENT IN ATYRAU: WHAT WILL CITY RESIDENTS DO WHEN THEY FIND A “PACKAGE”?



A social experiment was conducted in Atyrau to detect “caches.”

Officers from the Department for Combating Drug Crime, together with the press service of the Atyrau Region Police Department, organized a social experiment in Atyrau’s Youth Park, one of the city’s most popular venues, aimed at raising public awareness and preventing drug crimes.

Police officers prepared a dummy object imitating a package containing narcotics and placed it in a

transparent zip bag. The “find” was placed in accessible locations typical for so-called “stash.” Inside was baking soda — public safety was fully guaranteed.

The experiment showed that many passers-by, including teenagers, noticed the suspicious object. This demonstrated vigilance and active stance of the city’s residents.

The primary goal of the campaign is to build lasting immunity to drugs among the population, raise awareness about the importance of promptly reporting suspicious items to the police, and strengthen cooperation between the community and law enforcement agencies.

According to police data, 21 drug couriers have been detained in the Atyrau region since the beginning of the year, 13 of whom are residents of the regional center. These facts confirm the systematic work being done to combat illegal drug trafficking.

Police urge citizens to be vigilant, report suspicious findings immediately, and take an active civic stance.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/eksperiment-v-atyrau-chto-sdelayut-gorozhane-najdya-svertok/>

DANGEROUS PART-TIME JOBS DID NOT TEMPT SCHOOLCHILDREN IN THE ABAI REGION



The Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Abai Region carried out an unusual social experiment—the “Drug Graffiti” project, which aimed to draw public attention to the hidden methods used to involve young people in drug crime.

Main goal of the experiment — to test teens’ sense of justice and see how they react to illegal offers.

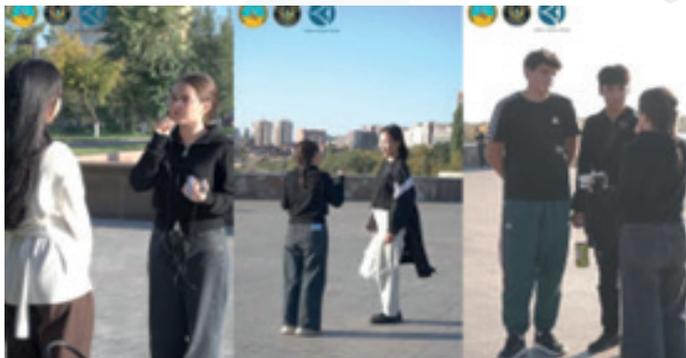
As part of the project, police officers offered a “job” to teenagers walking down the street, which consisted of writing unknown codes and links on walls. Such inscriptions are actually widely used as hidden advertisements for online drug sales. The offer was presented as simple, paid work—all that was required was to write

certain symbols on the wall. However, it was actually part of a social experiment.

Results of the experiment were encouraging: none of the teenagers agreed to this illegal “offer.” Absolutely all of them refused the dubious task, pointing out that such actions are illegal and can have serious consequences. This showed that the level of legal literacy among young people is increasing, and a negative attitude towards drugs is beginning to form in society.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/opasnaya-podrabotka-ne-soblaznila-shkol-nikov-v-oblasti-abaj/>

DRUG TEST COMES TO EVERY HOME IN PAVLODAR REGION



Drug Test social experiment was conducted in Pavlodar region. Its goal was to draw the attention of teenagers and young people to the problem of illegal drug trafficking, prevent drug use, and foster a responsible attitude among citizens towards the health of their loved ones.

As part of the campaign residents of the region were offered express testing for the presence of narcotic substances.

- This approach not only allows us to identify problems at an early stage, but also to provide timely assistance to those who need it, according to the Pavlodar Region Police Department.

The organizers note that the project is educational in nature: it is important that parents, young people, and the general public understand the risks associated with psychoactive substance use and have access to prevention tools.

Thus, “Drug Test in Every Home” is not only a test, but also a step toward creating a safe and healthy environment in society.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/narkotest-prishel-v-kazhdyj-dom-pavlodarskoj-oblasti/>

COMBATING DRUGS: RAID IN TALDYKORGAN



Employees of the Department for Combating Drug Crime and the Canine Service Center, together with representatives of the Zhetysu Regional Transport Prosecutor’s Office, carried out preventive measures at the central office of KazPost and at temporary customs warehouses in the city of Taldykorgan.

The main goal of these measures is to prevent any attempts to send or store prohibited substances, as well as to increase security at facilities involved in postal and transport

shipments.

During the inspection law enforcement officers used service dogs trained to detect narcotics and held explanatory talks with employees of the organizations.

Law enforcement agencies emphasize that protecting society from drug-related crime begins with prevention. Identifying and suppressing offenses at an early stage not only helps to stop the spread of dangerous substances, but also safeguards the future of the younger generation.

Police urge citizens to be vigilant and report any information related to illegal drug trafficking. Only through joint efforts can we reduce the scale of this threat and maintain public safety.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/bor-ba-s-narkotikami-rejd-v-taldykorgane/>

ANTI-DRUG MONTH: DORMITORIES IN ASTANA INSPECTED



As part of the ongoing month-long campaign to prevent drug addiction and combat drug-related crime, police officers, together with representatives of the prosecutor’s office and the canine service center, conducted inspections of student dormitories in the city of Astana.

Dormitories where students from metropolitan colleges live were inspected. Service dogs trained to search for narcotics were used in the operation.

Preventive discussions were held with students about the dangers of drugs, importance of a healthy lifestyle, and

personal responsibility..

Such measures are aimed not only at identifying and preventing offences, but also at instilling stable values in young people, strengthening trust in the police, and creating a safe environment for learning and development.

We urge students to be vigilant and report any incidents related to illegal drug trafficking. Safety starts with us!

<https://polisia.kz/ru/antinarkoticheskij-mesyachnik-provereny-obshhezhitiya-astany/>

RESULTS OF THE “DARMEK” OPERATIONAL AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES ANNOUNCED BY MVD



Operative and preventive measures were carried out across the country from 22 to 26 September as part of Operation “Darmek”, aimed at controlling legal trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, precursors, and toxic and potent substances.

11 criminal cases were initiated against medical workers for violating drug control legislation under Article 303 of the Criminal Code, and 278 administrative offenses were identified.

Approximately 7,000 drugs containing narcotics and 80 tons of toxic substances classified as dual-use

goods were seized.

In the field of medicine, over 190 violations of administrative law have been recorded, materials have been collected on 202 medical workers, and approximately 40,000 tablets containing narcotic substances, as well as 290,000 psychotropic tablets and 236,000 ampoules, have been seized.

A total of 519 medical institutions across the republic were covered by the inspection.

60 violations were identified in the industrial sector, the circulation of 2,000 tons of precursors was restricted, and 20 legal entities were held accountable. 159 enterprises and 734 vehicles were inspected.

An inspection in the Aktobe region found that over 80 tons of toxic substances were imported from China by rail without a state license for their import. The total amount seized was 86 million tenge. The substance in question is classified as a dual-use item.

In East Kazakhstan region, one of the limited liability partnerships was caught selling potent drugs without a prescription. More than 35,000 tablets of Pregabalin, Zonika, and Alisa were seized.

In the West Kazakhstan region, the illegal sale of psychotropic drugs was discovered at the residence of a 40-year-old female resident of the region who did not have a license for this type of activity.

In the Karaganda region, during an inspection of vehicles traveling from Astana to Karaganda, 82 packages of Tropicamide, Pregabalin, and Medazepam worth more than 240,000 tenge were seized.

- MVD reminds that violations of legislation in the field of legal trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, precursors, and toxic substances are subject to both administrative and criminal liability.

Work in this area will continue and will be aimed at ensuring the safety of citizens and strengthening the principle of “Law and Order,” said Bakhytzhan Amirkhanov, head of Department of the Committee for Combating Drug Crime of MVD.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/itogi-operativno-profilakticheskogo-meropriyatiya-darmek-ozvuchili-v-mvd-2/>

FUTURE WITHOUT DRUGS: FORUM HELD IN ATYRAU



“Global vision and responsible generation”: interregional forum on combating drug addiction was held in Atyrau.

An interregional forum entitled “Global Vision and Responsible Generation” was held in Atyrau as part of the republican operational and preventive measures ‘Uchastok’ and “Karasora-2025.”

Its main goal is to warn young people against harmful habits, prevent crime, and build strong immunity to drugs among the younger generation. The event was organized by the Inder District

Department of Internal Policy.

The forum was attended by specialists from various fields, educators, law enforcement representatives, and youth organization activists. They exchanged experiences and discussed the consequences of drug addiction, which remains one of the most pressing problems in modern society, as well as effective measures to combat this evil. Mariana Dzhangalieva, senior operative officer of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Atyrau Region Police Department, spoke in detail about the reasons why young people are at risk, and talked about hidden channels for drug distribution and signs of psychological dependence. She also presented practical recommendations on building spiritual and physical immunity in the younger generation.

The forum identified priority areas for joint work: strengthening cooperation between educational institutions and industry organizations, improving information and awareness-raising activities among parents and schoolchildren, and updating prevention programs.

Special attention was paid to initiatives aimed at creating conditions for the active involvement of young people in cultural and sporting events, which will not only enable them to organize their leisure time effectively, but also help to form a sustainable system of values that can counteract the influence of drugs.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/budushhee-bez-narkotikov-v-atyrau-proshel-forum/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE STATE COORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR THE CONTROL OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, AND PRECURSORS (GKKN) HELD IN BISHKEK**

A regular meeting of the State Coordination Committee for the Control of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances, and Precursors was held on 30 September 2025, chaired by Major General Nurbek Abdiev, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The meeting was attended by heads and representatives of structural units of ministries and agencies that are part of the GKKN in accordance with Resolution No. 654 of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic dated 20 October 2011, as well as representatives of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

Programme Office in Bishkek and independent experts.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Implementation of decisions of the GKKN meeting minutes of 19 December 2024.
- Implementation of the Action Plan for the Anti-Drug Program of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic, approved by Resolution No. 445 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic of 10 August 2022.
- Drug situation in the Kyrgyz Republic and prospects of its development.
- Issues related to implementation of an early warning mechanism for emergence of new drugs, new psychoactive substances, precursors, and their substitutes in the Kyrgyz Republic.

During the meeting participants also discussed pressing issues related to the drug situation, including the transit of Afghan drugs through the republic's territory, the growing spread of synthetic drugs and the abuse of potent medicines, as well as the active use of Internet resources and social messengers in the advertising and sale of drugs.

The meeting of the GKKN was held with the support of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek.

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RUSSIAN FEDERATION



POLICE OFFICERS IN SMOLENSK HELD A PREVENTIVE EVENT ENTITLED “YOUNG PEOPLE CHOOSE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.”



At the beginning of the new academic year, officers from the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in the Smolensk Region are conducting preventive lectures in educational institutions in the region. The latest event was organized by police officers for 65 students of the Smolensk branch of the Plekhanov Russian Economic University.

Issues related to the prevention and deterrence of offences in the field of illicit drug trafficking were discussed at a meeting with students.

Young people learned about the physical and psychological effects of drugs on the human body. Drawing on cases from her own practice, the police officer talked about the

effects of drugs on the adolescent body and the consequences of smoking and nicotine mixtures.

Students learned that even “harmless pranks” such as one-time use of so-called “soft” drugs can ruin their future prospects and become a serious obstacle to obtaining a driver’s license, studying at higher education institutions, and finding successful employment.

The police officer emphasized that, according to judicial practice, perpetrators face real prison sentences for any crime related to illegal drug trafficking.

Young people were able to ask questions that interested them and receive qualified answers.

At the end of the event, the winner of the regional stage of the anti-drug social advertising competition “Let’s Save Lives Together” was awarded in the category “Best outdoor advertising layout aimed at reducing demand for drugs” – Polina Kondratenko.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--plai/news/item/69745271>



UNK OPERATIVES HELD AN EVENT ENTITLED “ADDICTIONS THAT TAKE LIVES” FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS IN SMOLENSK



Today, as part of ongoing preventive work with the younger generation, officers from the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in the Smolensk Region met with students from the Smolensk Regional Technological Academy

The police officer discussed with the students the problem of drug and psychotropic substance use among young people.

Police officer warned young men and women about dangers of rash actions typical of the younger generation, which can subsequently lead to offenses and crimes, as well as ruin young people’s plans for the future.

In addition, employee of the UNK UMVD reminded about responsibility for storage, use, and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, as provided for by current legislation.

Students heard advice on how to protect themselves from harmful habits, encouragement to engage in more sports, and to remain vigilant. In difficult situations, police officers advised students to ask themselves two simple questions: “Why am I doing this?” and “What will happen to me as a result?”

The Academy’s teachers noted that classes of this format help shape students’ moral attitudes and are an effective educational tool for promoting a healthy lifestyle and encouraging students to give up harmful habits.

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EMPLOYEES OF THE SMOLENSK UNK UMVD HELD A PREVENTIVE LECTURE FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS ENTITLED “DRUGS, CIGARETTES, ALCOHOL—DESTROYERS OF LIFE.”



Prevention is the first step in combating negative phenomena in our lives, allowing us to engage young people, give them the opportunity to realize their potential, and understand the dangers of drug addiction for their lives and futures.

Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in Smolensk Region organized another preventive training session for students of Smolensk College of Law Enforcement and Justice

UNK UMVD operative told the audience about dangers of using narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, and about stages of addiction formation. The police officer focused on physical and psychological condition of young

people after they start using illegal substances. In addition, the negative consequences of smoking and alcohol abuse were discussed. The speaker noted that these individuals suffer from a number of different diseases and infections, their life expectancy is significantly reduced, and they are also prone to criminal behavior and convictions.

During the meeting young people learned about penalties that had been imposed on those who broke the law.

At the end of the event, employee of the UNK UMVD reminded students that a free life is much more interesting than drug addiction, so they should enjoy positive and useful things – sports, friendship, travel, study, creativity.

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POLICE OFFICERS IN THE REPUBLIC OF MARI EL ARE CONDUCTING PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN AND PARENTS AS PART OF THE ALL-RUSSIAN PROJECT “SCHOOL OF INFORMATION SECURITY”



Inna Aleksandrova, officer of the Cybercrime Division of MVD in the Republic of Mari El, and Olga Viktorova, special assignment inspector of OODUUPiPDN MVD in the Republic of Mari El, visited the Construction and Industrial Technical School.

Students were told in detail about common types of cyber fraud that students most often fall victim to: investments, fake ads on buying and selling platforms, fake telecom operators, fake bank employees, and others. Speakers

provided real-life examples of university and college students in Yoshkar-Ola who fell victim to fraudsters and lost their savings.

Organizers of the campaign drew particular attention to inadmissibility of transferring bank cards to third parties, as payment devices can be used by criminals to cash out stolen funds.

Project participants were shown short animated films on fraud prevention developed by the Russian MVD.

In order to prevent offenses and crimes among minors, PDN inspector Olga Viktorova told schoolchildren about their rights and obligations, the norms of administrative and criminal liability for committing illegal acts, mentioned possible ways of involving young people in illegal activities through social networks, and gave advice on how to avoid this. She also reminded them of the dangers of alcohol and tobacco use and the risks of using narcotics and psychotropic substances.

In addition, Elena Pascal, deputy head of the department and head of the UNK branch of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Republic of Mari El, and Natalya Otmakhova, head of the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Republic of Mari El, gave a talk at a school-wide parent education event called “Safe Childhood” at Secondary School No. 7 in Yoshkar-Ola.

Police officers reminded parents of minors about the penalties for storing, distributing, and selling drugs, highlighted other legal aspects of the issue, and urged participants at the parents’ meeting to be attentive to their children and set an example of healthy living.

Juvenile affairs inspector Ilmira Gilyazova also spoke with parents about preventing juvenile delinquency.

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OFFICER OF GU MVD OF RUSSIA IN KEMEROVO REGION – KUZBASS TOLD COLLEGE STUDENTS ABOUT CONSEQUENCES OF INVOLVEMENT IN ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING



During one of the lectures at the Siberian College of Service and Technology, the speaker was Major Andrei Tretyakov, senior operative officer of Drug Control Department of GU MVD of Russia in Kemerovo Region – Kuzbass. He talked to students about consequences of drug use and distribution.

Police officer spoke about the work being done by Kuzbass police officers to combat drug-related crime. He emphasized that criminals try to involve teenagers in drug trafficking schemes by promising them anonymity and impunity, and assured that such claims are false. Andrey Tretyakov cited examples of criminal cases brought against drug dealers who committed crimes

remotely, unaware of other members of the group, but nevertheless, law enforcement officers proved both the facts of drug trafficking and the criminal connections of those involved.

Officer of GU MVD of Russia in Kemerovo Region - Kuzbass added that the maximum punishment for crimes related to illegal drug trafficking is life imprisonment, and urged his interlocutors to always refuse offers of part-time work as couriers.

At the end of the conversation, Police Major Andrei Tretyakov recommended that young people lead a healthy lifestyle, channel their energy into sports, acquiring new knowledge, and developing professional skills.

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POLICE OFFICERS IN ORENBURG CONDUCTED PREVENTIVE MEASURES WITH LYCEUM STUDENTS AND SCHOOLCHILDREN



As part of legal awareness and prevention efforts, officers of MU MVD of Russia “Orenburgskoe” held meetings with students of MOAU “Lyceum No. 2” and MOAU “SOSH No. 76.” The events are aimed at improving the legal literacy of schoolchildren and fostering responsible behavior.

Lyubov Leshchenkova, Inspector for Juvenile Affairs at the Orenburg Department of Internal Affairs of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs, told schoolchildren about types of administrative and criminal liability applicable to minors. Particular attention was paid to the importance of complying with generally accepted

rules of conduct in society and traffic rules. Lyubov Leshchenkova warned about the increasing number of cases of online fraud and urged schoolchildren to be vigilant when using the Internet.

Maria Davydova, operative officer of the Drug Control Department of MU MVD Russia “Orenburgskoe”, drew attention of young Orenburg residents to the harmful effects of illegal substances on human health. She reminded them of the responsibility for crimes and offences related to illegal drug trafficking.

At the end of the event, police officers urged the children to be attentive and cautious in their daily lives, wished them success in their studies, and a happy school year.

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OFFICERS OF UNK UMVD IN SMOLENSK HELD A PREVENTIVE TALK FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS ENTITLED “DON’T LET DRUGS INTO YOUR LIFE”



Today, an officer from the Drug Control Department of UMVD Russia in the Smolensk Region held a preventive talk entitled “Don’t let drugs into your life” with 6th and 8th grade students at Secondary School No. 26 named after A.S. Pushkin in Smolensk. About 60 schoolchildren took part in the event.

Police officer told the children about the harmful effects of narcotics and psychotropic substances on human body, and also that addiction to illegal substances can develop after just one use.

During the conversation, employee of the UNK UMVD told boys and girls about the main types of offenses and crimes in the field of illegal drug trafficking and the penalties for them. Particular attention was paid to the involvement of teenagers in illegal activities via the Internet and the responsibility for writing slogans and drawing pictures promoting prohibited substances.

The speaker noted that rash actions could ruin the young people’s future lives, for example, by preventing them from obtaining employment in public service.

At the end of the conversation, the police officer answered the children’s questions and urged them not to let drugs into their lives.

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POLICE OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS IN PRIMORSKY KRAI TELL SCHOOLCHILDREN ABOUT BENEFITS OF HEALTHY LIFESTYLE



A preventive campaign called “Say No to Drugs” is being held in the Artemovsky urban district, during which officers from the Department of MVD of Russia in the city of Artem and representatives of the Public Council at the territorial body of internal affairs are visiting educational institutions.

Police officers and community leaders visited Secondary School No. 1, where more than 80 students attended an educational event.

Main goal of the meeting organizers – prevention of illegal trafficking and consumption of narcotic drugs among young people, counteracting the involvement of children and adolescents in illegal activities, forming a sustainable anti-drug worldview, promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Police officers reminded schoolchildren about negative impact of drugs on human health and the dangers of using psychotropic substances. They talked about criminal and administrative liability for drug use and distribution.

Schoolchildren were given themed leaflets and reminded of the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle and being able to say “no” to bad habits.

At the end of the event, police officers showed participants a documentary film about the dangers of drugs.

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REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

Диалог.**БОЛЕЕ ТОННЫ НАРКОТИЧЕСКИХ
ВЕЩЕСТВ СОЖГЛИ В ДУШАНБЕ**

34 kg 390 g of heroin, 214 kg 563 g of opium, 605 kg 483 g of cannabis, 272 kg 504 g of hashish and other types of drugs were destroyed by burning on 12 August. Ministry of Internal Affairs of Tajikistan reports on destruction of narcotic drugs.

It was attended by representatives of law enforcement agencies, the media, the prosecutor's office, courts, and other relevant organizations and departments.

It should be noted that in recent years, police officers have stepped up their fight against modern

methods of drug use, seizing and confiscating thousands of synthetic drug tablets from illegal circulation, the consumption of which poses a threat to human life and health.

Specifically, 216 g of amphetamine, 1 kg 971 g of methamphetamine, 1 kg 946 g of methadone, and 1 kg 127 g of alprazolam were burned.

It should be noted that destroyed narcotic substances were material evidence seized from drug trafficking groups, for which the court's decision had entered into legal force.

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**ТАДЖИКИСТАН И КИТАЙ ОБСУДИЛИ УКРЕПЛЕНИЕ ГРАНИЦЫ
РЕСПУБЛИКИ И БОРЬБУ С НАРКОТРАФИКОМ**

Tajikistan Minister of Internal Affairs Ramazon Rakhimzoda and China Minister of Public Security Wang Xiaohong discussed issues related to countering terrorism and illegal drug trafficking, as well as strengthening the republic's borders at a meeting held on the sidelines of the Global Forum on Public Security Cooperation in Lianyungang (Jiangsu Province, PRC). This was reported by the press service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Tajikistan.

“The meeting discussed issues of cooperation in strengthening the fight against terrorism, extremism, separatism, as well as the illegal trafficking of drugs and weapons, strengthening the defense capabilities of the Tajik border, and improving the material and technical base of the internal affairs agencies,” according to a statement on the ministry's website. The meeting took place in an atmosphere of mutual understanding and constructive dialogue, the Interior Ministry added.

Dushanbe and Beijing have previously signed a number of bilateral documents on cooperation in the field of security. In particular, in 2023, an agreement on joint anti-terrorism exercises between the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Tajikistan and the Ministry of Public Security (MPS) of the PRC was published in the Tajikistan Legal Information Bank. According to the document, the exercises are planned to be held at least once every two years.

In October 2021, Reuters reported that Dushanbe and Beijing had reached an agreement on China building a

base in Tajikistan on the border with Afghanistan. According to Bloomberg, the construction of the base was to be financed by the Chinese People's Liberation Army, and then transferred to the Tajik Ministry of Internal Affairs. In July 2024, the British newspaper The Daily Telegraph reported on China's construction of a military base in Tajikistan near the border with Afghanistan. The Chinese and Tajik foreign ministries denied this information, and the deputy head of the Tajik Interior Ministry also reported that no such facilities were being built.

In Astana in November 2024, the Collective Security Council of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) approved a program to strengthen the Tajik-Afghan border. The implementation of the five-year program began this year. According to the organization's Secretary General Imangali Tasmagambetov, it contains specific measures aimed at ensuring the security of the southern part of the CSTO's area of responsibility.

Tajikistan borders Afghanistan, China, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan. Most of the country's borders are land borders in high mountainous areas. Of the Central Asian countries, Tajikistan has the longest border with Afghanistan, stretching 1,344 km.

<https://biang.ru/ru/news/tadzhikistan-i-kitaj-obsudili-ukreplenie-graniczyi-respubliki-i-borbu-s-narkotrafikom.html>



TURKMENISTAN



**CADAP 7 PROGRAM: TURKMEN SPECIALISTS
LEARN ABOUT INNOVATIONS IN SPAIN**



As part of the CADAP 7 programme funded by the European Union, a Turkmen delegation is visiting Spain on a study trip from 22 to 26 September 2025. The event aims to strengthen regional cooperation in Central Asia in the fight against drugs.

Turkmen specialists, together with colleagues from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, are studying Spain’s best practices in implementing science-based strategies to reduce demand for drugs.

Over the course of five days, delegates will meet with Spanish politicians, practitioners, and healthcare specialists to learn about innovative approaches to prevention, treatment, and

rehabilitation.

The trip program includes visits to key institutions. In Madrid, delegates held meetings at the Spanish Ministry of Health, familiarized themselves with the work of the San Isidro shelter and the Madroño mobile unit.

In the Asturias region, participants visited the ACDA Addiction Treatment Center, the Proyecto Hombre Asturias program, and the Drug Addiction Treatment Unit in Oviedo. An important highlight was a visit to the Center for Intelligence on Terrorism and Organized Crime (CITCO).

This study tour serves as an important platform for sharing experiences and strengthening institutional capacity. The knowledge and practical experience gained will contribute to improving national strategies for combating psychoactive substances both in Turkmenistan and in Central Asia as a whole, developing future cooperation with European partners.

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REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN



SUBREGIONAL SEMINAR ON “RISK ANALYSIS AND SEARCH TECHNIQUES IN DRUG-RELATED OFFENCES”



Subregional seminar on “Risk Analysis and Search Techniques in Drug-Related Offences” was held in Tashkent from 23 to 25 September. This event was organized by the Regional Office for Capacity Building for the WCO Europe Region (ROCB Europe) in cooperation with CARICC and with the support of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The workshop aims to build capacity of law enforcement officers in Central Asian countries to use modern risk analysis techniques and conduct effective searches to combat drug trafficking.

The seminar brought together customs officials from Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Turkmenistan.

During the event participants discussed ways to improve their skills in identifying and assessing risks associated with drug smuggling and studied advanced methods and tactics for conducting searches in various settings (transport, hiding places). Best practices and experiences were also shared among participating countries to strengthen regional cooperation in countering drug crime.

This included a detailed presentation by CARICC staff member on new security challenges and threats related to drug trafficking via the Darknet, social media, and encrypted channels. Attendees also learned about cutting-edge software for collecting, processing, and analyzing operational data, and examples of how these tools help improve investigations, interagency coordination, and the overall effectiveness of efforts to combat drug crime.

The seminar displayed its high relevance and practical significance, and enhanced capacity of customs officials in combating drug crime in Central Asia.

<https://www.caricc.org/index.php/novosti/item/2556-o-provedenii-subregionalnogo-seminara-na-temu-analiz-riskov-i-metody-obyska-v-sfere-narkoprestupnosti>



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