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In the period from 16 to 30 June 2025, based on information from mass media CARICC member states and other countries covered 33 events in the anti-drug sphere (*Azerbaijan - 3, Kazakhstan - 10, Kyrgyzstan - 1, Russia - 16, Tajikistan - 1, Turkmenistan - 2*).

Published articles reflect information on preventive activities on the occasion of the International Anti-Drug Day (*Azerbaijan*), on preventive measures taken by police officers (*Kazakhstan*), on anti-drug event conducted by police officers (*Kyrgyzstan*), on preventive measures by police officers in regions (*Russia*), on drug prevention activities among young people (*Tajikistan*), on holding events as part of the International Day against Drugs (*Turkmenistan*).



REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN



SLOGAN “TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF - DON’T BECOME A TARGET OF DRUGS” IS PLACED ON ELECTRONIC INFORMATION TERMINALS



Within the framework of joint cooperation between the Standing Working Group of the State Commission on Combating Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Directorate General for Combating Drugs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, demonstration of a new product has been started for 15 days from 16 June of this year in order to

increase effectiveness of public awareness activities dedicated to the International Day of Combating Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking - 26 June.

In order to ensure sustainability of activities carried out within the framework of joint cooperation, it is planned to continue implementation of this social project in the following months for a certain period of time.

<https://www.nmdk.gov.az/page/post/3387/>



BAKCELL SUBSCRIBERS RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL SMS MESSAGES ABOUT HARM OF DRUGS

DK İşçi Qrupu:
Narkotiklərin
fəsadları barədə
məlumatlı olaq və
birlikdə mübarizə
aparaq!
www.nmdk.gov.az,
Qaynar xətt: 802

As part of series of events timed to 26 June - International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the Standing Working Group of the State Commission on Combating Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs, jointly with relevant structure, started sending SMS notifications to Bakcell subscribers with information about harmful consequences of drug use since 17 June this year.

The SMS text contained the following call:

“GK Working Group: Let’s be informed about consequences of drugs and fight together! www.nmdk.gov.az, Hotline: 802”

Educational messages are planned to be sent to over 2 million subscribers in phases over 5 days.

<https://www.nmdk.gov.az/page/post/3388/>



OUTREACH EVENT DEDICATED TO 26 JUNE - INTERNATIONAL ANTI-DRUG DAY HELD IN NASIMI DISTRICT



An educational event was held on 18 June 2025 in the Executive Power of Nasimi district on 26 June - the International Day against Drugs, established by the United Nations. The event was jointly organized by the Standing Working Group of the State Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs and the Nasimi District Executive Power.

Participants studied an exhibition of schoolchildren’s drawings dedicated to harms of drug addiction.

The meeting was attended by deputy head of the Nasimi district executive authority - chairman of the District Commission on Combating Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs, head of sector of the Working Group of the State Commission, narcologist of the Republican Narcology Center of the Ministry of Health, deputy directors of schools on educational work, teachers, school psychologists, high school students, as well as representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations.

During speeches participants were provided with detailed information about risks of drug use, the harm of drug addiction to human health, society and moral values, existing legal mechanisms, as well as the importance of rational organization of youth leisure time. At the end of the meeting, participants received answers to their questions and discussed the topics raised in the format of an open dialog.

<https://www.nmdk.gov.az/page/post/3389/>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



RUN AGAINST DRUGS HELD IN ZHETYSU



A sports race under the motto «Run! Take a step against drugs!» was held in Zhetysu region. The event was held on 14 June at the Palace of Sports “Zhastar” and was organized by the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Police Department of Zhetysu together with the Department of Physical Culture and Sports.

More than 200 people took part in the race. Competitors covered a distance of 5 kilometers along Astana, Aldabergenov and Konaev streets.

The campaign is aimed at creating a stable aversion to drug use among young people and promoting healthy lifestyles. Such events help to strengthen the connection between youth and law enforcement agencies, uniting efforts to combat the drug problem.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/zabeg-protiv-narkotikov-proshel-v-zhetysu/>



SPORTS COMPETITIONS HELD IN THE ABAY REGION AS PART OF THE PROMOTION OF HEALTHY LIFESTYLE



Officers of district police department held sports competitions in soccer and tug-of-war among young people in Makanchi district of Abay region. The event was organized as part of the operational and preventive measure “Karasora”.

Main goal is to form in teenagers a stable immunity to narcotic substances, to organize useful leisure time and to promote healthy lifestyle.

Schoolchildren and students took part in the competition. Young participants showed a high level of activity, coherence and team spirit. Winners and prize-winners were awarded

with memorable gifts and diplomas.

Organizers stressed that such events contribute to prevention of juvenile delinquency and play an important role in formation of a conscious and healthy generation.

Police will continue to implement prevention initiatives to ensure safe and healthy future for young people.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/v-oblasti-abaj-proshli-sportivnye-sorevnovaniya-v-ramkah-propagandy-zdorovogo-obraza-zhizni/>

VOLUNTEERS HELP POLICE OFFICERS PAINT OVER DRUG GRAFFITI IN PAVLODAR



Police and volunteers continue to work together in Pavlodar to combat drug advertising. Young activists participate in actions to paint over inscriptions with addresses of online stores selling illegal substances.

According to police department, since the beginning of the year alone, about 300 such graffiti have been painted over as part of 22 events.

- I was born and grew up in Pavlodar, I study here and plan to stay here. This is my hometown, and I want it to be clean, safe and healthy. That's why I always participate in such actions,» said volunteer Danil

Myasnikov.

Vika Timchenko, a student, expressed a similar position.

- When I see young people without a goal, it makes me sad. After all, you can live near your relatives and do good. Why waste your life on things that are banned? - says a student.

Police noted that voluntary participation of young people plays a key role in preventing drug offenses and shaping values of a healthy lifestyle. About 300 volunteers, including representatives of NGOs and youth movements, are involved in the campaign. They participate not only in painting over graffiti, but also in bicycle rallies, flash mobs and information initiatives.

Pavlodar residents actively help in the online space as well - signals about drug crimes are received in the Telegram bot "Shadow Hero", as well as in the Instagram accounts @dp_pavlodar and @upn_pavlodar. All appeals are considered individually.

- Today drug addiction is a common misfortune, and it can only be effectively fought together,» emphasized Bolat Nurseitov, first deputy head of the Police Department of Pavlodar region.

Police urges citizens to be attentive to their loved ones and not to remain indifferent. If you have information about the sale or use of narcotic drugs, you can contact the 24-hour hotline: 8 (7182) 39-10-38. Anonymity is guaranteed.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/v-pavlodare-volontery-pomogayut-politsejskim-zakrashivat-narkograffiti/>

SEMEY AGAINST DRUGS: MORE THAN 600 PEOPLE SUPPORTED CAMPAIGN FOR A CLEAN FUTURE



A large-scale anti-drug action “No to Drugs” was held in Semey, bringing together more than 600 participants - students, teachers, police officers, representatives of prosecutor’s office and activists. The event was held within the framework of the republican month “Zan men tartip”. The goal of the action is to form a stable rejection of drugs among young people, strengthen legal awareness and involve society in prevention work. The main message of the participants was “healthy youth, safe streets and a general ‘no’ to drug crime”.

The campaign included motivational lectures and open meetings at universities and colleges in the city. Speakers spoke frankly about pitfalls of addiction, drug crimes and importance of making an informed choice.

Special attention was paid to combating drug advertising. 206 inscriptions promoting illegal substances were painted over in Semey. Students took part in the action - they took to the streets with brushes and cans to clean their city from drug content.

- We are for a clean tomorrow. This is our city, and we don’t want to see death advertisements on its walls,» shared one of the participants of the action.

Areas near schools, colleges and universities have become priority cleanup zones - that’s where the most frequent inscriptions aimed at teenagers appear.

Organizers noted that such actions are not just prevention, but a demonstration of public unity and indifference. Society is ready to declare its position openly when it comes to the future of young people and environmental safety.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/semej-protiv-narkotikov-bolee-600-chelovek-podderzhali-aktsiyu-za-chistoe-budushhee/>

MORE THAN 80 DRUG ADVERTISEMENTS PAINTED OVER IN KOSTANAY IN ONE DAY



For the fifth time since the beginning of the year, officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Police Department of Kostanay region held a large-scale action in Kostanay to destroy inscriptions advertising illegal substances.

The event was attended by cadets of the Academy of MVD RK, representatives of “Zhastar Rukhy” - the youth wing of the party “Amanat”, as well as public activists.

Participants were given spray paint cans and T-shirts with the slogan “No Drugs!”. Together with journalists

and police officers, the volunteers went to problem areas of the city. The first point was a high-rise building on Mailina Street, then the work continued in the 7th microdistrict. During the day, the activists painted over 80 inscriptions found on the facades of houses, bus stops and garages.

- Often teenagers, out of curiosity, click on links provided in these signs and end up on websites where they are offered to buy synthetic drugs. We are actively working to identify sellers and distributors. But the fight

against this evil is impossible without the support of society,» emphasized Aigul Eradilova, senior operative of the Department.

Police reminded: if you find drug advertisements or illegal trade facts, you should immediately report to the police. Each message will be checked and, if confirmed, will be basis for stopping unlawful activities.

Law enforcers plan to continue such actions and informational work with the population. Prevention and active citizenship are important elements in the fight against drug crime.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/v-kostanae-zakrasili-bolee-80-nadpisej-s-narkoreklamoj-za-odin-den/>



A LARGE-SCALE ANTI-DRUG ACTION HELD IN KYZYLORDA



A large-scale anti-drug action dedicated to the International Day Against Drug Addiction was held in the central square of the city. Police representatives, volunteers, artists and active citizens took part in the event.

A rally was held within the framework of the action, following the results of which the participants of the prevention work, including the winners of the journalistic contest under the slogan “Future without drugs!” were awarded with letters of appreciation and memorable gifts.

Guests were presented a concert program with theatrical and dance performances. Both local groups and invited

artists took the stage. Popular singers Yeldos Januzak and Beibarys Sadyk urged the audience to a healthy lifestyle.

Special rapid response squad and canine service of the police department demonstrated their skills in the exhibition area. Also, employees of the Department for Combating Drug Crime together with volunteers distributed anti-drug polygraphy and gave gifts to children.

Organizers stressed that such events help to form an active civic position in society and draw attention to the problem of drug addiction.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/v-kyzylorde-proshla-masshtabnaya-antinarkoticheskaya-aktsiya/>

YOUTH OF TALDYKORGAN SPOKE OUT AGAINST DRUGS



A large-scale anti-drug action was held in Taldykorgan to mark the International Day Against Drug Addiction. Participants held sports competitions, flash mob and demonstrations, uniting under the slogan “Future without drugs”.

A large-scale action under the motto “We are against drugs!” was held in the park “Zhastar” of Taldykorgan. The event was organized in honor of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking. Guests of the action were presented exhibitions of children’s drawings, book exposition devoted to healthy lifestyle,

and also organized sports competitions in arm wrestling, kettlebell lifting and tug-of-war. The intellectual quiz “Share Your Thoughts”, in which local youth actively participated, was a great success.

Before the action started, participants were given T-shirts and caps with anti-drug slogans. Then a parade and a flash mob “Drug Stop” took place.

Marlen Kolbaev, deputy akim of the region, addressed the participants with a welcoming speech. He and representatives of law enforcement agencies handed out commendations and memorable gifts to the most active participants.

Special attention of the audience was attracted by demonstrations of Arlan special unit fighters and officers of the canine service. Spectators were shown elements of hand-to-hand combat, detention of suspects and search for illegal substances with the help of service dogs.

The action became a vivid example of how joint efforts of society and state can form a culture of refusal from drugs and strengthen the principles of healthy lifestyle.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/molodezh-taldykorgana-vystupila-protiv-narkotikov/>

ANTI-DRUG ACTION HELD IN HONOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY IN ATYRAU



A large-scale anti-drug action was held in Atyrau on 26 June, timed to coincide with the International Day Against Drug Addiction. Goal of the event was to draw attention of society, especially young people, to the problem of drug addiction and to promote a healthy lifestyle.

The action was organized by the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Police Department of Atyrau region, youth resource center and the movement “Tauelsiz Omir”. The event was attended by representatives of the akimat, public figures and

activists.

- We are grateful to all concerned residents, especially young people, who take an active part in the prevention of drug use. Such events form the right guidelines for the younger generation and help to strengthen public safety,» said Kuttybay Sadykov, first deputy head of the Atyrau Region Police Department.

During the event, distinguished cybervolunteers were awarded with letters of appreciation. SOBR officers

demonstrated hand-to-hand combat techniques and self-defense elements. The event ended with a concert and flash mob to patriotic songs.

Local residents noted importance of such initiatives and expressed their willingness to support actions aimed at creating a culture of abandoning bad habits.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/antinarkoticheskuyu-aktsiyu-proveli-v-chest-mezhdunarodnogo-dnya-v-atyrau/>



ANTI-NARCOTICS MONTH ENDED WITH
A MASS ACTION IN TARAZ



Taraz summed up results of anti-drug month - the final event was held on 26 June in the park named after K. Ryskulbekov and was timed to coincide with the International Day against Drug Abuse.

The action united police officers, representatives of the akimat, community members and active youth.

- We do not limit ourselves to arrests and seizures. Our main goal is to develop immunity to drug addiction in society, especially among young people. The month is over, but the work continues. We will act comprehensively - from blocking online channels to meetings with teenagers,» said Baizhan Baigeldi, deputy head of the Zhambyl

Region Police Department.

Over 500 prevention events took place in the region during the month: seminars, sports tournaments, meetings in schools and colleges, trainings with psychologists and actions in open areas. One of the landmark moments was the public burning of seized drugs.

According to the police, 246 drug crimes have been detected in the region since the beginning of the year, and 1 ton 883 kilograms of drugs have been seized. More than 1097 tons of wild cannabis were also destroyed.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/antinarkoticheskij-mesyachnik-zavershili-massovoj-aktsiej-v-taraze/>

ANTI-DRUG FESTIVAL HELD IN KONAEV



The anti-drug festival “Life without drugs - the choice of the strong!” was held in Konaev in honor of World Anti-Drug Day. The event was the final stage of the prevention month.

The festival gathered about two thousand people and became a bright conclusion of the anti-drug campaign that covered thousands of residents of the region.

Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Almaty region presented thematic videos aimed at building sustainable immunity to drugs among young people.

- We don't just talk about the problem, but show ways out, instill the values of a healthy lifestyle and help young people make an informed choice,» the organizers said.

The festival was not only the final point of the month, but also a reminder that combating drug crime requires united efforts of the whole society.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/antinarkoticheskij-festival-proshel-v-konaeve/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC



DRUG PROPAGANDA INSCRIPTIONS PAINTED OVER IN BISHKEK



Municipal Administration of Pervomaisky District conducted a joint preventive action to paint over inscriptions and graffiti containing propaganda of prohibited substances.

The event was held with the participation of representatives of RUVD and MTU of the district. Inscriptions with links to resources distributing information on the sale of narcotic drugs were painted over during the action.

The goal of the initiative is to create a sustainable negative attitude towards drug use and distribution in the population, especially among young people, as well as to create a safe and favorable urban environment.

Municipal administration continues to regularly organize such events in the district and encourages residents to take an active civic position. If suspicious inscriptions and graffiti containing propaganda of illegal substances are found, residents can report them to local authorities or law enforcement agencies.

https://24.kg/obschestvo/334666_vbishkeke_zakrashivayut_nadpisi_propagandiruyuschie_narkotiki/

RUSSIAN FEDERATION



POLICE OFFICERS AND ADMINISTRATION STAFF ORGANIZED AN ANTI-DRUG QUEST FOR MINORS IN THE KRASNODAR KRAI



All-Russian anti-drug campaign “Time of Independent” was launched in Novorossiysk. Police Lieutenant Colonel Oksana Kuznetsova, head of the Juvenile Affairs Department of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs in Novorossiysk, together with Sabina Nedzvetskaya, head of the Juvenile Affairs Department of the city administration, with the support of the Youth Affairs Department, organized an educational event in the format of an anti-drug quest. The tour was timed to coincide with the International Day Against Drug Abuse.

In the only anti-drug quest-room in the Krasnodar Krai, police officers and the administration of the hero city told teenagers about the legal and social consequences of drug use.

Before completing tasks, young people watched a short movie about drug addiction and its consequences. To overcome each location, the participants were offered a series of preventive quest games in a specially equipped room. After visiting the project, the minors supported the initiative aimed at creating a sustainable rejection of drugs in young people and promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Organizers are confident that information received will help teenagers to make the right choice in favor of a healthy lifestyle.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/66269271>



POLICE OFFICERS HELD A PREVENTIVE EVENT FOR CHILDREN IN THE KOLOSOK CHILDREN’S CAMP IN AMUR REGION



On the eve of the International Day Against Drugs (26 June), officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in the Amur Region organized a large-scale preventive event for children resting in the Kolosok children’s health camp.

The children were visited by representatives of various police departments, Rosgvardia officers, specialists from the Amur Regional Narcological Dispensary, representatives of the Movement of the First and volunteers. The meeting was held in an interactive format: the children visited thematic areas where the guards and specialists shared their knowledge about their work, safety and healthy lifestyle.

Drug police officers told young Amur residents about consequences of drug use and explained the legal responsibility for drug trafficking. Specialists of the narcological dispensary held an informative quiz for children about the harm of smoking and illegal substances.

Experts-criminalists of UMVD showed a mobile forensic laboratory and a criminalist’s suitcase. Children were

able to see how fingerprints are taken from various surfaces and also had a chance to try themselves as experts. Officers of the State Automobile Inspectorate of MVD of Russia “Blagoveshchenskoye” and UMVD reminded the children about the Rules of the Road, showed them special equipment and a patrol car of the traffic police. Everyone was able to sit in the patrol car, turn on the flashing beacons, siren, and use the loudspeaker.

A police canine specialist and his four-legged partner - German Shepherd Newton - demonstrated the search for a fake explosive. The children enthusiastically stroked the service dog and asked questions about its trainings.

The young Amur residents were very interested in the location of the Rosgvardiya officers. There the children were able to see the special equipment of the department, try themselves as drone operators and even see a demonstration of polygraph work.

Representatives of the All-Russian Movement of Children and Youth “Movement of the First” and volunteers energized everyone during a sports warm-up, talked about their social activities and taught the children basic first aid skills.

The event ended with a friendly soccer match between the teams of Kolosk pupils. All participants of the soccer tournament were awarded diplomas and valuable gifts from the guests of the camp.

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ALL-RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN “TIME OF INDEPENDENT” LAUNCHED IN PSKOV REGION



It is organized to increase involvement of citizens in countering illicit drug trafficking and to foster an anti-drug worldview among adolescents and young people.

The action will be held in the region from 18 to 27 June. It is dedicated to the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, which is celebrated annually on 26 June.

The campaign started in the children’s health camp “Druzhba” located in the Strugo-Krasnensky district.

In an open dialogue specialist of the Center for Public Health and Medical Prevention and children discussed the problem of youth involvement in drug use and the formation of drug addiction. They also talked about the negative consequences for the social, physical and mental well-being of young people.

Police officers paid special attention to legal responsibility in the sphere of drug trafficking, as fatal mistakes of youth can deprive a citizen of all possible prospects.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/66318885>



ANTI-DRUG ACTION “FOR HEALTHY LIFESTYLE!” HELD IN LESOZAVODSK, PRIMORSKY KRAI



Within the framework of the federal project “Time of Independent People” in Lesozavodsk, Primorsky Krai, together with library staff and volunteers - future doctors, police officers held an action dedicated to the World Day Against Drug Addiction.

The events were attended by the staff of the Maxim Gorky Library, police officers from the Drug Control Department and students of the Lesozavodsk branch of the Vladivostok Medical College.

26 June is the World Day against Drug Abuse. On the eve of this date, in order to prevent drug addiction and form a healthy lifestyle among the younger generation in the library named after Gorky. Gorky Library held a campaign “For a healthy lifestyle!” for children from school camps.

During the campaign organizers held two events for children of different ages from Lesozavodsk’s school camps.

The library staff prepared colorful slides for schoolchildren about the main types of bad habits and held a training game, during which children could see how minors are involved in the use of illegal substances.

Student volunteers from Vladivostok Medical College told schoolchildren about the consequences of bad habits and use of illegal substances, as well as the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

Darya Stepanchuk, specialist-expert of the Drug Control Department of MVD of Russia “Lesozavodsky”, explained to the children what measure of responsibility is stipulated by law for the use, advertising and distribution of narcotic substances.

In conclusion of the event, organizers wished schoolchildren to engage in sports, adhere to a healthy lifestyle, handed out thematic booklets and leaflets urging them to give up bad habits and think about their health.

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WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CAMPAIGN “TIME OF INDEPENDENT PEOPLE”, OFFICERS OF UNK UMVD OF RUSSIA IN BELGOROD REGION HELD A LECTURE FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS



Within the framework of the all-Russian action “Time of Independent People”, timed to coincide with the International Day Against Drug Addiction, officers of UNK UMVD of Russia in Belgorod region held a lecture at the V.G. Shukhov BGTU. Students of the preparatory faculty for foreign citizens attended the lecture. Since the students are still taking their first steps in adapting to a new language environment, Marina Borchenko, deputy head of Department of UNK UMVD of Belgorod Region, was assisted by

interpreters in building a dialog.

Police officer told the students about legal consequences of involvement in drug trafficking. Marina Borchenko noted that crimes in this area are punishable by criminal penalties up to life imprisonment. She also explained to the audience that for consumption of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances without a doctor's prescription for foreign citizens in accordance with part 2 of article 6.9 of the Administrative Offenses Code of the Russian Federation provides responsibility in the form of a fine of 4000 to 5000 rubles with administrative expulsion from the Russian Federation or administrative arrest for up to fifteen days with administrative expulsion from the Russian Federation.

For clarity, students were shown a preventive video "How a foreign citizen can avoid becoming an accomplice to a drug crime", and were handed handouts. Students actively participated in discussions and received comprehensive answers to all their questions.

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PREVENTIVE ACTIVITIES HELD IN DAY CAMPS IN THE ORENBURG REGION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ALL-RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN "TIME OF INDEPENDENT" AND ANTI-DRUG MONTH



Children from summer camp at school No. 7 in Sol-Iletsk recently met guests: Marina Konnik, senior operative of the Drug Control Department of OMVD of Russia "Sol-Iletskiy", Natalia Kotchenko, chief specialist in youth affairs of the district administration, and Ekaterina Markovskaya, artistic director of the "Gornyak" club.

A confidential conversation was held with schoolchildren about the effects of drugs on the body of any person. The children were explained what happens to internal organs of a person who uses drugs, his/her psyche and appearance. Detailed attention was paid to the measures of responsibility for the use, possession or distribution of drugs. A video about consequences of drug use was shown. The guests asked children to never, even out of simple curiosity, to try drugs and not to get involved with trafficking.

The meeting was held with participation of members of the Public Council of the Sol-Iletskiy OMVD of Russia. "Time of Independent" campaign is timed to coincide with the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The goal of the campaign is to increase involvement of citizens in countering drug trafficking and to inform people about risks and ways of prevention.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--plai/news/item/66352412>



POLICE OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE “MOVEMENT OF THE FIRST” BRANCH IN SARATOV REGION CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO PROMOTE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE



Within the framework of the all-Russian action “Time of Independent” senior police officer of OP No. 2 of MVD of Russia “Bazarno-Karabulaksky” senior police lieutenant Sergei Belyanin, head of the district branch of the “Movement of the First” and a specialist of the Novoburassk social service center held a conversation with teenagers attending a summer camp in the village of Beloyarsky “Health - Yes! Drugs - No!”, aimed at preventing drug abuse and promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Police officer informed children about responsibility for distribution, use, possession and sale of narcotic drugs, gave examples from personal practice and told about penalties that may be incurred by minors violating the law.

Schoolchildren tested their knowledge about healthy lifestyle and strengthened their new knowledge by watching the video “Say No to Drugs” and participating in the quiz “Everything great to healthy!”.

At the end of the event, representative of law enforcement agencies urged the children to comply with the legislation of the Russian Federation, to take care of themselves, their health and to be law-abiding citizens. The schoolchildren learned that the most precious thing in life is human health.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--plai/news/item/66459838>



POLICE OFFICERS HELD AN ANTI-DRUG EVENT FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN IN KEMEROVO REGION



Within the framework of the all-Russian action “Time of Independent” officer of the Drug Control Department of the Directorate for Drug Control of MVD of Russia for Kemerovo Region - Kuzbass, police major Andrey Tretyakov visited the military-patriotic center ‘Avangard’, where the regional meeting of school search associations “Heirs of Victory” is currently taking place. The meeting was also attended by pupils of the Kemerovo search team “Iron Felix”, the head of which is a member of the Public Council at the regional police headquarters Yulia Kulakova.

Police major Andrey Tretyakov reminded schoolchildren about consequences of using illegal substances, and also informed them about criminal and administrative responsibility for crimes in the sphere of drug trafficking. The police officer also urged the children to lead a healthy lifestyle.

In addition, Andrei Tretyakov told about the work carried out by the Kuzbass police officers to stop and solve such crimes.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--plai/news/item/66508658>



OFFICERS OF UNK GU MVD OF RUSSIA IN THE NOVOSIBIRSK REGION, TOGETHER WITH A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC COUNCIL, HELD A SEMINAR FOR FAMILIES IN DIFFICULT LIFE SITUATIONS



Maria Maksimova, a member of the Public Council at the Department of Internal Affairs, in cooperation with the staff of UNK GU organized and conducted an anti-drug seminar for families in difficult life situations and those living in the Regional Center for Social Assistance to Families and Children “Raduga”. The event was aimed at explaining the consequences of the use of psychoactive substances and the legislation of the Russian Federation in the area of illegal drug trafficking.

Within the framework of the seminar, Maria Maksimova, chairperson of the board of the regional public organization “Novosibirsk-Poisk”, gave a talk to the audience on the topic: “Know to resist!”, where she focused on the harmful effects of illicit substances on the mental and social well-being of a person, as well as explained the consequences of non-medical use of synthetic drugs.

As part of the legal block, police major Lilia Plutenko presented information about results of countering illegal drug trafficking in the city of Novosibirsk and the Novosibirsk region, gave examples of such counteraction, paying special attention to the ways of drug distribution via the Internet and recruitment of citizens as “pawnbrokers”. She reminded the audience of the administrative and criminal liability for participation in illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

The seminar used anti-drug videos prepared by MVD of Russia: “How do drug recruiters operate?” and “Can you break the law with a word or a picture?”, which explain the algorithm of actions in case of receiving an offer of “quick money”, tell what awaits a drug courier, explain what actions are considered propaganda and advertising of drugs in the Russian Federation.

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POLICE OFFICERS IN MAGADAN REMINDED SCHOOLCHILDREN ABOUT THE HARM OF ILLICIT SUBSTANCES ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ADDICTION



Today, 26 June is the International Day to Combat Drug Addiction. Officers of UNK UMVD of Russia for Magadan region held a thematic event for schoolchildren of the regional center on the basis of the Pushkin library.

Opening the meeting, Boris Lyubomirov, deputy head of the Drug Control Department of UMVD, said that traditionally on 26 June events are held to raise awareness about problems of drug addiction, its consequences for health and society. The police colonel also noted the importance of cooperation in organization of prevention and presented letters of

appreciation for fruitful cooperation to representatives of libraries.

Thematic puzzles and other interactive activities were organized for the young participants of the event. Tatyana

Chernikova, senior operative of UNK UMVD, told children in an accessible form about sad consequences that even a single use of illegal substances can lead to. The police major emphasized the benefits of a healthy and law-abiding lifestyle.

Children were happy to perform tasks, actively engaged in dialog and expressed a common opinion that it is important to know from an early age about the inadmissibility of the use of illegal substances.

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POLICE OFFICERS IN NORTH OSSETIA HELD A LARGE-SCALE EVENT AT THE ZVEZDOCHKA CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP TO MARK WORLD ANTI-DRUG DAY



26 June - International Day Against Drug Abuse, established by a resolution of the UN General Assembly on 7 December 1987.

The event included a number of elements and activities: charging with the famous athlete, a lively conversation between police officers and teenagers about dangers of drugs and presentation of gifts and sports equipment to children vacationing in the summer camp.

Children at the Zvezdochka camp have a very busy schedule, and at 8 a.m. the children set off on a hike,

upon their return from which world champion in combat sambo Tamerlan Kulaev was waiting for them. Under energetic music a truly champion's exercise was held. The compositions changed one after another from electronic music to national motifs, and the children tirelessly repeated the movements of the famous athlete. At the end of the exercise, the champion showed the young athletes some techniques and methods, thanks to which such an honorable title was won, and also gave some important tips.

After the exercise, staff of UKON MVD of RSO-Alania held question-and-answer sessions with the children. "What is addiction?"; "What are drugs?" - children clearly understand that evil and life-destroying things have no place in their heads and destinies.

The final point of the busy program was the presentation of gifts - from board games to soccer balls.

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A SPORTS FESTIVAL DEDICATED TO THE INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING HELD IN PSKOV



A sports festival dedicated to the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was held today in Pskov at the Mashinostroitel stadium.

The event is supported by the Government of the Pskov Region, the Pskov Regional Council of Trade Unions, Pskov State University and the Regional Branch of the Movement of the First. The organizers are the Department of MVD of Russia in the Pskov region, the Committee for Sports of the Pskov region, the Committee for Youth Policy of the region, the Federation of Fijital Sports of the Pskov region and the

resource center of the All-Russian project “Navigators of Childhood”.

Objectives of the event are to draw public attention to the problem of drug addiction, popularize healthy lifestyles among young people and develop initiatives to prevent drug abuse in the region.

Police lieutenant colonel Mikhail Grigoriev, deputy head of the UNK UMVD of Russia in the Pskov region, Yuri Gryaznov, head of the Department of Special Programs of the Government of the Pskov region - head of the staff of the Anti-Drug Commission of the region, and Vitaly Surikov, deputy chairman of the Sports Committee of the Pskov region, addressed the participants and guests with welcoming speeches. They emphasized the importance of joint efforts in the fight against drug addiction and urged everyone to actively participate in prevention activities.

The celebration includes a colorful fijital soccer competition, an intellectual quiz aimed at raising awareness of drug addiction problems. In addition, police officers held a charging session with law enforcement officers, promoting a healthy lifestyle and physical activity.

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AS PART OF THE “TIME OF INDEPENDENT” CAMPAIGN POLICE OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS MET WITH A STUDENT OF A DRIVING SCHOOL IN THE KOMI REPUBLIC



Police officers in Syktyvkar together with the Public Council of UMVD held a preventive talk within the framework of the campaign “Time of Independent” for persons studying for a driver’s license.

During the meeting, an inspector from the examination department of the State Automobile Inspectorate emphasized the tragic consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. He gave shocking examples from real life, showing a series of video clips of road accidents caused by drivers. Special attention was paid to safety issues and rules of behavior for all

road users.

Representative of the Drug Control Department spoke in detail about how criminal activity can dramatically change a person’s life, leaving an irreparable mark on his or her future. She reminded about the serious administrative and criminal responsibility for such offenses.

Anna Mironets, a member of the Public Council, emphasized that drug dealing often involves young people who are promised easy and quick money. She urged future drivers to be vigilant, not to fall for dubious offers and to remember the responsibility for their actions. The activist reminded the audience about the current methods of telephone and Internet fraud, warning about caution when talking to strangers who pretend to be representatives of various government agencies and departments.

At the end of the meeting, organizers expressed hope that knowledge gained will help future drivers to avoid tragic mistakes on the road and not to become victims or participants in crimes.

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POLICE OFFICERS AND PUBLIC ACTIVISTS IN NORTH OSSETIA TOOK PART IN THE “CHOOSE LIFE” ACTION DEDICATED TO THE INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ADDICTION AND ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING



An anti-drug action was held in the central park of Alagir town under the slogan “Choose Life” in order to develop motivation for a healthy lifestyle, conscious refusal of bad habits and addictions on the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking, under the slogan “Choose Life”.

The meeting was initiated by the Committee on Youth Affairs, Physical Culture and Sports, the district branch of the Movement of the First and the Center for Socialization of Youth of the Alagirsky District of North Ossetia. The

important initiative was supported by the officers of the patrol and checkpoint service of the Alagirsky District Police Department, a member of the Public Council of OMVD of Russia in the Alagirsky District, a deputy of the Youth Parliament of the republic and the head of the local branch of the Movement of the Firsts, Taimuraz Khanaev.

Participants of the meeting talked to the action participants about the problem of drug addiction in modern society, about the harmful effects of illegal substances on the body and addiction, which makes people commit rash acts and break the law. According to the organizers drug addiction can be called without exaggeration the most terrible phenomenon of our century. Every day more and more people trying to escape from problems and stresses fall into its insidious net. But the price of such “escape” turns out to be too high, and the results of the experiment on themselves are mostly irreversible.

During the conversation passers-by were given informational leaflets and booklets.

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LEGAL TROOP OF POLICE OFFICERS AND PUBLIC ACTIVISTS HELD A PREVENTIVE EVENT FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN IN SARATOV REGION



The meeting was held within the framework of the All-Russian anti-drug action “Time of Independent” and the All-Russian action of MVD of Russia “Vacation with the Public Council”.

The “legal commando” involved police officers from Drug Trafficking Control and Juvenile Affairs Departments of MVD of Russia ‘Balashovsky’ of the Saratov Region, members of the Public Council at the inter-municipal police department, specialists from the Balashovsky Family and Children’s Assistance Center “Family”.

Police captain Alexey Morozov, ONK operative, and Andrei Matyashev, a member of the Public Council, a clinical narcologist, told the children’s audience about the irreversible health consequences of alcohol, nicotine and narcotic substances. They explained about the consequences of taking alcohol, tobacco smoking, drugs and potentially dangerous illegal substances and how bad habits affect the body. About the fact that their use almost always leads to the commission of offenses and crimes. They gave examples of how and by what methods and ways teenagers are involved in the use of drugs and psychoactive substances, as well as the responsibility for participation in illicit trafficking.

Senior police lieutenant Anton Kuzin and police lieutenant Ulyana Chernova told schoolchildren about responsibility for various offenses and crimes, explained the age of administrative and criminal responsibility and the penalties for committing crimes. Using examples from their service they told about situations that can threaten the life and health of children and adolescents. They described the algorithm of actions to be taken in case of such situations.

Deputy head of the Police Department No. 3 within the MVD of Russia “Balashovsky”, Saratov region, police lieutenant colonel Andrei Drobyshev and chairman of the Public Council Yuri Shatkovsky reminded the children about safety measures at home and on the streets, in yards and on the roads, as well as the rules of behavior on the water, near water bodies and in the forest. They wished the children to spend their summer vacations safely and cheerfully.

Children were actively involved in the discussion of all topics, asked many interesting questions, to which the adults gave comprehensive answers.

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REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

**TRAINING SEMINAR ON PREVENTION OF DRUG ADDICTION, VAGRANCY AND OTHER OFFENSES**

A training seminar on “Prevention of drug addiction, vagrancy and other delinquencies among adolescents and youth, promotion of a healthy lifestyle” was held on 14 June at the State Educational Institution of Special Vocational Lyceum in Dushanbe on the initiative of the Republican Council of MVD “Dinamo” in cooperation with the Programme Office of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in Dushanbe.

First deputy chairman of the Republican Council of MVD “Dinamo” colonel of internal service Asliddin Shokhiyon, representative of the OSCE Program Office Haidar Makhmadiev and psychologist of the medical department of the MVD captain of internal service Ayub Bozorov took part in the event and made speeches.

At first, the first deputy chairman of the Republican Council of MVD “Dinamo”, colonel of internal service Asliddin Shokhiyon spoke about education and upbringing, respect for parents and raising national consciousness, noting that achieving respect for parents is one of the best qualities of a person. Because a person achieves success when he does good to his parents.

Along with this, he expressed his views on preventing any untoward activities that threaten the society and urged the youth to do good deeds and avoid those who defame their dignity and honor of their parents. He also urged them to play various sports in their free time and attach importance to strengthening their body. As sports is a force that educates young people in a healthy psyche.

At the training seminar, Ayub Bozorov, a representative of MVD Medical Department, captain of internal service, made a report on “Impact of drugs on mental and psychological state of a person” and noted that when a person uses psychotropic substances, his/her traits of deceitfulness and apathy increase. The worst thing is that drug addicts become alienated from social life. Their relationships with family and loved ones deteriorate, leading to constant conflicts.

It should be noted that on this day, mini-football, checkers, chess and boxing competitions were held among the pupils of the Special Vocational Lyceum of Dushanbe.

In the mini-football tournament the first place was taken by the team “Istiklol”, the second place was taken by ‘Ravshan’, and the third place was taken by the team “Spartak”.

Thus, Aminjon Barotov was recognized as the best striker, Sharif Amirov as the best player, Shukrullo Kakhkhorzoda as the best defender and Ramazon Boltaev as the best goalkeeper in this type of competition.

In chess, Muhammad Sherov took the first place, Mullorajab Odinzoda took the second place, and Ardasher Safarov took the third place.

In the boxing tournament, Manuchehr Nazarov took first place, Yusuf Sharipov took second place, and Shahboz Bekboboev was recognized as the third place winner.

At the end, Yusufali Rakhmatov, Director of the Specialized Vocational Lyceum of Dushanbe, expressed gratitude to the leadership of MVD and OSCE for holding such a training seminar and various sports competitions.

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TURKMENISTAN

UNODC AND THE EMBASSY OF ISRAEL CO-HOSTED A
WORLD ANTI-DRUG DAY EVENT IN TURKMENISTAN

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Office in Turkmenistan with the Embassy of the State of Israel in Turkmenistan organized an event on Thursday, 26 June 2025 to mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The World Drug Day 2025 event, marked by “The evidence is clear: invest in prevention”, national partners, youth and stakeholders to address the global challenges of drug abuse and drug trafficking out of control.

The event focused on several key objectives:

- informing the international community on the theme of World Drug Day,
- Presentation of main findings of the World Drug Report 2025 and the updated UNODC position paper on drugs and narcotics.

- Highlighting achievements of the UNODC Regional Youth Network for Central Asia.

Activities were also aimed at improving youth education on substance use and links to substances, strengthening life skills and resilience, fostering dialogue between youth, public authorities and civil society, and formulating strategies to promote drug abuse among national actors.

Plenary programme with UNODC and national authorities, interactive group activities and actively participating organizations, including representatives of the UNODC Regional Youth Network, SDG Ambassadors and volunteers. The event is organized to encourage young people to contribute to the drug prevention strategy.

The event featured an address by Israel’s Ambassador Ismail Khaldi, who is a leading world leader in the fight against drug abuse and trafficking. «Every year, this day reminds us that drug abuse and trafficking are not just criminal ideas or explosive problems; they are a solar tragedy. They destroy the structure of the fabric of nations, shape the fabric of our nation’s life and contribute to transnational crime and obtain,» the message said.

The Ambassador emphasizes commitment of the Israeli battle to methods of international cooperation, intelligence sharing and education.

The conversation also emphasizes the link between drug trafficking, human trafficking and terrorism. “Drugs and trafficked people are additional sources of illicit revenue that help fund terrorist organizations around the world,” the Ambassador explained. “These criminal enterprises carry billions of dollars that are often used to purchase weapons, fund operations, and recruit fighters.”

The ambassador praised partnerships with UNODC and other multilateral platforms, noting Israel’s contribution to the development of border security and drug detection technologies. “This is not the same battle, no country can win one,” the message emphasized. «Surprise drug trafficking networks are global in nature, and so must be our response. Together, through solidarity and shared responsibility, we can protect our children, our communities and our future».

Interventions reduce investment in prevention, which is achieved by the theme of World Anti-Drug Day in 2025. By engaging young people and strengthening cooperation between governments, civil societies and

international organizations, we will lay the groundwork for practical recommendations towards reversing the trend of drug abuse in and for Turkmenistan.

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ASHGABAT HOSTED A ROUND TABLE “PUBLIC HEALTH IS GUARANTEE OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY”



A round table on the theme “Public health is guarantee of peace and prosperity” organized with the support of the Government of Turkmenistan and the European Union’s Central Asia Drug Action Programme (CADAP) on the occasion of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking was held today at the Archabil Hotel in Ashgabat.

The meeting brought together representatives of Turkmenistan’s key government agencies, civil society and international organizations to discuss approaches to preventing substance use, strengthening interagency cooperation and empowering young people.

In their speeches, the CADAP National Coordinator in Turkmenistan and the Program Manager of the EU Delegation in Turkmenistan emphasized the significance of the date and the importance of collective efforts in building a society where health, trust and partnership are the pillars of peace and prosperity.

Representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry and the Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan also made speeches during the meeting:

MVD of Turkmenistan presented initiatives on creating a safe environment and involving youth in prevention activities. Special mention was made of the participation of the Ministry’s staff in international programs, including internships at the European Drug Agency.

Ministry of Health shared its experience in early detection and treatment of addictions, as well as the development of interagency cooperation in the 7th phase of the CADAP programme.

Ministry of Education presented approaches to building resilience in youth through educational programs, life skills development and international exchange.

During the discussion, participants noted phenomenal success of Turkmenistan in combating substance use, emphasizing the important role of the State strategy. Further steps to strengthen inter-agency cooperation and international cooperation were also discussed.

Special attention was paid to the upcoming Regional Youth Forum, planned to be held in September at the initiative of the Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan and with the support of CADAP. The Forum will be a platform for dialog, exchange of experience and promotion of the culture of health and peace among the youth of Central Asia. It is timed to coincide with the International Year of Peace and Trust, as well as the 30th anniversary of Turkmenistan’s permanent neutrality status.

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