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In the period from 12 to 25 February 2024, 18 events in counternarcotics were covered on the basis of information from mass media in CARICC Member States and other countries (*Azerbaijan - 2, Kazakhstan - 6, Kyrgyzstan - 3, Russia - 5, Tajikistan - 1, Turkmenistan - 1*).

Published articles reflect information on adoption of the Work Plan of the State Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and Illicit Drug Trafficking for 2024, signature of the Action Plan between the Youth Foundation of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the working group of the State Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and Illicit Drug Trafficking (*Azerbaijan*), on volunteers in combating drug crime in Akmola region, on anti-drug quiz for schoolchildren in Zhetisu, on round table on drug prevention in Kokshetau college, on integrated approach to combating drug crime in NKR, on discussion in the Ministry of Internal Affairs with representatives of the U.S. Embassy on cooperation in counter-narcotics, on the order of drug screening among schoolchildren and students (*Kazakhstan*), on preventive work with pharmacists by CNS staff in Naryn, on training session with the personnel of the Guard Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic by CNS staff, on lectures on drug crime prevention for cadets of the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic (*Kyrgyzstan*), on the campaign «For the Health and Safety of Our Children» in Kabardino-Balkaria, on summarizing results in Novosibirsk of the regional stage of the All-Russian anti-drug social advertising contest «Saving Life Together», on a working meeting at the Ministry of Internal Affairs with representatives of the embassies of Egypt, Iran, the UAE and Ethiopia, on a meeting between an officer of GU MVD of Russia in the Kemerovo region and students to talk about combating drug crimes, on a speech by the Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation on Afghan drug trafficking (*Russia*), on a meeting of the Agency Director with the UN Resident Coordinator in Tajikistan (*Tajikistan*), on support of training capacity of the Turkmenistan Customs Service by EU Programme (*Turkmenistan*).

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN



WORK PLAN OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON COMBATING DRUG ADDICTION AND ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING FOR 2024 ADOPTED

Mr. Ali Ahmedov, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Chairman of the State Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and their Precursors, in order to strengthen efforts to combat illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors and to fight drug addiction, including increasing effectiveness of anti-drug propaganda, educational activities, approved the Work Plan of the State Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs for the year 2024 and sent it for appropriate execution.

Electronic form of the said Work Plan is available in the documents section of the website.

<https://nmdk.gov.az/page/post/3142/Narkomanliga-ve-Narkotik-Vasitelerin-Qanunsuz-Dovriyyesine-Qarsi-Mubarize-uzre-Dovlet-Komissiyasinin-2024cu-ile-dair-Is-Plani-tesdiq-edilib>



ACTION PLAN SIGNED BETWEEN THE YOUTH FOUNDATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN AND WORKING GROUP OF THE STATE COMMISSION



An Action Plan was signed between the Youth Foundation of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the permanent working group of the State Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs in order to further strengthen anti-drug propaganda among youth and to systematically organize the work to be carried out during 2024.

The Action Plan includes trainings for youth organizations, educational presentations for students of higher education institutions, demonstration of educational videos to a wide audience, meetings of active youth with organizations closely cooperating in the fight against drugs, informing, organizing trainings and seminars for volunteers on the relevant topic in order to increase knowledge about drug addiction and the stages of its formation. holding public lectures and seminars for students of higher, secondary special and professional education institutions.

At the same time, the necessary educational printed publications, methodological manuals developed by the working group of the State Commission will be distributed among the participants of the upcoming trainings and seminars.

<https://nmdk.gov.az/page/post/3146/Azerbaijan-Respublikasinin-Gencler-Fondu-ile-Dovlet-Komissiyasinin-Isci-Grup-u-arasinda-tedbirler-plani-imzalanib?lang=ru>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



NUMBERS OF VOLUNTEERS TO COMBAT DRUG CRIME INCREASED IN AKMOLA REGION



On 9 February, Vitaly Gudymenko, head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of PD of Akmola region, met with Irina Katukhova, head of the public fund «Kind Heart Lider.kz» and Ekaterina Safonova, head of the volunteer center «Lider.kz» of the city of Kokshetau.

The main purpose of the meeting was to sign a memorandum of cooperation, as well as to discuss the upcoming joint work for the current year. The advantage of the work of these public organizations is that their participants are

quite mature and self-sufficient persons, including working youth, who work in various spheres of life. This means that with their help it is possible to ensure a large coverage of the population in terms of information and awareness-raising work on the problems of involvement of adolescents in the drug environment and legal consequences.

According to the signed memorandums, a working meeting with 50 volunteers of the PF «Good Heart Lider.kz» and the volunteer center «Lider.kz» is scheduled for next week, where drug police officers will conduct appropriate training.

The region's drug police regularly involve various public institutions, non-governmental organizations and volunteer movements in drug prevention. During 2023, the police were actively assisted in anti-drug propaganda by such directional organizations as the Future without Drugs Foundation and Zerdeli Urpak PF.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/chislo-dobrovol-tsev-v-bor-be-s-narkoprestupnost-yu-uvelichilos-v-akmolinskoj-oblasti/>

ANTI-DRUG QUIZ FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN HELD IN ZHETISU



Zhetisu police officers organized quizzes on anti-drug topics in schools. Zhetisu police officers, together with nongovernmental organizations and drug doctors, diluted the usual preventive activities among students of general education schools by holding intellectual quizzes.

- We regularly conduct preventive activities within the framework of the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan to combat drug addiction and drug trafficking. The main emphasis is placed on high school students,

because this is the most vulnerable part of the youth, who are going through the difficulties of the transition age, - explained officers of UPN DP.

Teenagers actively participated in the intellectual quiz, as well as compiled slogans on anti-drug themes and promotion of healthy lifestyles.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/antinarkoticheskaya-viktorina-dlya-shkol-nikov-proshla-v-zhetisu/>

ROUND TABLE ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION WAS HELD AT KOKSHETAU COLLEGE



A round table on drug abuse prevention was held for college students in Kokshetau. On 12 February, Akmola police representatives, employees of the mental health center, the regional branch of the Youth Wing «Zhastar Rukhy», as well as volunteers of the rehabilitation center «Senim» took part in the event. It was held in Kokshetau Higher College «Arna». The theme of the event was «Drug addiction - an acute problem of our time».

Saule Sarbasova, Senior Inspector of Juvenile Police Department of Kokshetau City Police Department, reminded

the students about administrative and criminal responsibility for violation of the «letter» of the law, and Raziya Kursanova, Senior Operator of the Department of Criminal Investigation of the Department of Internal Affairs of Akmola region, explained such concepts as possession, use and distribution of narcotic drugs, what is meant by it, and how not to get «accidentally» into the drug business.

Aigul Alzhanova, a psychologist, told the students about the harms and consequences of using narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. She emphasized that even a single use of them can cause addiction and as a consequence - loss of health.

Volunteers of the rehabilitation center «Senim» - Vitaly and Inna - shared about the problems faced by drug addicts. Their revelations were received with interest by the audience. A lot of questions were directed to them and then to other specialists.

Every problem always has a solution. So in the problem with drugs there is an alternative. Marzhan Muskina, deputy chairman of the Akmola regional branch of the youth wing of «Zhastar Rukhy» told the audience about it.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/kruglyj-stol-po-profilaktike-narkomanii-proshel-v-kolledzhe-kokshetau/>

A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO COMBATING DRUG CRIME IS BEING IMPLEMENTED IN THE NORTHERN KAZAKHSTAN REGION



A concert under the motto «Youth of Kazakhstan for a drug-free future» was held on 13 February in the city house of culture. It was organized not only by officers of the regional police department, but also by other interested government agencies. More than 400 students of Petropavlovsk colleges and schools became the audience.

The concert included performances by youth groups. Highlight of the program was a performance prepared by an initiative group of students from Kozybaev University. Young

talented actors showed in detail the plunge of a drug addict to the bottom of life.

Birzhan Kuserbayev, Deputy Akim of Petropavlovsk, told that the Comprehensive Plan to Combat Drug Addiction and Drug Trafficking in the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2023-2025, developed on the instructions of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kasym-Jomart Tokayev, envisages coordination of efforts to improve the mechanism of drug control, material and technical equipment of state agencies and prevention of drug addiction.

Yenbek Sembin, Deputy Head of the Department of Internal Affairs of NKR, presented letters of appreciation for their contribution to drug abuse prevention to activists - teachers and people of art.

- The number of young people in Kazakhstan involved in the drug business is growing every year. Seeking to earn easy money, yesterday's schoolchildren and students find themselves behind barbed wire for long and better years of their lives. It is important for everyone to know that drug distribution is punishable by 10 years to life imprisonment, and illegal drug advertising and propaganda - up to 6 years,» he said.

Police Colonel Sembin also spoke about the state of the fight against drug crime. By the way, the NKR police recently completed the operational and preventive measure «Zaslon». From February 5 to 9, 13 drug offenses were detected in the region, including three cases of possession in a particularly large amount and four cases of sale. More than 11 kilograms of various narcotic drugs were seized.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/kompleksnyj-podhod-k-bor-be-s-narkoprestupnost-yu-realizuyut-v-sko/>

MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS DISCUSSED COOPERATION IN COUNTERNARCOTICS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. EMBASSY



MIA and representatives of the U.S. Embassy discussed cooperation in counternarcotics sphere. The Ministry of Internal Affairs held a meeting between the leadership of the Department for Combating Drug Crime and Ms. Youliana Sadowski, Head of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Section at the U.S. Embassy to Kazakhstan.

Mr. Bakhytzhan Amirkhanov, Deputy Head of the Department, informed participants about measures taken by the Government and specialized bodies of the country to combat drug crime and drug trafficking, including its transnational forms.

The meeting discussed strengthening counter-narcotics cooperation, organization of interregional meetings, training of Kazakhstani representatives on combating synthetic drugs, including on the Internet, identification of drug laboratories and legalization of money received from drug trafficking, as well as control of precursors.

The meeting was held in an atmosphere of mutual understanding and constructive dialog.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/v-mvd-s-predstavatelyami-posol-stva-ssha-obsudili-sotrudnichestvo-v-antinarkoticheskoy-sfere/>

DRUG SCREENING OF SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS



Kazakhstan is considering two options for drug screening among schoolchildren and students.

Gulmira Sadvakasova, head of the Information and Analytical Monitoring Center of the «Republican Scientific and Practical Center for Mental Health» of the Ministry of Health, noted that the main option under consideration is psychological testing.

«World statistics and practice show that screening using psychological tests is the most effective. Validated questionnaires in principle can show

whether a teenager has such risks,» said Gulmira Sadvakasova.

According to her, the option of biological drug testing is also being considered. This item was included in the comprehensive plan to combat drug addiction and drug trafficking for 2023-2025.

«More than 10 years ago, parents were against taking biological tests from schoolchildren and students. Today, parents are ready, because the earlier it is detected, the faster the treatment process will go. Today we are working on the issue of biological tests together with the Ministry of Health,» added Bakhytzhan Amirkhanov, Acting Head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

In September 2023, the Ministry of Internal Affairs first announced plans to introduce drug screening for schoolchildren. However, at the same time they assured that there would be no forced screening of schoolchildren.

<https://www.zakon.kz/obshestvo/6425000-kak-budut-provodit-skrining-na-narkotiki-sredi-shkolnikov-i-studentov.html>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC



CNS OFFICERS CONDUCTED PREVENTIVE WORK WITH PHARMACISTS IN NARYN



Officers of CNS MIA KR conducted explanatory work with pharmacists of local pharmacy outlets, as well as with representatives of Family Medicine Centers in Naryn city and Kochkor district.

The goal of the event is to inform employees of pharmacy chains about the sale of potent drugs only with a doctor's prescription, as well as to prevent the spread of «pharmacy addiction» and its harm among young people.

Special attention is paid to pharmacies located near schools. In accordance with the order of the Ministry of Health, the sale of potent medicines should be made only in the presence of a

doctor's prescription.

More than 20 pharmacies in Naryn region were briefed at the Naryn Regional Department of Internal Affairs. Pharmacists were warned about responsibility for violation of legislation.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/2852>



MIA. CNS OFFICERS CONDUCTED TRAINING SESSIONS FOR THE PERSONNEL OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY'S GUARD SERVICE



Officers of the Counter Narcotics Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs conducted training sessions for the personnel of the Main Department of the State Specialized Guard Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs on the topic: «Prevention of drug use in the Kyrgyz Republic».

The purpose of the lecture is to increase the knowledge of police officers in this area, the importance of preventive work.

In the course of the training, the officers touched upon issues related to drug trafficking offenses, the role of internal affairs bodies in preventive

activities in accordance with the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic «On the Basics of Prevention of Offenses».

Topics of addiction to drugs, which negatively affect all spheres of life of mankind, were also touched upon.

CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs noted that it provides ongoing advisory and methodological assistance in the area of drug trafficking.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/2861>



CNS OF MIA CONDUCT LECTURES ON DRUG CRIME PREVENTION FOR CADETS OF THE ACADEMY OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC



On 12 February 2024, as part of the implementation of the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic «On the Fundamentals of Crime Prevention», on the initiative of CNS MIA KR, deputy head of the CNS in Bishkek, Akylbek Joorbaev, delivered a lecture to the cadets of the 2nd and 3rd year of the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic named after Major General of Police Ergesh Aliyev on the theme: «Fundamentals of drug security of modern society».

This lecture aimed at improving the knowledge of police cadets in the fight against illicit trafficking of drugs, psychotropic substances, their analogs and potent medicines - as the improvement of

professional skills and abilities, taking into account the changing drug situation in the world.

The lecture to the cadets was conducted with the use of interactive teaching methods. At the end of the lecture, the cadets were rewarded with valuable gifts and the most active received a training manual of Lieutenant General of Police Bolotbek Nogoibaev. In turn, the leadership of the Academy thanked the cadets for the knowledge gained, and the officer of the SBNON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic wished the cadets success in their studies and good luck in their professional journey.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/2858>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION



MORE THAN 3000 STUDENTS AND SCHOOLCHILDREN OF KABARDINO-BALKARIA ATTENDED EVENTS HELD AS PART OF THE CAMPAIGN «FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN»



Activities within the framework of the anti-drug campaign «For the health and safety of our children» continue in educational institutions of the Republic.

Preventive talks were held in eight more schools in Nalchik. Employees of the Drug Control Department of MVD of the KBR and the juvenile affairs departments of the Department of Internal Affairs of Russia in Nalchik, together with representatives of interested agencies and clergy, gave a lecture to students on the topic of healthy lifestyles, negative attitudes towards narcotic drugs and psychotropic medications, and the dangers of alcoholism and tobacco smoking.

Inspectors of the Youth Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Nalchik reminded the children about the inadmissibility of committing offenses and involving them in illegal activities.

Khyzir Misirov and Aslan Gedgagov, deputy chairmen of the Spiritual Administration of Muslims, Angela Amshukova, assistant to the chairman of the DUM, Irina Artunova, representative of the Orthodox Church of Kabardino-Balkaria, and Vladimir Abanokov, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Kabardino-Balkarian Republican Branch of the public organization «Combat Brotherhood» addressed the audience. The action was attended by artists of the republic and prominent athletes and coaches. They urged teenagers to lead a healthy lifestyle, be active, engage in sports and creativity.

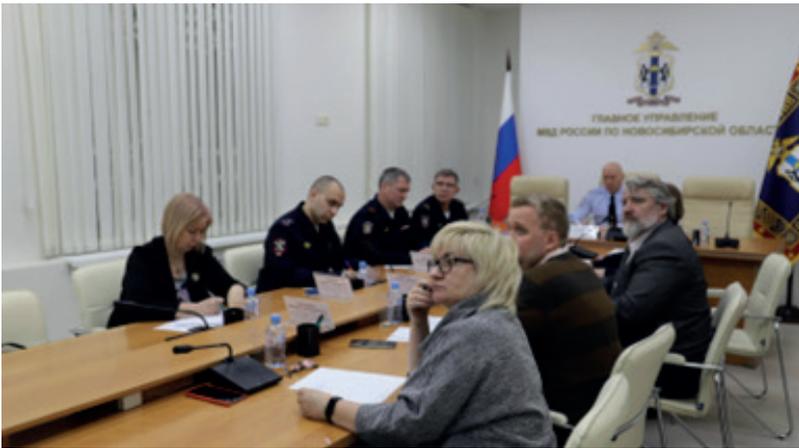
As a sign of support for the action, high school students and guests took photos with the hashtag «No to Drugs!».

Since 18 January 2024 within the framework of the action «For the Health and Safety of Our Children» police officers of Kabardino-Balkaria together with the concerned agencies have conducted preventive activities in more than 50 educational institutions of the republic, lectures were attended by more than 3000 students and schoolchildren. The campaign is going on.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--plai/news/item/47160666>



RESULTS OF THE REGIONAL STAGE OF THE ALL-RUSSIAN ANTI-DRUG SOCIAL ADVERTISING CONTEST «LET'S SAVE LIFE TOGETHER» SUMMARIZED IN NOVOSIBIRSK



The Novosibirsk Region Chief Directorate of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs held a meeting of the selection committee to evaluate the entries received by the Drug Control Department of the Novosibirsk Region Chief Directorate of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs for participation in the regional stage of the All-Russian contest of anti-drug social advertising and healthy lifestyle promotion «Saving Life Together». The contest received 126 entries, of which 34 were pre-selected for the regional

stage of the contest.

Students from schools, colleges and children's centers in Novosibirsk and the Novosibirsk Region were very active. Collectives and non-profit organizations working in the field of drug abuse prevention also submitted their works for the contest.

The work of the selection committee was attended by heads of departments of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Novosibirsk region, representatives of municipal and educational institutions, as well as members of the Public Council of the Ministry of Internal Affairs - chairman of the Association of Patriotic Organizations of the Novosibirsk region «Patriot» Dmitry Semenov and head of the department of organizational, methodological and preventive work «Center for reproductive health of adolescents «Juventus» Andrey Funtikov.

The selection committee was chaired by Lieutenant General Andrei Kulkov, Head of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Novosibirsk Region. The head of the regional police department expressed confidence that the materials selected based on the results of the commission's work will make a significant contribution to the activities of internal affairs bodies in the fight against the illegal distribution of drugs.

Andrey Vladimirovich urged members of the commission to be attentive, objective when evaluating the submitted materials and, wishing the commission productive results, instructed to proceed to work.

Upon the results of the commission's vote:

- in the nomination «Best layout of outdoor social advertising aimed at reducing the demand for drugs» the 1st place was won by the layout «Drug power - the path to death», provided by Victoria Gottfrid, head of the project «Your Lawyer» of the Novosibirsk regional branch of the interregional public organization «Young Deputies»;
- in the nomination «The Best Anti-Drug and Healthy Lifestyle Promotion Video» the winner was the work «Trajectory of Life» submitted by Anastasia Sadovskaya, administrator of the Association of Rehabilitation Centers of Novosibirsk «Forum»;
- in the nomination «The best anti-drug video for social media» 1st place was awarded to the video «Say NO to Drugs» created by Vera Yurochkina, an 11th grade student of the Borisoglebskaya Secondary School of the Ubinsky District of Novosibirsk Region. Ubinsky District, Novosibirsk Region.

The best works will be sent to GUNK MVD of Russia for participation in federal stage of the contest.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--plai/news/item/47334376>



THE RUSSIAN MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS HELD A WORKING MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EMBASSIES OF EGYPT, IRAN, UAE AND ETHIOPIA AS NEW BRICS MEMBER COUNTRIES



In the year of the Russian Federation's BRICS chairmanship, the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs held a working meeting of the Ministry's employees with representatives of the embassies of Egypt, Iran, the UAE and Ethiopia as new BRICS member countries.

The event touched upon the activities of the BRICS Anti-Drug Working Group, as well as opportunities for the development of

multilateral cooperation in combating the drug threat. In addition, representatives of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs invited the partners to participate in the 7th meeting of the BRICS ARG, which is scheduled for May 2024 in Moscow.

At the end of the meeting, the participants expressed hope that with the expansion of the BRICS grouping, a new positive impetus will be given to the work aimed at addressing the global problem of drug trafficking.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--plai/news/item/47344194>



OFFICER OF GU MVD OF RUSSIA FOR THE KEMEROVO REGION - KUZBASS TOLD STUDENTS ABOUT POLICE EFFORTS TO COMBAT DRUG CRIMES



Major Andrei Tretyakov, a senior operative of the Drug Control Department of the Russian Interior Ministry's Directorate for Kemerovo Region - Kuzbass, met with students of a technical school. The topic of the lecture, at which the police officer was the speaker, was the Kuzbass police's fight against drug addiction and drug trafficking.

Andrey Tretyakov explained to the students negative legal consequences for crimes and offenses related to drug trafficking. In addition, he emphasized to the audience the negative consequences for human health and physical condition that result from the use of narcotic drugs.

The policeman spoke about the measures taken by the Kuzbass police to suppress and solve drug crimes, and gave examples of successful special operations to arrest drug traffickers. He emphasized that criminals are increasingly trying to involve young people in the work of drug couriers, and warned students against participating in such activities. The criminals promise impunity and anonymity, which are imaginary - all participants in drug trafficking are identified and prosecuted by the police, and the maximum penalty for such crimes is life imprisonment.

UNK officer spoke about the activities of cyber-squads, which help internal affairs officers to identify and block drug-related content on the Internet, and invited students to take part in such work.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--plai/news/item/47351508>

PATRUSHEV: SYNTHETIC DRUGS ARE STARTING TO DOMINATE AFGHAN DRUG TRAFFICKING



Shipments of drugs originating in Afghanistan along traditional routes through Central Asian countries have not abated. At the same time, the ratio of seized drug types is changing, with methamphetamine beginning to play an increasingly significant role. Nikolai Patrushev, Secretary of the Russian Security Council, said on Friday in Bishkek during the annual meeting on Afghanistan.

«According to our estimates, in the short term we should expect smuggled shipments of opium-group narcotics from stocks accumulated by criminal groups in previous years,» he warned colleagues from states bordering Afghanistan.

The Secretary of the Russian Security Council emphasized that in this regard the work to identify such shipments and places of their possible storage is of particular importance.

<https://rg.ru/2024/02/16/patrushev-v-afganskom-narkotrafike-nachinaiut-preobladat-sinteticheskie-narkotiki.html>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN



MEETING OF THE AGENCY DIRECTOR WITH THE UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR IN TAJIKISTAN



Major General Zafar Samad, Director of the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, met with Kavilmadam Ramaswami Parvathy, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Tajikistan on 13 February 2024.

After introductions, the Director of the Agency informed the guests about drug situation in Tajikistan and the region, about activities of law enforcement agencies of the republic in the field of combating illicit drug trafficking and drug abuse prevention. He also made proposals on strengthening the fight against drug trafficking and drug abuse prevention in the Republic of Tajikistan.

During the meeting parties expressed their concern about increasing and growing trend of synthetic drugs in recent years. Mrs. Kavilmadam Ramaswami expressed gratitude for trustful interactions and highlighted the important role of the Republic of Tajikistan in combating drug trafficking in the region.

In conclusion, parties expressed their willingness to further develop cooperation in the field of drug control and drug abuse prevention.

<https://akn.tj/ru/2024/02/13/vokhurii-directors-agenti-bo-gamohangsozi-doimii-smm-dar-tojikiston/>

TURKMENISTAN



EU PROGRAMME SUPPORTS TRAINING CAPACITY OF THE CUSTOMS SERVICE OF TURKMENISTAN BY PROVIDING SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT



On 21 February, specialized training and ICT equipment worth 9 620.94 euros was handed over to the Training Center of the State Customs Service of Turkmenistan as part of the implementation of the BOMCA 10 Programme.

Special equipment compliant with the latest technical solutions for inspection of cars and trucks will be used during practical exercises at the training center and will strengthen the skills and competencies of customs officers to conduct effective inspections at border posts to detect illegally transported goods, weapons, drugs and other prohibited items.

In addition, BOMCA 10 provided a set of training equipment - interactive whiteboard, projectors, screens and tablets - for use in the training process, as well as for distance learning activities.

Note that these assets were acquired under Component 3 of the BOMCA 10 Program «Facilitation of Licit Trade Flows Across Borders» with the specific objective of strengthening the capacity of customs, veterinary and phytosanitary training institutions.

<https://www.bomca-eu.org/ru/news/bomka-10-podderzivaet-ucebnyj-potencial-tamozennoj-sluzby-turkmenistana-predostaviv-specializirovannoe-oborudovanie>



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