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In the period from 16 to 30 November 2024, 30 counter-narcotics activities were covered by mass media in CARICC member states and other countries (*Kazakhstan - 9, Kyrgyzstan - 4, Russia - 11, Tajikistan - 1, Turkmenistan - 1, Uzbekistan - 4*).

Published articles reflect information on preventive activities carried out by police officers (*Kazakhstan*), on the “Sports without Borders” paramarathon, on participation of CNC delegation in meeting of the Steering Committee of the UNODC Programme for Central Asia, on meeting of Deputy Head of the Kyrgyz Ministry of Internal Affairs with Deputy Head of GUNK of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs, on visit of delegation of GUNK of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs (*Kyrgyzstan*), on anti-drug events held in regions of the Russian Federation (*Russia*), on meeting of the Steering Committee of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Programme (*Tajikistan*), on international conference “Strengthening Prevention of Substance Use, Supply Reduction and Development of National Experience in Drug Abuse and Treatment in Central Asia” (*Turkmenistan*), on statement of the Head of the National Centre for Drug Control, on training seminar for secretaries of territorial commission for drug and psychotropic substances control, on presentation ceremony of the National Programme for Combating Drugs and Drug Crime in the Republic of Uzbekistan for 2024-2025 within the framework of the International Day for the Prevention of and Fight against All Forms of Transnational Organized Crime, on regional seminar within the framework of the Global Container Control Programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the World Customs Organization (*Uzbekistan*).

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



YOUTH ANTI-DRUG RALLY HELD IN ALMATY



A training seminar on drug abuse prevention was held in Almaty to discuss importance of united efforts in combating drug crime among young people.

Almaty hosted annual training seminar on drug abuse prevention, organized by officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Police Department in cooperation with the city’s Department of Education.

The event was also attended by deputy directors of schools on educational work, psychologists and leaders of educational institutions. The Center for Innovative Creativity of Alatau

District of Almaty served as venue for the seminar.

- We discussed joint work to counter drug trafficking. Main goal of the event was to share experience and strengthen partnerships between all participants for effective outreach work on drug prevention among minors. In this regard, three main topics of the seminar were emphasized: role of educational work in preventing drug abuse, psychological aspects of prevention among adolescents and effective methods of information work in educational institutions,” said Murat Zhumabaev, Head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Almaty Police Department.

The training seminar became an important platform for sharing experience and introducing best practices in working with minors. This is a step in the direction of preventing drug trafficking and creating a favorable attitude of the society towards the problem of drug addiction.

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ANTI-DRUG COUNSELING CENTER GOES TO CITIES OF PAVLODAR REGION



A unique project was launched in Pavlodar region - a mobile anti-drug counseling center to inform young people about risks associated with drugs.

Today a mobile anti-drug counseling center started from the regional police department.

- Main task of this station is to inform population, students of general education institutions, students of colleges and universities about the consequences of participation in illegal trafficking of narcotic and psychotropic substances. Also, the office will provide consultations to citizens on prevention of drug addiction

and substance abuse, as well as treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts - said Bolat Nurseitov, Deputy Head of DP of Pavlodar region.

Police officer said that within the framework of providing consultative assistance, psychologists from republican and regional mental health centers, as well as representatives of the Pavlodar Regional Center for HIV Prevention and Control and activists of volunteer and non-governmental organizations are working at the center.

The first point of arrival of the counseling center is Aksu city. In future the anti-drug counseling center will travel to all cities and districts of the region.

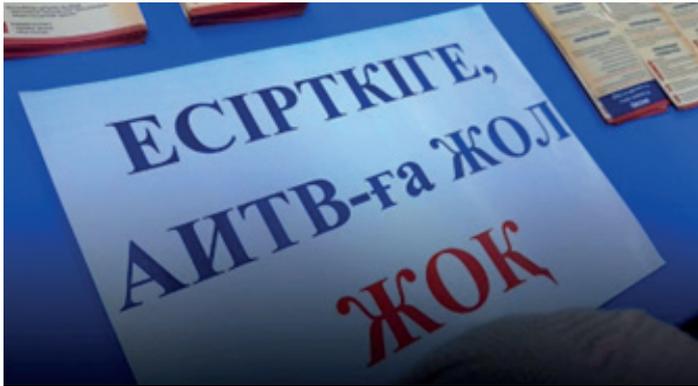
The police reminded that 225 drug crimes were stopped this year, as a result of which more than 423 kilograms of various narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances were seized.

- We all know that drug addiction is a dire and almost irrecoverable disease, as it is expressed in a persistent mental and physical dependence on the effects of narcotic drugs. These substances are capable of causing intoxication, addiction and dependence. Young people, because of their age, or simply for the sake of romance, try these substances and do not think about the effects, which often lead to fatal consequences. We hope that this will be of great help to our citizens, including young people, in terms of legal assistance. And if we help at least one young person, then this project was not in vain," said Mr. Nurseitov.

It was organized by the Police Department and Prosecutor's Office of Pavlodar region. The project was supported by the regional Maslikhat, branch of the party "Amanat", Departments of Health and Information and Public Development, the Republican Scientific and Practical Center for Mental Health and the PF "New vision team".

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ANTI-DRUG COUNSELING CENTER ARRIVED IN EKIBASTUZ



A unique project - a mobile anti-drug counseling center designed to inform young people about risks associated with drugs - was launched in Pavlodar region. It arrived at its first destination - in the city of Ekibastuz.

Main task of this center is to inform population about consequences of participation in illicit trafficking of narcotic and psychotropic substances. Also, counseling citizens on prevention of drug addiction and substance abuse, treatment and rehabilitation of drug-dependent citizens.

The event was held at the “Oner” Palace of Culture, which was quite crowded that day. Students and high school students could get consultations from lawyers, doctors, drug addiction specialists, law enforcement officers, and representatives of public organizations. It was also possible to take an anonymous AIDS test. The participants watched the video “Zakladka» directed by Rinat Balgabaev.

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TRAINING WORKSHOP ON DRUG AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DETECTION HELD IN KOKSHETAU



A workshop on identifying signs of drug use and substance abuse was held for juvenile police officers in Akmola region.

Police Department hosted a training seminar on 26 November on identifying early signs of drug addiction and substance abuse. Juvenile police officers from both regional center and areas of the region, connected via video link, participated in seminar, to which Alexander Vysotsky, chief physician of the Mental Health Center, was also invited.

The event was opened by Bakhtiyar Utekin, Deputy Head of DP of the region. He pointed out that today one of the global problems of society is the use of psychoactive substances and pharmacy drugs by adolescents.

In this context, it has become necessary to train juvenile police officers, who are the first to encounter minors,

to identify by external signs whether adolescents are using illegal substances and to take necessary measures in a timely manner.

The guest speaker provided information on individual risk factors, processes of addiction formation and reasons for involvement in drug addiction, including pharmacy addiction. He also spoke about pharmacy drugs popular among adolescents and signs of use.

The seminar was successful, juvenile police officers asked many questions related to their work, which were fully answered.

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SO-KYOKUSHIN KAIKAN KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN ABAY REGION: SPORT AGAINST DRUGS



The III Open Regional So-Kyokushin Kaikan Karate Championship was held in Semey, which became a bright event in the sports life of the region.

The tournament, held under the motto “Sport Against Drugs”, gathered more than 500 participants representing various corners of Kazakhstan. It became a real holiday for fans of martial arts and all those who strive for healthy lifestyle.

Championship participants showed not only their outstanding athletic abilities, but also real courage, fortitude

and fortitude, which is an integral part of the philosophy of karate.

In fights karate students demonstrated not only technique and strength, but also respect for the opponent, discipline and readiness for self-sacrifice, which are the most important values of martial arts.

The championship was organized with the support of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Abay Region Police Department. This cooperation emphasizes importance of sport as a means of preventing drug addiction among young people and combating drug-related crime.

Tournament organizers note that one of the main directions of the championship is to attract young people to active and healthy lifestyle, to oppose physical activity to harmful addictions, such as drugs.

The tournament not only contributed to popularization of karate, but also became an important step towards the development of sports culture in the region. An important aspect of the championship was its impact on young people: such events help to draw attention to sports disciplines, as well as strengthen health and develop discipline in the younger generation. Participation in such competitions motivates young people to make the right choices and avoid bad habits, choosing sport and physical activity as a path to personal achievement.

This event was a significant milestone not only for professional athletes, but also for martial arts enthusiasts, as the tournament was not limited to professionals, but also opened up opportunities for amateurs and beginners. The So-Kyokushin Kaikan Karate Championship in Semey showed that sport is not only a way to achieve personal results, but also a powerful tool in dealing with social problems.

Thus, the III Open Regional So-Kyokushin Kaikan Karate Championship in Semey became an important event for the whole region. It not only revealed the strongest karate fighters of the region, but also strengthened the idea of a healthy lifestyle, becoming an example for many young people to follow.

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ANTI-DRUG SEMINARS HELD IN ALMATY SCHOOLS



Almaty police officers and educators held a series of seminars aimed at preventing drug abuse among young people.

Police officers and teachers in Almaty conducted a series of seminars and trainings on drug abuse prevention among minors. The event covered 410 students of general education institutions of the city.

Main topic of the seminar was “Role of educational work in prevention of drug addiction”.

- Ensuring exchange of experience and introducing best practices in working with minors, we constructively discussed psychological aspects of prevention among adolescents, as well as effective methods of information work in educational institutions. Our goal is to strengthen partnerships between teachers, psychologists and school leaders to conduct effective outreach work to prevent drug abuse among minors,” the Almaty Police Department’s Division for Combating Drug Crime reported.

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ANTI-NARCOTIC LECTURE FOR FUTURE DOCTORS CONDUCTED BY POLICE IN ALMATY



More than a thousand medical students in Almaty participated in an anti-drug course where police officers spoke about responsibility for drug trafficking.

Potential audience of the seminar - first year students of KazNMU named after Asfendiyarov. Future medics attended an anti-drug course as part of the thematic training “Man and Society”. The lecture gathered more than a thousand students.

Police spokespersons from the Almaty Police Department’s Office for Combating Drug Crime

conducted awareness-raising activities on drug trafficking and criminal responsibility for distribution.

In addition, members of the Department of Communication Skills of KazNMU named after Asfendiyarov held a lecture on “Gambling - a disease of society”.

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A PREVENTIVE TALK ON THE HARM OF “SYNTHETICS” GIVEN TO SCHOOLCHILDREN IN ZHETYSU



School No. 27 held a preventive talk on the harm of synthetic drugs.

An important preventive event was held at secondary school No. 27 in Taldykorgan, organized by UPN DP together with a narcologist.

Main purpose of the meeting was to inform teenagers and schoolchildren about the growing threat associated with new types of synthetic drugs. 220 pupils were present.

During the event specialists told students about harm caused by synthetic drugs and explained how to avoid contact with such substances. Special attention was paid to the consequences of use, the impact on health and dangers of addiction.

Organizers sought to convey to teens that one-time experimentation with such substances can have serious physical and mental health consequences.

In addition to lectures, an interactive part was organized with discussion of current topics, which allowed students to ask questions and receive professional answers.

Representatives of UPN and narcologist from the regional mental health center also urged students to be attentive to their surroundings and immediately report suspicious situations involving trafficking of illegal substances.

Organizers expressed hope that such preventive meetings will help young people to realize the dangers associated with the use of synthetic drugs and form a responsible attitude towards their own health.

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“INDEPENDENT”: A DRAMA ABOUT COMBATING DRUGS PRESENTED IN ASTANA



The capital Gorky State Academic Russian Drama Theater hosted premiere of the documentary drama “Independents,” dedicated to drug prevention and countering drug crime.

The production is presented within the framework of realization of the complex plan on counteraction to drug crime and action on prevention of drug addiction in the capital “Astana - city without drugs”.

Deputy akims of the capital Yeset Baiken and Yerik Meirkhanov, deputies of the Majilis of the

Parliament, representatives of city departments, public figures visited the premiere.

In order to make young people aware of dire consequences of drug use, it is necessary to use any form of propaganda against the drug business. In this case it is the theater. It is the center of attraction of people, and I think that young people will be interested in watching the instructive performance, - said the deputy of the Majilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan Yelnur Beisenbayev.

The documentary drama tells the story of our contemporaries, for one reason or another, caught in a harmful addiction. Viewers watched six bitter stories of self-destruction, cruel falls to the very bottom, desperate attempts to get out of the hell in which each of the heroes fell because of irresistible destructive desire to forget and escape from surrounding reality for a while.

While writing the script, I experienced a whole range of emotions. There was pain, anger and despair. There were moments of utter devastation. Six real stories of people who faced drugs and ruined their lives should clearly show viewers that drugs are evil,” emphasized Oleg Fedorenko, director of the documentary drama.

Drama based on real events. Young director through the prism of creativity conveyed stories that make you think about your own life and raise acute questions of spiritual values and morality.

The documentary drama “Independents” is not just a play, but a social project that aims to protect the young generation from addiction and strengthen spiritual values in society.

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KYRGYZ REPUBLIC



BISHKEK HOSTS «SPORTS WITHOUT BORDERS» PARAMARATHON



On 15 November Bishkek hosted the Paramarathon under the motto “Sport without Borders”.

The event was held at main sports arena named after Dolon Omurzakov.

Athletes with disabilities took part in the marathon.

The event was organized by the Olympic Sports Directorate of KR Public Association National Paralympic Committee of Kyrgyzstan, Athletics Federation and the public association “Marathon Directorate”.

Athletes competed in track and field, mass wrestling and other sports.

Winners and awardees of the competition were rewarded with gifts from the partner of this paramarathon CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic.

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CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES AND UNODC DISCUSS CURRENT CHALLENGES AND THREATS TO DRUG SECURITY IN THE REGION



Delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic headed by Marsel Dootaliev, Head of the CNS Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, participated in a meeting of the Steering Committee of the UNODC Programme for Central Asia on 18 November 2024 in Dushanbe.

During the event delegations from Central Asian countries, donor countries, UNODC and relevant international organizations discussed current challenges and threats related to drug trafficking in the region and issues of cooperation in countering transnational organized drug crime, legalization/ laundering of illicit drug proceeds, criminal justice,

drug abuse prevention, as well as monitoring, analysis and research for more effective counter-narcotics measures.

Participants identified priority areas of cooperation within the framework of the UNODC Programme for Central Asia for 2025.

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DEPUTY HEAD OF THE KYRGYZ INTERIOR MINISTRY MEETS WITH DEPUTY HEAD OF GUNK OF THE RUSSIAN INTERIOR MINISTRY



Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs Major General Nurbek Abdiev received delegation of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs headed by Deputy Head of the General Directorate of Drug Control (GUNK) of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs Major General Sergei Savochkin on 26 November 2024.

The meeting focused on cooperation in combating international drug trafficking, as well as exchange of experience in the field of operational and investigative activities and countering organized drug crime.

During the talks parties emphasized importance of strengthening bilateral cooperation between the law enforcement agencies of the two countries. Measures to improve coordination of efforts in the fight against drug trafficking were discussed.

Nurbek Abdiev highlighted significant successes of joint work of internal affairs bodies in the field of drug control.

In turn, Sergei Savochkin reported on initiatives being implemented to strengthen control over international drug trafficking and noted the readiness for further cooperation with Kyrgyz colleagues.

Concluding the meeting, Nurbek Abdiev expressed confidence that strengthening cooperation between the law enforcement agencies of Kyrgyzstan and Russia will be an important step towards strengthening security and stability in both countries.

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ULANBEK SULTANOV, HEAD OF THE CNS OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND SERGEY SAVOCHKIN, DEPUTY HEAD OF GUNK OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, DISCUSSED FURTHER STRENGTHENING COOPERATION



As part of an official visit to the Kyrgyz Republic, Russian delegation from the General Directorate of Drug Control (GUNK) of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs visited the Counter Narcotics Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic.

During the visit, the Russian colleagues learned about main areas of work of the CNS, as well as advanced methods used in Kyrgyzstan to combat illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. Delegation participants toured key units (Forensic and Canine Centers), discussed effectiveness

of ongoing joint projects and mechanisms for operational exchange of information.

Ulanbek Sultanov, Head of the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, spoke about current situation in the field of drug control, shared his experience and suggested ways to further improve cooperation between law enforcement agencies of two countries. He emphasized that joint efforts with Russian colleagues help to effectively combat international drug trafficking and minimize the threat of drug trafficking in the region.

Main topic of the meeting was discussion of the Russian Programme of Assistance in Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking for the period 2023-2025 and prospects of cooperation in this direction for the next period 2026-2028.

The Russian delegation, headed by Deputy Head of GUNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia Sergey Savochkin, highly appreciated work of Kyrgyz colleagues and expressed readiness to deepen bilateral cooperation.

Concluding the meeting, Ulanbek Sultanov and Sergey Savochkin expressed confidence that stepping up bilateral cooperation will be an important step towards a more effective fight against drug trafficking, contributing to ensuring security and law and order both in Kyrgyzstan and Russia.

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RUSSIAN FEDERATION



POLICE OFFICERS IN NOVOSIBIRSK CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES AS PART OF OPERATION CLEAN GENERATION 2024



As part of Operation Clean Generation 2024, officers of the Drug Control Department of GU MVD of Russia in the Novosibirsk region visited general education school No. 122 in Novosibirsk, where they held meetings with students from grades 8 and 9 aimed at preventing drug abuse in adolescents.

During the conversation police officers informed about responsibility for possession, distribution, propaganda and use of prohibited substances, paid special attention to the age of responsibility, types of punishments imposed on minors who violated the law, as well as warned about the ways of involving minors in the distribution of drugs via the Internet

and the consequences of such “easy” earnings, confirming what they said with specific examples from their professional activities.

A preventive video was broadcast during the meetings, which warns about ways of involvement in drug trafficking via the Internet, reveals the basics of safe behavior, and also explains that a word or image posted on their pages in social networks, containing propaganda and advertising of illegal substances, is a violation of law.

In conclusion, students asked questions and received qualified answers. The meetings were informative and useful.

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POLICE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC COUNCIL OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE KCR TOLD STUDENTS ABOUT HARM OF DRUGS AND BENEFITS OF HEALTHY LIFESTYLE



Today, as part of the operational and preventive operation “Clean Generation” police officers and public servants held a meeting with students of 1-3 years of study on the prevention of drug use and distribution by teenagers, as well as popularization of a healthy lifestyle in premises of the Karachay-Cherkess Medical College.

Amina Khakunova, officer of the Drug Control Department of MVD of the Karachay-Cherkess Republic, told students about how use of narcotic drugs can affect a person’s fate. She reminded about criminal and administrative responsibility for committing illegal

acts in this category. In addition, she explained to the students that registration of drug users imposes a number of restrictions on a person, primarily in professional and social spheres of activity.

Young men and women learned about involvement of young people in criminal activities through the Internet. Police officer urged the audience to be careful and cautious when communicating on social networks, not to

accept dubious offers of easy money from unknown people, emphasized that no money is worth the broken fates of young people, as well as the grief of parents whose children ended up in prison.

In the second part of the event, community leaders joined the conversation and told the audience about the importance of a healthy lifestyle, what habits have a positive effect on the body, reduce the likelihood of disease and increase life expectancy. College students also learned about the negative impact of alcohol and smoking mixtures on human body.

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OFFICERS OF UNK UMVD IN SMOLENSK TOLD STUDENTS ABOUT INEVITABILITY OF PUNISHMENT FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING CRIMES



Officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia for the Smolensk region continue to hold preventive lectures in the city's educational institutions as part of the second stage of the interdepartmental complex operational and preventive operation "Clean Generation - 2024". Another meeting of police officers was held with students of the Smolensk State Agricultural Academy. The event was attended by about 50 students of the educational organization, teachers and representatives of the Smolensk Regional Universal Scientific Library named after A.T. Tvardovsky.

Police officers told students about crimes committed in the region that are related to illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. Special attention was paid to involvement of young people, including students, in illegal activities. They urged the audience to be vigilant and refuse such offers of dubious income.

Students of the academy learned that there is no such thing as an "easy drug". Any narcotic drug causes irreparable damage to health and is quickly addictive.

During the meeting officers of UNK UMVD reminded about current norms of criminal and administrative legislation for illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. Officers of the department gave a number of examples from their official practice, emphasizing inevitability of punishment.

Police officers also spoke in detail about negative effects of alcohol and smoking mixtures on human body.

Representative of scientific library, in turn, told the young men and women about available literature on the topic and told about basics of healthy lifestyle.

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POLICE OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS IN PERM KRAI CARRY OUT PREVENTIVE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



Perm Krai is hosting the second stage of the All-Russian interdepartmental preventive operation “Clean Generation-2024”. Police officers hold lectures with schoolchildren and students in educational institutions and meet with parents and legal representatives. Objectives of these initiatives are to prevent delinquency, prevent the spread of drug addiction among minors and young people, as well as to identify, suppress and disclose the facts of their involvement in illegal activities related to the illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and

their precursors, and to raise public awareness of the consequences of illicit drug use and of responsibility for participation in drug trafficking.

A thematic class hour was held in gymnasium No. 5 in Krasnokamsk. The event was organized and conducted by Yulia Burdina, inspector of Juvenile Affairs Department, and Galina Shevchenko, representative of the Public Council at the territorial body of internal affairs.

Main topic of the talk was the negative impact of narcotic and psychotropic substances on the human body and psyche, especially on children. Children were told about the responsibility for committing unlawful acts in the sphere of illicit trafficking of prohibited substances.

As Galina Shevchenko, a public activist, noted, such events increase effectiveness of preventive work to prevent offenses committed by minors. Students listened attentively to us, joined the conversation, asked questions, which means that they will become responsible for their health and personal safety.

In Chaikovsky secondary school No. 1 juvenile affairs inspectors of the territorial body of the Ministry of Internal Affairs together with social pedagogues of the educational institution told pupils of 9-11 grades gathered in the assembly hall about how use of illegal substances can negatively affect their fate. Law enforcement officers emphasized to students the danger of additional income offered on the Internet as couriers and drug dead droppers, noting that such illegal employment promises very serious punishment under current legislation.

In addition, police officers reminded children about rules of personal safety at home, on the street and in public places, listed main schemes of telephone fraud. They warned against communicating with strangers, especially on the Internet.

In conclusion, officers reminded schoolchildren of the need to immediately contact police in case they witnessed or unwittingly participated in any offense.

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POLICE OFFICERS IN PRIMORSKY KRAI TOLD SCHOOLCHILDREN ABOUT DANGERS OF DRUGS



As part of the special project of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs “Police at the Guard of Childhood” in Primorsky Krai officers of the “Chernigovsky” department of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs conducted an operational and preventive operation “Clean Generation”. Thematic lessons aimed at preventing drug use and distribution by teenagers, as well as popularizing a healthy lifestyle among them, were held in general education institutions of Chernigovsky District.

Police officers told schoolchildren about how drugs can affect a person’s fate and reminded them of inevitability of punishment for possession and use, as well as for the sale of illegal substances.

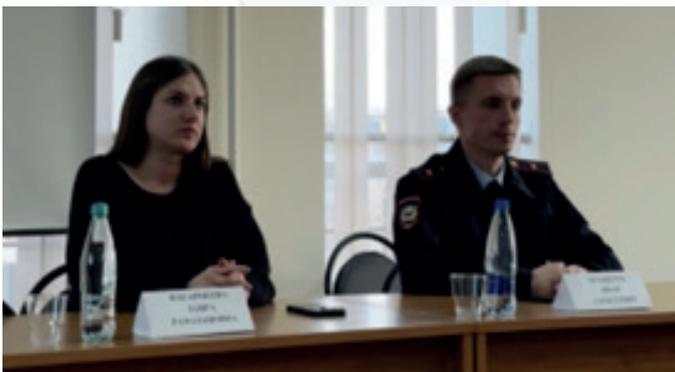
Children were given real examples of how their peers, hoping to make easy money from drug trafficking, were detained by police and punished with imprisonment. Law enforcers emphasized that no money is worth broken fates of young people, as well as grief of parents whose children are imprisoned. Children took an active part in conversations, asked a lot of questions, to which they received detailed answers.

At the end of the lessons, police officers urged students to observe the law, play sports and lead a healthy lifestyle, recommended teenagers to take a responsible attitude to their own life and health, to make only balanced decisions to avoid negative consequences, and the children, in turn, thanked police officers for interesting conversation.

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POLICE OFFICERS IN ADYGEYA ORGANIZED A PREVENTIVE CONVERSATION WITH STUDENTS AS PART OF THE OPERATION “CLEAN GENERATION-2024”



Within the framework of the second stage of the interdepartmental complex operational and preventive operation “Clean Generation-2024”, officers of the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Adygea held a talk with students of Adygea State University.

The event was attended by teachers of the Institute of Law of ASU Bela Guchetl, Irina Khakonova, Margarita Meretukova and representatives of the Adygeya Republican Narcological Dispensary.

During the meeting organizers discussed in detail prevention of the spread of drug addiction among young people and touched upon the topic of prevention of the use of potent substances.

Speaking to children, police major Ivan Prasheruk, officer of UNK, explained to young people concepts of administrative and criminal responsibility, as well as the age at which each of them comes into effect. The fact that, having been brought to justice for certain acts related to illicit trafficking of prohibited substances, a young person is permanently deprived of the opportunity to get a job in some organizations and structures was not left unnoticed.

Zaira Nagorokova, a psychiatrist-drug addict at the Adygeya Republican Narcological Dispensary, explained

to children at the meeting dangers of using psychotropic substances and grave consequences for life and health that follow it in detail.

In conclusion, organizers answered all questions of students. Most of them concerned different types of crimes and administrative offenses in this sphere, as well as sanctions applied to them.

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AS PART OF THE “CLEAN GENERATION-2024” CAMPAIGN IN TYUMEN POLICE OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUBLIC COUNCIL HELD A SERIES OF EVENTS FOR STUDENTS



Within the framework of the Clean Generation-2024 campaign at the Institute of Social and Humanitarian Sciences and the Institute of State and Law of Tyumen State University, Svetlana Racheva and Alexei Tarakanov, members of the Public Council of the Tyumen Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, organized a series of meetings between students and Kristina Yadroshnikova, operative of the Drug Control Department.

Objective of the events is to prevent students from using drugs and psychoactive substances, as well as

from committing crimes in the sphere of drug trafficking.

Kristina Sergeevna noted that drug dealers try to draw young people into their criminal business by various means, promising them an easy income. However, according to the speaker, the average income of a “dead dropper” is several tens of thousands of rubles a month, and this amount is not comparable to consequences that threaten both the dead dropper and the end user. Instead of the expected income, the dead dropper usually receives a real long term of imprisonment. Police major also recalled the universal principle that “Ignorance of the law does not exempt from responsibility”. Therefore, Kristina Sergeevna once again reminded participants of the age of administrative and criminal liability established by legislation of the Russian Federation for committing unlawful acts related to the use, possession and sale of drugs and other substances. During the conversation Kristina Yadroshnikova reminded the participants that even a single use of drugs can be fatal or change a person’s fate forever.

At the end of the meeting Kristina Yadroshnikova called on all participants to be concerned and vigilant, in case of information about committed offenses or crimes in preparation, immediately report to law enforcement agencies.

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POLICE OFFICERS IN MAGADAN REGION TOLD SCHOOLCHILDREN ABOUT IMPERMISSIBILITY OF DRUG USE



As part of the events timed to coincide with the All-Russian Day of Legal Assistance to Children, police officers met with students from School No. 20 in Sokol settlement. Tatyana Chernikova, operative of UNK UMVD, told teenagers in detail about serious consequences of using illegal substances, as well as about legislative aspects related to drug crime.

Police captain explained how drugs destroy health and psyche and shared real stories from practice. The event participants learned how just one rash step (for example, a one-time job as a “dead dropper”) can ruin the rest of their lives.

Particular attention was paid to how to respond to situations where someone in their environment offers to try illegal substances and where to go for help.

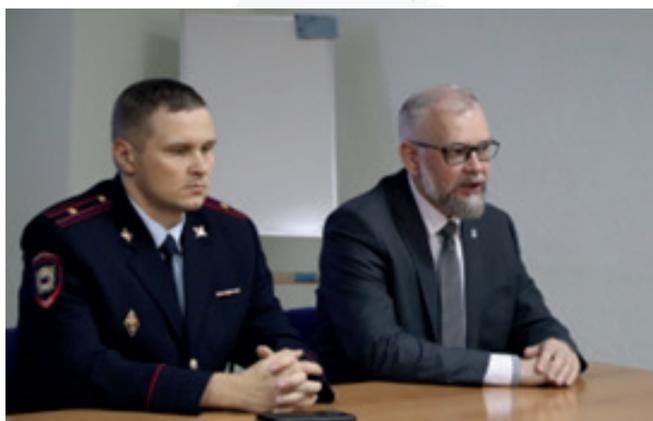
Schoolchildren actively asked questions, interested not only in the topic of protecting society from drugs, but also in general aspects of safety.

A similar event was held in social and pedagogical center. All participants also had an opportunity to get free legal advice in the legal mobile, presented by staff of the Magadan region legal bureau.

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POLICE OFFICERS AND PUBLIC ACTIVISTS OF THE KOMI REPUBLIC HELD A PREVENTIVE CONVERSATION WITH STUDENTS ON THE TOPIC OF ILLEGAL DRUG TRAFFICKING



Within the framework of the interdepartmental complex operational and preventive operation “Clean Generation-2024” police officers together with representatives of the Public Council of OMVD of Russia in Vorkuta held a preventive conversation with the students of the Vorkuta branch of UGTU.

Pavel Vologzhaninov, Head of OPDN, reminded young people about harms of drug use and spoke about the legal consequences of illegal activities related to illegal acquisition and possession of illegal substances.

Oleg Belovolov, member of the Public Council at the Department, also pointed out that addictions not only negatively affect human health, but also lead to social problems and can destroy the lives of teenagers and their loved ones. The topic was continued by the chairman of the Public Council Evgeny Nazimov and urged young people to be careful and cautious when communicating in social networks. The activist reminded that being held criminally liable or being registered in a narcological dispensary deprives them of chances to get a prestigious job, a driver’s license and other life prospects.

A representative of Muslim diaspora Mahmudapandi Magomedov touched upon the topic of extremism and terrorism in his conversation with the students. He emphasized that people of different nationalities and

confessions live in our country, and it is important to preserve goodness and harmony between peoples.

At the end of the meeting, speakers urged students to lead a healthy lifestyle, not to commit rash actions, and also wished them success in their studies and a peaceful sky above their heads.

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RESULTS OF THE ANTI-DRUG PROJECT “VOLUNTEER SCHOOL” SUMMARIZED IN MORDOVIA



Results of the information and educational project “Volunteer School” aimed at development of volunteer movement for drug abuse prevention and promotion of a healthy lifestyle were summarized in Mordovia.

The event was organized by the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Mordovia, the State Committee on Youth Affairs of the Republic of Mordovia, and the administration of the Saransk City District.

30 students from N.P. Ogarev Moscow State University, M.E. Evseyev Moscow State Pedagogical University and

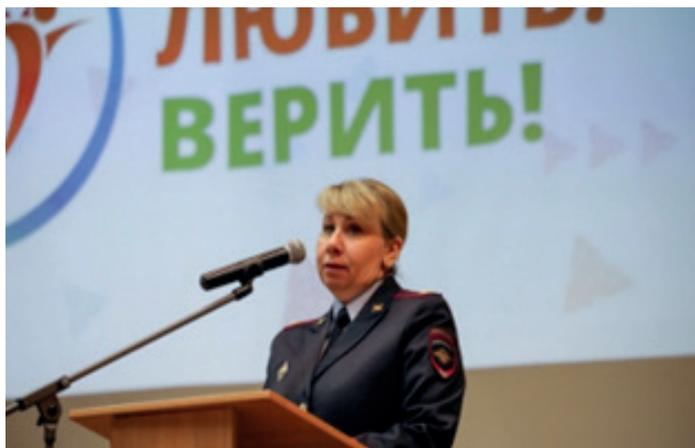
Saransk Cooperative Institute received a certificate of participation in the project, which entitles them to conduct preventive anti-drug activities in schools and universities of Mordovia. For five days students were trained in forms and methods of drug prevention, skills of communication with children and adolescents, and legal basics of combating drug trafficking in the Russian Federation.

At the solemn meeting dedicated to summarizing results of the Volunteer School, volunteers were congratulated by Maxim Zakharov, member of the Public Council at the regional Ministry of Internal Affairs, world champion in ice motorcycle racing, chairman of the All-Russian public movement “Fathers of Russia” in the Republic of Mordovia. He thanked the students for not being indifferent to the problem of drug addiction prevention and urged them to make their contribution to counteracting drug crime in the republic.

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**ANTI-DRUG FORUM “LIVE! LOVE! BELIEVE!”
HELD IN THE REPUBLIC OF MARI EL**



The Forum was organized by the Government of the Republic of Mari El, the Anti-Drug Commission in the Republic of Mari El, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Mari El, with active participation of all subjects of drug abuse prevention system. In addition, the event was attended by Alexei Konovalov, Acting Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Mari El, Dmitry Bezdenezhnykh, Head of the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Mari El, officers of UNK and representatives of the Public Council of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and UMVD of Russia in Yoshkar-Ola.

Volga Region State Technological University was the main venue of the forum. Volgatech hosted the XIII Republican Scientific and Practical Conference “Innovative Approaches to Drug Abuse Prevention”, a lecture by Oleg Moiseev, a clinical psychologist and representative of the “Common Cause” NGO, “Drug Abuse Prevention and Ways of Rehabilitation”, and representatives of the Kirov Regional Youth Palace held training seminars for professionals working in the field of drug abuse prevention and volunteers. In addition, there was a seminar for representatives of anti-drug commissions of municipalities and a meeting of the discussion club “Your View”.

University guests visited the interactive platform “Alternative”, where they could watch master classes from partners and organizers of the forum, get acquainted with the activities of youth organizations of our region, join various activities aimed at attracting young people to a healthy lifestyle. The performance “Short Day” was also shown for the forum participants Mari National Drama Theater named after M. Shketan and the documentary “Short Day”. M. Shketan Mari National Drama Theater and the documentary “Other People’s Mistakes”.

The IV Anti-Drug Forum was organized on nine main platforms, each of which was aimed at a specific target audience. Teachers, parents, medical professionals, volunteers, pupils, students, representatives of local authorities - the range of guests of the event was quite wide.

Dmitry Bezdenezhnykh, Head of Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Mari El, made a report on “Measures aimed at combating illicit drug trafficking in the territory of the Republic of Mari El and results” at the plenary session. He reported on drug situation in the region and measures taken.

At the end of the event, winners of competition of the best practices of anti-drug orientation among municipalities in the Republic of Mari El were awarded in a solemn atmosphere.

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REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

**ORGANIZATION OF A MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF
THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME PROGRAMME**

A meeting of the Steering Committee of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Programme for Central Asia was held at the National Library of Tajikistan on 18 November 2024.

This meeting's purpose was to "Review the 2024 Collaboration Outcomes" and "Discuss and consider the 2025 Work Plan".

The meeting was attended by representatives of law enforcement agencies of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

During the event Director of the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan Major General Zafar Samad made a speech on activities of law enforcement agencies of the Republic in combating illicit trafficking of drugs, psychotropic substances and prevention of drug addiction, as well as on fruitful cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

The meeting was also addressed by Emomi Sodiq Ashurbojzoda, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan, Oliver Stolpe, Regional Representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

It is to be mentioned that cooperation of competent authorities of Tajikistan with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, development partners and other regional and international organizations in order to implement programs on preventing and combating illicit trafficking of drugs, new psychoactive substances, their precursors, transnational organized crime, terrorism and extremism, trafficking in human beings, rehabilitation of drug addicts, ensuring favorable conditions for prisoners in correctional institutions, container control, border security and capacity building of Tajikistan's law enforcement officials are adequately implemented.

During the event, Oliver Stolpe, Regional Representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for Central Asia, visited the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan and learned about the Agency's activities.

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TURKMENISTAN

**STRENGTHENING SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION, SUPPLY REDUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL EXPERTISE IN DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT AND CARE IN CENTRAL ASIA**

On 27-28 November 2024 Ashgabat (Turkmenistan) hosted the International Conference “Enhancing Substance Use Prevention, Supply Reduction, and Developing National Expertise in Addictology and Treatment in Central Asia” with the support of the European Union-funded Central Asia Drug Action Programme (CADAP). The event was attended by delegations from Central Asian countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan) from representatives of governmental institutions, NGOs and expert organizations of the European Union. The conference was aimed at expert exchange of experience and knowledge in the area of supply reduction, prevention and treatment of substance use, introduction and maintenance of effective, evidence-based interventions and policies that would contribute to reducing substance use, minimizing consequences and associated risks.

The conference provided an overview of international best practices in substance use prevention and services; brought together key stakeholders and experts around one table; reviewed supply reduction measures in Central Asia; and jointly discussed strategies and measures to prevent substance use, including NPS, in Central Asia.

Welcoming the conference participants and guests, representative of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Turkmenistan stressed that as a result of joint efforts of law enforcement agencies, ministries, departments and public organizations aimed at preventing illicit drug use, as well as strengthening the state border with neighboring countries, drug trafficking has been minimized. Turkmenistan pays great attention to intensification of the work of health care, education and mass media bodies in shaping a negative attitude of the country’s population towards drug use.

According to representatives of the General Prosecutor’s Office and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the matter of precursor control is particularly difficult, given the need for high quality reagents to identify precursors among a vast flow of chemicals used in the economy and for production processes. Also, Kazakhstan has created a Committee for Combating Drug Crime and restructured the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

According to representative of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, popularity of various smoking mixtures has increased in recent years. Smoking mixtures are associated with synthetic drugs (cannaboids). 260 kg of synthetic drugs were seized in 3 years and 10 months.

Drug Control Agency reported that 16 criminal groups with 74 members were dismantled in 2024 and 1300 kg of narcotic substances were seized. Of particular concern is ingenuity of drug gangs, which use high quality vacuum machines to package drugs and these packages cannot be detected by sniffer dogs.

Speakers included European expert organizations such as the National Center for Prevention of Addictions (Poland), Akzept (Germany), the Republican Center for Addiction Disorders (Lithuania), and technical specialists from Spanish penitentiary institutions.

Thus, the conference created an interactive platform for sharing knowledge and successful models among international and regional experts on current trends in order to identify joint strategies and initiatives.

The international conference will result in draft recommendations to strengthen national drug policies to ensure that they are gender-sensitive, coherent, balanced and evidence-based.

<https://www.newscentralasia.net/2024/11/29/usileniye-profilaktiki-upotrebleniya-psikhoaktivnykh-veshchestv-sokrashcheniye-predlozheniya-i-razvitiye-natsionalnogo-opyta-v-oblasti-narkologii-i-lecheniya-v-tsentralnoy-azii/>



REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

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“WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SPREAD OF ‘PHARMACY DRUG ADDICTION’ AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE” - HEAD OF THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR DRUG CONTROL

Ravshan Mamatov, head of the National Center for Drug Control, said the number of drug crimes in Uzbekistan has doubled in the past five years. “Pharmacy drug addiction” is spreading widely among young people, he emphasized, calling on countries of the region to coordinate efforts to combat it.

The number of drug crimes in Uzbekistan has doubled between 2019 and 2024. This was reported by Ravshan Mamatov, director of the National Center for Drug Control under the Presidential Administration, on 15 November at an international event in Tashkent dedicated to combating

drug addiction and drug crimes.

“According to analysis, over the past five years in Uzbekistan the number of drug crimes has doubled, seizures of narcotic substances have increased 8.5 times, and seizures of synthetic drugs have increased 400 times. These negative processes require taking comprehensive measures and organizing effective interagency and international cooperation,” he said.

Head of the National Center also stressed that widespread “pharmacy drug addiction” is a matter of concern in the region, particularly in Uzbekistan.

“We are concerned that the scourge called ‘pharmacy drug addiction’ is spreading broadly among young people. We are ready to share experience and cooperate with our nearest neighbors in this direction. Given that organized crime is increasingly taking on a transnational character, it is fair to say that only a transnational response can result in success,” he added.

For the first time in history, Uzbekistan adopted a National Strategy to Combat Drug Addiction and Drug Crime for 2024-2028 in 2024. According to Mr. Mamatov, main goal of this strategy is to “create immunity to drug addiction and intolerance to drug crimes among the population, especially young people”.

<https://www.gazeta.uz/ru/2024/11/18/fight-against-drugs/>



A TRAINING SEMINAR FOR SECRETARIES OF TERRITORIAL COMMISSION FOR DRUG AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL WAS ORGANIZED ON 15 NOVEMBER THIS YEAR



The National Center for Drug Control under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan organized a training seminar for secretaries of territorial commission for drug and psychotropic substances control on 15 November this year.

During the seminar, secretaries were told about drug situation in the republic based on results of 9 months of the current year and ongoing work to improve legislation.

In addition, relevant recommendations were given on organization of the Commission's work, critical examination of implementation of the National Program by responsible local agencies and organizations, district (city) territorial commissions, as well as coordination of the work being done in the region to prevent drug addiction and drug crimes.

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NOVEMBER 15 - CEREMONY OF PRESENTATION OF THE "NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR COMBATING DRUGS AND DRUG CRIME IN THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN FOR 2024-2025 WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE PREVENTION OF AND FIGHT AGAINST ALL FORMS OF TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME"



During the event, participants watched video messages from Ms. Ghada Fathy Waly, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and Mr. Atageldi Yazlyyev, Director of the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre.

In addition, Ms. Sabine Machl, UN Resident Coordinator in Uzbekistan, Dr. Oliver Stolpe, UNODC Regional Representative for Afghanistan, Central Asia, Iran and Pakistan, and Mr. Ravshan Mamatov, Director of the National Center for Drug Control under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, delivered their speeches.

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ANOTHER REGIONAL SEMINAR STARTED ITS WORK IN TASHKENT



Another regional seminar within the framework of the Global Container Control Programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the World Customs Organization started its work in our capital.

This event is dedicated to preliminary exchange of information on foreign trade cargo and facilitation of legal trade. Customs officers from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan, as well as representatives of the National Center for Drug Control under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the World Customs Organization and donor

organizations are attending the event.

<https://ncdc.uz/news/toshkentda-navbatdagi-mintaqaviy-seminar-start-oldi>



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