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In the period from 16 to 30 April 2025, 22 events in counternarcotics field were covered by mass media in CARICC member states and other countries (*Kazakhstan - 9, Kyrgyzstan - 2, Russia - 8, Tajikistan - 2, Turkmenistan - 1*).

Published articles reflect information on preventive measures carried out by police officers (*Kazakhstan*), on preventive measures carried out by police officers (*Kyrgyzstan*), on preventive measures taken by police officers (*Russia*), on discussion of objectives of the National Strategy in Tajikistan, on eradication of seized drugs (*Tajikistan*), on cooperation between Turkmenistan and UNODC on drug control (*Turkmenistan*).



REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



MVD: RURAL SCHOOLCHILDREN TOLD ABOUT THE HARM OF DRUGS AT AN INTERACTIVE LECTURE



A training seminar for regional councils on prevention of drug offenses was held in Zhibek Zholy village of Arshaly district, Akmola region.

The event was held in a hybrid format - with participation of representatives of the region and connection via zoom platform, which allowed to bring together specialists from different parts of the country. Speakers included leading drug addicts and experts in the field of prevention.

During the seminar participants discussed current changes in the structure of drug use. Special attention was paid to alarming trend of shifting the

vector of use towards synthetic stimulants.

The program of the event included not only lectures and discussions, but also practical recommendations aimed at strengthening the capacity of regional councils in prevention work.

Also, as part of the field program, an interactive lecture was held for students of 10-11 classes of one of the schools of Arshala district. The event was attended by about 70 schoolchildren, as well as representatives of the court, prosecutor's office, youth policy department and police department of Akmola region.

Students were told about the harms of drugs, importance of making a conscious choice, and also demonstrated practical ways of refusing in risky situations. The lecture was held in a lively and accessible format, arousing sincere interest among teenagers.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/mvd-sel-skim-shkol-nikam-rasskazali-o-vrede-narkotikov-na-interaktivnoj-lektsii/>



“NO TO DRUGS»: ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE AT FINISH LINE OF ALMATY MARATHON - 2025



Anti-drug message at the finish line of “Almaty Marathon - 2025”.

The “Almaty Marathon - 2025”, a large-scale sporting event that united thousands of participants who chose an active and healthy lifestyle, took place in Almaty. As part of the marathon, the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Almaty City DP decorated a themed corner at the finish line with the slogan “No to Drugs”. This bright anti-drug highlight became an integral part of the general atmosphere of the marathon.

Participants enthusiastically took pictures at the booth, thus confirming their civic position and support for the ideas of sobriety, health and safety. Such initiatives form a stable anti-drug immunity in society, especially among young people.

An example of personal choice in favor of sports and refusal of addictions is a powerful tool for prevention and education of younger generation.

Almaty Police will continue to develop such preventive formats, joining forces with the public to build a safe, informed future.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/net-narkotikam-antinarkoticheskij-posyl-na-finishe-almaty-marathon-2025/>



OVER A THOUSAND YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK PART IN AN ANTI-DRUG PROJECT



Opening ceremony of “J LEAGUE” project under the motto “Sport against drugs” was held in the Palace of Sports “Zhastar” in Taldykorgan.

For the first time held in Zhetysu region, the event is aimed at popularizing a healthy lifestyle among teenagers, forming a sustainable interest in sports and preventing bad habits, including drug addiction.

More than 1,200 young men and women participated in the action. Zhasulan

Baikenov, deputy head of the Police Department of Zhetysu region, made a welcoming speech at the ceremony. He emphasized devastating impact of drugs on destinies of young people and urged participants to make a choice in favor of sports and an active, healthy life.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/svyshe-tysyachi-molodyh-lyudej-prinyali-uchastie-v-antinarkoticheskom-proekte/>



An anti-drug lecture held for students in Karaganda.

A large-scale awareness-raising lecture aimed at preventing drug addiction and drug crime among minors was held in the Molodezhny Culture Center as part of the declared “Year of Prevention” and the republican operational and preventive measure “Teenager”. It was organized by inspectors of juvenile police of Kirov OP together with Olga Melnikova, senior operative officer of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Karaganda City Police Department.

During the event participants received detailed information about devastating consequences

of the use of narcotic and psychoactive substances. Video clips and presentations demonstrating physiological and psychological effects of drugs on the body were used for visualization purposes.

Special attention was paid to distribution methods of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. Young people were explained the course of action in case they witnessed illegal actions related to drug trafficking. Criminal liability under Articles 296, 297 and 299-1 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan was covered in detail.

Provisions of the criminal, criminal procedure and administrative codes relating to prevention of juvenile delinquency were explained in an accessible manner.

506 students from nine schools and Karaganda Agrotechnical College took part in the preventive event.

The lecture aroused keen interest among the audience, which indicates high importance of the work being done to form an anti-drug worldview among young people.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/antinarkoticheskuyu-lektsiyu-proveli-dlya-uchashhihsya-karagandy/>

ANTI-DRUG SPORTS COMPETITIONS HELD IN KYZYLORDA



Contests on Kazakh national sports were held in Kyzylorda among patients of mental health center under anti-drug program.

Department for Combating Drug Crime of DP of Kyzylorda region organized an annual anti-drug sports event among the patients of the Kyzylorda Regional Mental Health Center.

The event included competitions in Kazakh national sports such as “asyk atu”, “arkan tartu”, “batpan koteru”, “langi”, “kol kures”, “buka tartys”. Patients of five departments of the center took

part in the competitions, and they proved themselves worthy.

Department for Combating Drug Crime marked 10 best athletes, who were awarded diplomas and prizes.

Participants expressed gratitude for joint organization of the event to police officers and medics.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/sportivnye-sostyazaniya-na-antinarkoticheskuyu-tematiku-proshli-v-kyzylorde/>

PREVENTION COUNCIL HELD A MEETING WITH STUDENTS OF ZHETYSU REGION



An anti-drug meeting was held at Koksu Agricultural College.

Council for Prevention of Drug Abuse of Zhetysu region organized a field meeting with students of Koksu Agricultural College within the framework of the republican action “Taza Kazakstan”. The theme of the event was: “Clean city - clean consciousness. My city without drugs!”

Main goal of the meeting is to form a sustainable rejection of drugs among young people,

increase legal literacy and motivate to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Speaking to students, head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the DP of Zhetysu region and deputy chairman of the Council explained legal consequences of the use and distribution of narcotic substances, and spoke about harm of drugs to physical and mental health.

Psychologist of the NGO “Kos kanat Zhetisu”, a member of the council, conducted an interactive session entitled “Protect values of life”. In the format of live communication students saw how easy it is to lose health, dreams and loved ones by starting the path of addiction.

Champions in hand-to-hand combat and karate, who spoke as part of the Friendly Mentoring initiative, became a genuine inspiration for participants. Athletes shared stories of their journey, showing by their own example that sport and discipline help to overcome difficulties and achieve big goals.

The meeting, which gathered 250 students, ended with a lively dialog: participants actively asked questions, shared their impressions and discussed what they had heard.

Such events play an important role in education of informed and responsible young people capable of making a conscious choice in favor of health, development and active life position.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/soviet-po-profilaktike-provel-vstrechu-so-studentami-oblasti-zhetysu/>



POLICE OFFICERS THANKED STUDENTS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO DRUG CRIME PREVENTION IN SKO



Police officers in SKO rewarded students for their help in filming an anti-drug movie.

Police officers in the North Kazakhstan region expressed gratitude to students who took part in creation of an anti-drug documentary film.

Since the beginning of the year, three college students have been convicted of selling drugs in the region. In this relation, police officers have intensified preventive work among young people. One of such events was a meeting with students of the North Kazakhstan Higher Professional

and Pedagogical College, organized as part of the republican campaign “Teenager”.

Special attention at the meeting was paid to the shooting of the documentary film “Закладчики. Расплата”, initiated by the Department for Combating Drug Crime of DP SKO. Students themselves took part in the movie - they became not only performers of roles, but also active participants of educational work. Teenagers and college administration were awarded letters of appreciation and memorable gifts for their contribution to the movie creation.

The event was joined by representatives of the Prosecutor’s Office and Rufiya Mustafina, a member of the Council for the Prevention of Drug Crime, blogger and journalist. In their speeches participants emphasized importance of making an informed choice, urging young people not to connect their lives with drugs and not to destroy their own future.

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POLICE OFFICERS HELD A SOCCER MATCH AGAINST DRUG ADDICTION IN TARAZ



Police officers held a soccer match in support of healthy lifestyle in Taraz.

Zhambyl Region Police Department systematically conducts activities to increase young people's interest in physical activity by offering them group sports that develop agility and flexibility.

To maintain positive and healthy alternatives in combating drug addiction, law enforcement officers themselves organize various sports competitions.

Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime in Taraz organized a soccer tournament at the Pushkin multipurpose gymnasium No. 41.

City's Youth Resource Center, the Personal Transformation Center "Zhenis" also took part in organizing the event.

- "Football was chosen as a symbol of strength, endurance and team spirit. This game not only fosters discipline and responsibility, but also helps young people find their vocation by choosing an active lifestyle," said Askar Dzhumabekov, acting head of UPN DP.

Winners were awarded cups and medals, letters of appreciation. Winners in the nominations "Best Goalkeeper", "Best Defender", "Best Midfielder", "Best Forward", "Best Player of the Tournament" were also marked.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-proveli-futbol-nyj-match-protiv-narkomanii-v-taraze/>

ANTI-DRUG FORUM ORGANIZED BY POLICE FOR STUDENTS IN AKMOLA REGION



Humanitarian-Technical College of Kokshetau hosted an anti-drug forum organized in the context of prevention of drug offenses and promotion of healthy lifestyles among young people.

The event was attended by students of the educational institution, and guest speakers - experts in the field of countering drug crime, mental health and preventive work with adolescents.

Mr. Duman Sabirzhanov, head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime, gave a presentation on current situation in the region. He explained in detail consequences of involvement in drug trafficking to young people, and also spoke about measures taken to tackle this type of crime.

Aigul Alzhanova, psychologist of the Center for Mental Health, in her speech touched upon the topic of addiction development, its psychological aspects and methods of prevention.

The meeting ended with a demonstration of the work of a dog handler to detect illegal substances. The

demonstration aroused keen interest among students and emphasized importance of operational policing in ensuring public security.

The Forum became part of a systematic prevention work aimed at forming a sustainable rejection of drugs in the younger generation, raising the level of legal literacy and developing a responsible attitude towards their health and future.

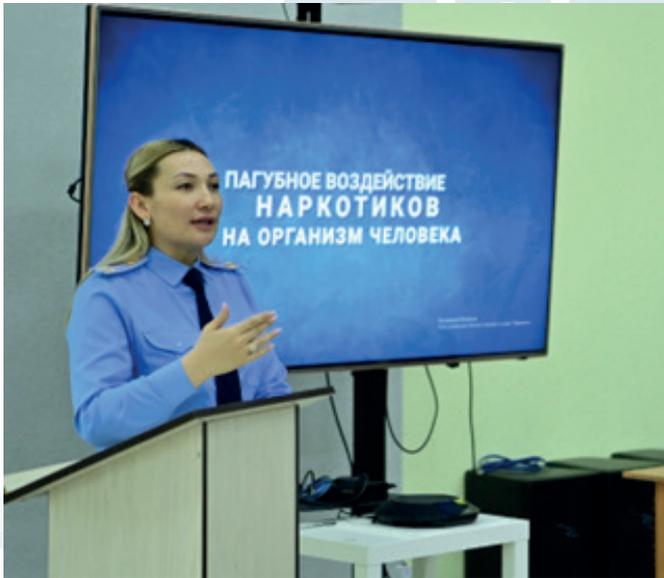
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KYRGYZ REPUBLIC



OFFICERS OF SBNON MVD KR CARRIED OUT PREVENTIVE EVENTS FOR STUDENTS OF KNU AND KRSU



The Counter Narcotics Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic organized preventive activities for students of the Kyrgyz National University named after Jusup Balasagyn and the Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University.

The events were aimed at informing young people about risks associated with the use and distribution of narcotic drugs, improving legal culture and developing responsible attitudes towards personal and public safety issues.

As part of the meetings, SBNON MVD KR gave lectures to students on harm of drugs, legal consequences of their use and distribution, and measures to prevent drug use among young people.

Special attention was paid to demonstration of capacities of canine service of MVD. Service search dogs demonstrated skills in detecting narcotic substances in various concealed areas and apprehending suspects. This clearly demonstrated efficiency of the use of cynological units in combating drug-related crime.

Higher education institutions' management expressed gratitude to MVD officers for the events, noting their importance in shaping students' awareness of drug security and law and order.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/4238>



MVD OFFICERS CONDUCTED PREVENTIVE ACTIVITIES IN BISHKEK SCHOOLS



Officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic conducted preventive measures in general education schools No. 37, No. 39 and No. 56 in Bishkek.

The main purpose of the events was to prevent juvenile delinquency, as well as to form a responsible attitude towards personal and public safety among schoolchildren.

During meetings with high school students police officers discussed topics related to prevention of violence, use and distribution of narcotic substances, and legal responsibility for committing unlawful acts.

Special attention was paid to development of legal culture and raising awareness of young people about the possible risks and consequences of unlawful behavior.

Video materials were shown for illustration, after which students asked questions and received answers. Active participants of the event were rewarded with memorable gifts.

Preventive activities are carried out in pursuance of the order of MVD “On assignment of senior staff of internal affairs bodies of the Kyrgyz Republic to general educational institutions”. Organizers emphasize importance of such meetings for building sustainable skills of law-abiding behavior in youth and increasing public safety level.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/4244>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION



AS PART OF THE “DECADE OF LEGAL KNOWLEDGE”, TRAFFIC POLICEMEN, REPRESENTATIVES OF UNK UMVD OF RUSSIA IN LIPETSK REGION AND VOLUNTEERS REMINDED CHILDREN ABOUT IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY LIFESTYLE



A regional road safety festival “Walk by the Rules” was held in the Bykhanov Garden Park in Lipetsk. Sergei Bundesov, a member of the Public Council of UMVD of Russia in the Lipetsk region, organized a set of competitions for twelve teams of high school and college students from the region.

The game consisted of puzzles, tasks on the theme of combating harmful effects of drugs on human life, tests on knowledge of traffic rules and a master class on driving an electric scooter.

Car inspectors assessed the theoretical knowledge of the players, including the rules of driving on SIMs, which teenagers are increasingly choosing as a means of transportation.

Anyone could try themselves as an electric scooter driver. After a briefing and remembering the basic rules of movement, they passed a special obstacle course. After that, the traffic police helped them to analyze the mistakes made in driving a two-wheeled vehicle in order to avoid accidents in the future.

Young people were able to test the work of special training glasses “Fatal Vision”. The device allows simulating the state of intoxication.

Those who try on the glasses immediately experience significant difficulties with coordination and movement. Such an experiment helps children to realize the dangers of drunk driving.

Together with police major Dina Zheleznaya, a senior operative of UNK UMVD of Russia in Lipetsk region, participants found out how to resist drug addiction, and why it is worth making a choice in favor of a healthy lifestyle.

Police officer reminded that addiction to illegal substances can lead teenagers to irreparable health problems, and participation in criminal schemes related to sale of drugs, threatens with criminal liability.

Preventive activities that help schoolchildren and students understand the law and road safety are implemented by police officers on a regular basis.

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OFFICERS OF UMVD OF RUSSIA IN SMOLENSK REGION ORGANIZED A LEGAL LESSON FOR LYCEUM STUDENTS AS PART OF THE “STAY FIT» CAMPAIGN



Today officers of UMVD visited the “Multidisciplinary Lyceum” in Smolensk. The police officers organized a legal lesson, which was attended by about 60 students of 7th and 8th grades.

At the beginning of the meeting children were shown a video about enrollment and education in departmental universities of the Russian MVD system.

After that, a representative of the Department for Work with Personnel of UMVD explained what tasks police officers face, how their working life goes, and what units exist. Students learned about procedure and conditions for recruitment and enrollment in

departmental universities, and about target directions. In addition, students were given information leaflets with numbers of personnel departments.

Then children were offered an opportunity to talk to an officer of the Drug Control Department of UMVD and learn about work of this department. The officer paid special attention to legal issues and reminded about responsibility for committing unlawful acts in the sphere of illegal drug trafficking, about involving teenagers in criminal activities via the Internet.

Officer of UNK UMVD discussed with teenagers ways to give up addictions and reasons that encourage young people to try drugs for the first time.

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ON THE EVE OF THE SERVICE’S ANNIVERSARY IN NORTH OSSETIA, A PDN INSPECTOR HELD A PREVENTIVE EVENT TO PREVENT YOUNG PEOPLE FROM GETTING INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES



On the eve of the 90th anniversary of the establishment of the juvenile affairs service, Sofia Samova, an inspector of the juvenile affairs department of the Pravoberezhny District Police Department, held a preventive conversation with senior students of School No. 8 in Beslan. The important conversation was devoted to prevention of the use and distribution of psychotropic and narcotic substances, as well as criminal and administrative responsibility for unlawful actions.

The officer informed schoolchildren about consequences associated with drug use. She noted that young people are at risk, as it is during adolescence that many start experimenting with

illegal substances. Drug use can lead to serious consequences: deterioration of health, problems with the law, loss of trust from parents and friends.

During the conversation, the PDN inspector emphasized that even a one-time use can be the beginning of a

long and painful path to addiction. She also reminded about consequences of drug distribution, which include criminal liability and penalties.

Summarizing results, the law enforcement officer urged students to spend more time on hobbies and interests that help to cope with negative thoughts, as well as to inform their relatives and teachers about the facts of distribution or use of illegal substances by minors. This is the way to salvation!

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POLICE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF PUBLIC IN NOVOSIBIRSK REGION TAKE PART IN SPIRITUAL AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN “MEMORY TRAIN ‘FOR THE SPIRITUAL REVIVAL OF RUSSIA’”



From 21 to 30 April 2025 the Novosibirsk region is hosting a spiritual and educational social and charitable campaign “Memory Train ‘For the Spiritual Revival of Russia’”, dedicated to the 80th anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War, as part of the Year of the Defender of the Fatherland.

Within the framework of the campaign, officers of subdivisions of GU MVD of Russia in the Novosibirsk region, district police departments and members of the Public Council will conduct preventive activities with students of educational organizations in 18 districts of the region, aimed at preventing teenagers and young people from committing crimes and administrative offenses in

the sphere of illegal drug trafficking, information and telecommunication technologies and droppers’ activities.

The campaign was held on 21 April 2025 in the territory of the Toguchinsky district of the Novosibirsk region.

Officers of the Drug Control Department of GU together with a member of the Public Council, candidate of medical sciences, associate professor, chief freelance specialist of the Ministry of Health of the Novosibirsk region on hygiene of children and adolescents and school medicine Andrey Funtikov held a preventive anti-drug event for students of secondary schools in Toguchin on the topic: “Prevention of bad habits. Drug addiction. Responsibility for the distribution and use of narcotic drugs”.

Within the medical block Andrey Funtikov explained to students the concept and types of addictions, paid attention to the etymology and causes of drug addiction, provided information about the formation of mental and physical addiction from the medical point of view, noted the risk factors and the impact on internal organs of psychoactive substances, and also emphasized that the concept of “easy” drugs does not exist.

Within the framework of the legal block, Police Major Lilia Plutenko informed the teenagers about the age of administrative and criminal responsibility established by the legislation of the Russian Federation for committing unlawful acts, about the responsibility for possession, distribution, use and propaganda of drugs, about the types of punishments imposed on minors who have committed violations of the law.

Also, during the events, videos were shown that warn about the ways of involvement in drug trafficking via the Internet, reveal the basics of safe online behavior, and explain that a word or image posted on their pages in social networks, containing propaganda and advertising of illegal substances, can lead to liability.

The meeting was continued by officers of the Department for Combating Illegal Use of Information and

Communication Technologies and the Criminal Investigation Department of the Directorate General, who spoke to the audience about cybercrimes.

Police Major Ildar Sultanov spoke about modern threats on the Internet, about such crimes as fraud and phishing, about methods and ways to deceive gullible citizens in a telephone conversation, about current opportunities for protection from digital threats, explained how to protect themselves and their loved ones and not to fall for the tricks of fraudsters. Senior Police Lieutenant Yulia Telegina explained the concepts of “dropping” and “dropperism”, provided information about the types of involvement in criminal activities of teenagers, risks and consequences for illegal actions, warned against participation in fraud with bank cards, transfer of personal data and account details to third parties, reminded about criminal liability for crimes in the field of financial and IT-fraud.

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POLICE OFFICERS AND FINANCIAL ORGANIZATION EMPLOYEES IN THE REPUBLIC OF MARI EL CONTINUE PREVENTIVE TALKS WITH STUDENTS AND SCHOOLCHILDREN IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS



Awareness raising talks were held with staff and students of the Yoshkar-Ola Construction College, Service Technologies, Trade and Technology College and Lyceum No. 11 named after T. I. Aleksandrova.

Speakers of the events were Stanislav Mamaev, deputy head of the Fraud Detection Department of UUR MVD in the Republic of Mari El, and Pavel Kondratyuk, an officer of the Cybercrime Department. Marina Karpova, a representative of the security department of Sberbank’s Mari El branch, also joined the financial literacy project.

Police officers informed the audience about the most common types of deception and about the damages since the beginning of 2025, which is more than 130 million rubles.

Speakers paid special attention to the involvement of minors in illegal courier activities. Remote scammers involve teenagers in deceptions, convincing them to steal pensioners’ money and then transfer it to the bank accounts of criminals. They also try to involve them in illegal schemes, where bank cards (drop cards) are issued to droppers, through which phone scammers transfer and then cash out funds stolen from other bank cards. Next, money is credited to another “plastic” or converted into cryptocurrency via special services. This can be done either by droppers themselves or by their “masters”. Sometimes such “transfers” are used in disguise, but, as a rule, they receive payment for their “work”.

Criminals have also started contacting teenagers on social networks, messengers and online game chat rooms to persuade them to rent out their accounts or SIM cards. Children are offered rewards for doing so.

Scammers need new accounts to make calls in messengers, as the criminals’ accounts are quickly blocked. “They convince that renting an account or SIM card is a legitimate way to make money. But they keep silent that the owner of the profile becomes an unwitting participant in a fraudulent scheme and can be punished up

to imprisonment,” - said the law enforcer.

In addition, the talk was aimed at explaining negative consequences of drug use and the existing liability for involvement in drug trafficking. Police officers told students in detail about legal liability for certain crimes and offenses in the area of drug trafficking.

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HEAD OF GUOOOP MVD OF RUSSIA SPOKE AT THE GENERAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AT INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEETING ON PREVENTION OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY



The event was chaired by Anatoly Razinkin, first deputy prosecutor general of the Russian Federation, first class state counselor of justice. Heads of law enforcement agencies and other relevant departments discussed activities to prevent crimes against the person, drug trafficking and public order offenses committed by minors.

The meeting was attended by first deputy minister of education of the Russian Federation Alexander Bugaev, deputy minister of science and higher education of the Russian Federation Konstantin Mogilevsky, head of the department of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation Evgenia Minaeva, responsible officials of the Federal Security Service of Russia, Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia, Ministry of Labor of Russia and Rosgvardia. The Russian Ministry

of Internal Affairs was represented by head of the Directorate General for Public Order Protection and Coordination of Interaction with Executive Authorities of the Russian Federation, police major-general Lenar Gabdurakhmanov, and first deputy head of the Directorate General for Drug Control, police major-general Kirill Smurov.

In his speech, Lenar Gabdurakhmanov presented the main trends and causes of juvenile delinquency, noting separately the increasing risks of involving children in criminal schemes using information and telecommunication environment and social engineering methods. Problematic issues of interdepartmental cooperation and inefficient use of the potential of temporary detention centers for juvenile offenders were highlighted. At the same time, proposals were made to develop unified approaches to the organization of in-school registration of adolescents with signs of deviant behavior, teaching children digital literacy, addressing issues of their employment and patriotic education.

The meeting participants outlined additional measures to reduce the criminalization of the adolescent environment, prevent the spread of destructive content, identify adult instigators who encourage children to engage in unlawful acts, and increase the level of coverage of “at-risk” minors with useful leisure activities and the activities of socially oriented public associations, with mentoring by youth movement activists..

Chairman noted high involvement of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs in the prevention of juvenile delinquency.

Implementation of comprehensive measures developed at the meeting is planned for the current year.

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RUSSIAN MVD SUMMARIZED RESULTS OF THE FIRST STAGE OF ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN “REPORT WHERE DEATH IS SOLD”

The first stage of the annual All-Russian campaign “Report where death is sold” organized by the Directorate General for Drug Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia has been completed.

Campaign activities are aimed at involving citizens in countering illicit drug trafficking and preventing non-medical drug use and are conducted in cooperation with the executive bodies of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation and local authorities. Together with representatives of the public, checks were carried out in places of mass stay of minors and young people. Internet was monitored to identify pro-drug online resources.

During the first stage of the campaign, more than 11,000 citizens’ requests were received. Police officers documented about four thousand administrative offenses and more than two thousand crimes in the sphere of drug trafficking. More than 306 kilograms of drugs were seized.

Over six thousand pro-drug Internet resources were identified, which is twice as many as in the same period last year. Information about them was sent to Roskomnadzor to decide whether to block access to them.

Work on countering illicit drug trafficking and consumption continues. Citizens can report information about such facts to the police by calling 102.

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POLICE OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS CONDUCTED A RAID TO DESTROY DRUG ADVERTISEMENTS IN KALININGRAD



Officers of PDN UMVD of Russia in Kaliningrad region on the initiative of Nikolay Filipchenko, deputy chairman of the Public Council of the department, together with active youth conducted a preventive raid on the destruction of drug advertisements in the regional center. Participants of the event inspected the walls of houses and buildings located in the Central district of Kaliningrad. The found inscriptions with addresses of websites, e-mail and messenger numbers were recorded by the organizers of the action and handed over to operational units for special

measures to suppress illegal activities.

After that police officers and volunteers used spray paint cans to paint over advertisements with contacts of drug distributors and offers to sell illegal substances.

More than 50 street drug advertisements were destroyed during this event.

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REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

**COMBATING DRUGS: CHALLENGES OF THE NATIONAL STRATEGY DISCUSSED IN TAJIKISTAN**

Tajikistan's National Drug Control Strategy for the next 10 years was discussed at a meeting of the Coordination Council in Dushanbe.

“Today's main tasks are to strengthen cooperation with civil society organizations in the field of drug abuse prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts. It is also to analyze factors that contribute to growth of drug addiction and the problem of preventing drug addiction and drug trafficking among young people,” said Bozorali Safarzoda, head of department of the Drug

Control Agency under the President of Tajikistan.

The meeting was held on instructions of the Head of State Emomali Rakhmon. Leaders of republican public organizations spoke about their activities, existing problems, primary prevention of drug addiction, as well as treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts, cooperation with law enforcement agencies and presented their proposals.

<https://tj.mir24.tv/news/16481010/borba-s-narkotikami-zadachi-nacionalnoi-strategii-obsudili-v-tadzhikistane>

**MORE THAN TWO TONS OF DRUGS DESTROYED IN TAJIKISTAN**

More than two tons of illicit substances were seized and destroyed in Tajikistan last year, according to the press service of the Drug Control Agency.

Illicit substances were discovered during a special operation jointly conducted by the law enforcement agencies of Afghanistan, Russia and China. According to the report, activities of 5 organized criminal groups were stopped in 2017. 28 criminal cases were initiated.

“In 2017 two tons of drugs were burned in the Agency, which is one ton more than in 2016. Over

the past 18 years, more than 20 tons of drugs have been burned in this furnace,” said Khushnud Rakhmatullaev, head of the Public Relations Department of the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan.

In addition, the Tajikistan anti-drug agency detained 13 suspects who were on the international wanted list.

<https://tj.mir24.tv/news/16288580/>

TURKMENISTAN



**TURKMENISTAN AND UNODC DISCUSS
COOPERATION ON DRUG CONTROL**



Embassy of Turkmenistan to Belgium hosted a meeting with Salome Flores Sierra, head of the UNODC Information Center, and Julien Garsany, head of the UNODC Office in Brussels. This was reported by the Turkmenistan IIC.

Priorities of cooperation and regional cooperation in combating drugs were discussed during the meeting. Particular attention was paid to joint programs with state agencies of Turkmenistan.

The country’s achievements in tackling drug addiction, interdiction of drug trafficking

and preventive work among young people were also highlighted.

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