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In the period from 16 to 31 January 2025, CARICC member states and other countries covered 17 counter-narcotic activities in the media (*Kazakhstan - 8, Russia - 6, Tajikistan - 3*).

Published articles reflect information on preventive activities carried out by police officers (*Kazakhstan*), on preventive measures by police officers in regions of the Russian Federation (*Russia*), on round table at the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, on preventive measures conducted by the DCA in educational institutions (*Tajikistan*).



REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



POLICE OFFICERS DISCUSSED BULLYING AND DRUG ADDICTION WITH SCHOOLCHILDREN IN PAVLODAR REGION



Police officers in Pavlodar region held a meeting with high school students from secondary schools in Pavlodar.

Subject of the meeting was not only relevant, but also extremely important for young generation - extortion, bullying, drug abuse and addiction in modern society.

Law enforcement officers shared their experience and knowledge with high school students, talked about prevention methods and how important it

is to ask for help in case of need. Pupils were explained their rights and duties, how to behave in an extreme situation, and rules of safety on the street and at leisure.

In addition, they emphasized that the Internet is not only a source of information, but also a tool of manipulation. Knowledge of the basics of administrative and criminal responsibility, as well as critical evaluation of content will help to avoid dangerous situations and prevent violation of legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The students were also informed about tricks used by criminals to involve young people in criminal activities, promising quick money and guaranteeing impunity.

Those present were reminded that drugs and gambling are not the path to happiness and fulfillment, but to destruction and addiction. Such events play an important role in developing informed citizens and help young people to build their future on healthy principles and values.

Children asked police officers questions and received detailed answers.

School management and children expressed gratitude to police officers for informative conversation and expressed hope for further joint work aimed at creating a safe and favorable environment for teenagers in Pavlodar region.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/vymogatel-stvo-bulling-narkomaniyu-obsudili-politsejskie-so-starsheklassnikami-v-pavlodarskoj-oblasti/>

**BRIEFING ON CHANGES IN CRIMINAL LEGISLATION
FOR DRUG OFFENSES HELD IN PAVLODAR REGION**

The regional communications service of Pavlodar region held a briefing on changes in criminal legislation in the sphere of responsibility for drug crimes.

Irina Timirgalieva, Head of Unit of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Police Department, spoke about main changes in the law.

- Following amendments, the law has differentiated responsibility of drug trafficking organizers and couriers. According to the amendments, drug couriers will face five to eight years of imprisonment. Previously, maximum penalty for illegal manufacturing, processing, acquisition, storage,

transportation for the purpose of sale, forwarding or sale of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their analogues was 10 years in prison. Now for the sale of drugs on a large scale the responsibility is provided from six to ten years of imprisonment, while before it was up to 12 years. Liability for illegal cultivation of plants containing drugs in large quantities has also been increased. Now there is a punishment of imprisonment from seven to twelve years with confiscation of property. Most of the dead droppers are young people, who were thus given an opportunity to be released earlier, to get on the path of correction and start a new life," says the speaker.

This is also an important step to reduce the share of prison sentences. Those convicted under the above articles can expect parole or replacement of served part of the sentence with a more lenient one. Each sentence will be examined individually.

According to preliminary data, more than a thousand Kazakhstan citizens may enjoy the right to reconsider their sentences due to changes in the law.

More than 50 people, three of whom were minors, were arrested for drug crimes in Pavlodar region last year.

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LARGE-SCALE CAMPAIGN “LIFE WITHOUT DRUGS” HELD IN ZHETYSU REGION



Preventive event “Life without drugs” for pupils of 9-11th grades and students took place on 14 January 2025 in the House of Culture of Tekeli.

The event was organized by the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Police Department of Zhetysu region, the Prosecutor’s Office, Tekeli Education Department and the public association “Do Good, Tekeli!”.

The event’s main goal was to promote healthy lifestyles among young people, prevent drug

addiction, as well as foster civic responsibility and patriotism.

In addition, special attention was paid to fostering a culture of communication and interaction among participants.

The MI BATTLE game was held as part of the event. It was attended by 10 teams consisting of 60 students who competed with each other. The participants showed not only their knowledge, but also their skills and team spirit.

Overall, the event attracted more than 250 spectators and fans. At the end of the game, the prize-winning teams were awarded, as well as the best team captains.

In addition, the participants who created the best anti-drug posters were recognized. This event left a great impression on young people, because such actions aimed at fighting drugs contribute to raising awareness of responsibility for their own life and health among young people.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/masshtabnoe-profilakticheskoe-meropriyatie-zhizn-bez-narkotikov-sostoyalos-v-oblasti-zhetysu/>

AKMOLA RESIDENTS WERE REMINDED ABOUT COMBATING DRUG ADDICTION AND CHANGES IN LEGISLATION



Akmola drug enforcers spoke about results of their work and explained the latest changes in anti-drug legislation.

According to information of the head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime Duman Sabirzhanov, 308 drug offenses were detected in 2024 in the Akmola region.

Police officers foiled 137 cases of sale of prohibited substances, six cases of cultivation, 26 cases of storage of narcotic drugs in a particularly large size.

Two phytolaboratories in Ereimentau and Bulandyn districts were detected and dismantled in the course

of operative-search activities.

Police officers seized more than 387 kilograms of various narcotic drugs. These include hashish, marijuana and synthetic drugs.

Last year, drug enforcers stopped nine large channels of drug supply to the region.

One of the priority areas of the unit's activities is combating synthetic drugs. Last year, police officers detained 49 dead droppers. Most of them were young people who had no regular income.

Internet resources and social networks are monitored on an ongoing basis to identify persons involved in the distribution of drugs. 311 different links to websites with drug advertisements and job offers for the sale of drugs were identified and entered into the Kibernadzor database.

Also during the briefing the head of the unit spoke about recent changes in anti-drug legislation. In particular, the introduction of more "soft" punishment for drug dead droppers, at the same time, the law toughens the punishment for production and organization of sale of narcotic drugs, responsibility for illegal cultivation of plants containing drugs in large amounts.

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DRUG PREVENTION CONDUCTED IN A SCHOOL IN TURKESTAN



Drug prevention was conducted in a school in Turkestan.

Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Turkestan Region Police Department held a meeting with students of grades 8-10 of the state general education institution "Comfort School" on the topic of drug abuse prevention.

The event was attended by Marat Bimakhanov, senior operative of UPN DPD of Turkestan region, district inspector A. Karazhigitova, school director M. Bokhaeva, teachers and more than 150 students.

Main goal is to promote a healthy lifestyle, form a negative attitude towards drug use among young people, encourage them to take up sports and give up bad habits.

During the meeting guest speakers told teenagers about the harm of drugs, psychotropic substances, negative impact on life and health, and consequences of crimes related to possession and sale of drugs.

In addition, students were shown video clips about the problem of drug addiction and drug use, about the work done to prevent illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs.

At the end of the meeting, students asked questions on the topic discussed and received detailed answers.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/profilaktiku-narkomanii-proveli-v-odnoj-iz-shkol-turkestana/>



WINTER CAMPAIGN “YOUTH AGAINST DRUGS” HELD IN ALMATY REGION



Drug police officers in Almaty regional police held a preventive campaign “Youth against drugs” at the ice rink in Konaev.

The event was aimed at attracting young people’s attention to healthy lifestyle and preventing the harmful effects of drugs. The event included awareness-raising about the harm of drugs, sports games and competitions on ice. Teenagers were reminded that sport is not only a fun way to spend time, but also a reliable way to health, discipline and success.

Participants were given information booklets and leaflets with tips on drug prevention and contacts of support services.

Police officers expressed hope that such events will help younger generation to make the right choice in favor of health and active lifestyle. Organizers thanked everyone for their active participation and noted that drug prevention remains one of the main priorities in the work of police.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/zimnyuyu-aktsiyu-molodezh-protiv-narkotikov-proveli-v-almatinskoj-oblasti/>



“HOCKEY AGAINST DRUGS” IN KOKSHETAU



A hockey tournament was held in Kokshetau on 26 January in memory of the honored teacher of the Kazakh SSR, director of Ozerny secondary school (Kokshetau region) Tolebayev Hasen Orazbayevich in the year of his 90th anniversary.

The event was supported by the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the DP of the region and the

Department of Physical Culture and Sports of the region.

Main goal of the tournament is to show how important is continuity of generations in sports, instill a sense of patriotism and love for the Motherland, respect for elders and the formation of healthy lifestyle.

The sports festival gathered about 400 people on the stands, including 180 teenagers and young people. Organizers of the tournament, heads of the Department of Physical Culture and Sports, Deputy Head of the Department of Internal Affairs of the region, Police Colonel Bakhtiyar Utekin, addressed the tournament participants and guests with a welcoming speech.

Four teams from Kokshetau city, Zerenda village, Ozernoye village and Kishkenekol village took part in the competition. Games were held under the Olympic system: the losing teams met each other for 3-4th place, and the winning teams - for 1-2nd. All matches were hard fought, as the teams were equal in strength, results of the games were decided by a series of shootouts.

Winner was the team of Kokshetau city, second place - Ozernoje village, third - Zerenda village, fourth place - Kishkenekol village. The winning team won a certificate in the amount of 500 thousand tenge from organizers of the tournament. And the oldest participant, as a person who chose to lead a healthy lifestyle, was awarded a valuable gift by the deputy head of the police department Bakhtiyar Utekin.

Moreover, a quiz on anti-drugs was organized for audience by the Department for Combating Drug Crime of DP in between the games. Young people enjoyed this entertainment and actively answered questions and received well-deserved prizes.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/hokkej-protiv-narkotikov-proshel-v-kokshetau/>



SPORT AGAINST DRUGS: INTERNATIONAL KARATE TOURNAMENT HELD AT THE ABAY ARENA



An international karate tournament under the motto “Sport against drugs” was held in the cultural and sports complex “Abay Arena”.

The tournament was organized by the Republican Public Organization “Kazakhstan Alliance of Martial Arts TORA CUB”, and sponsored by the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Police Department of Abay region.

More than a hundred talented athletes from Kazakhstan, Russia and the Kyrgyz Republic

took part in the sporting event. The tournament united not only masters of martial arts, but also drew attention of the general public to the important topic of fighting drug addiction.

Competitions were held in an atmosphere of fair play and sporting spirit. Spectators witnessed impressive duels, demonstrating skill, strength and discipline of the participants.

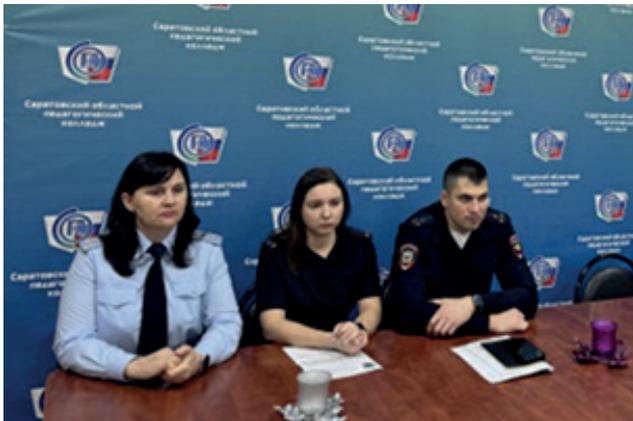
- We strive not only to promote sports, but also to convey an important message to young people - a healthy lifestyle and sports always defeat bad habits,” said Lieutenant Colonel Gaukhar Espaeva, senior operative for especially important cases of the Abay Regional Police Department’s Directorate for Combating Drug Crime. The “Sport against Drugs” tournament became a vivid example of how martial arts can become a tool in the fight for a healthy future of society.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/sport-protiv-narkotikov-na-abaj-arene-sostoyalsya-mezhdunarodnyj-turnir-po-karate/>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION



STUDENT PARATROOPERS PREVENTIVE CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED IN THE SARATOV REGION AND THROUGHOUT RUSSIA



In the Saratov region, the first guides of the “Student Paratroopers” were employees of UMVD of Russia in Saratov. As part of the campaign, police officers met with students of the Pedagogical and Financial-Technological Colleges of Saratov.

The students were told what the DND is and what vigilantes do, and were encouraged to join the ranks of volunteer police assistants.

The students were reminded of types of unlawful acts for which administrative and criminal liability is provided, and were told about legal consequences for offenses and

crimes in the sphere of drug trafficking. The children were urged to be careful when communicating with strangers on the Internet and not to post information that could be used by criminals.

“Paratroopers” were told about the procedure for admission to higher education institutions of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs, the specifics of the educational process, the requirements for candidates, and various areas of police work. Young people learned about the social guarantees provided to police officers. At the end of the event, the law enforcement officers answered all the questions of the children and wished them excellent studies.

The campaign “Student Paratroopers” will be held from 20 to 25 January for students and pupils of specialized secondary educational institutions. Students will be invited to various departmental divisions, where they will tell about the specifics and nuances of service activities, providing an opportunity to personally meet and talk to those who ensure law and order and oppose crime. Traditionally, the action is held with the support of public councils at the territorial bodies of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia at the district level of the Saratov region.

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STUDENT PARATROOPERS IN THE KEMEROVO REGION LEARNED ABOUT HOW POLICE OFFICERS COUNTER DRUG TRAFFICKING



The “Student Paratroopers” campaign of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs continues in Kuzbass. Police officers together with members of public councils organize master classes, study tours, and immersion in the profession for students of educational institutions.

Students of the Siberian Polytechnic Technical College, specializing in law enforcement, and students of the Kemerovo State Institute of Culture came to the Department for Drug Control of GU MVD of Russia for Kemerovo region - Kuzbass.

The guests were met by the head of UNK, police colonel Roman Belokopytov. He told the audience about how

police officers counter drug trafficking. Roman Belokopytov emphasized that drug crime actively uses modern technologies, crimes are committed without contact, but this is not an obstacle for modern police, which is able to uncover the most extensive criminal schemes of drug trafficking. He also emphasized that the list of narcotic drugs is constantly being updated, and attempts by criminals to evade responsibility by changing the composition of an illegal substance are unsuccessful.

Students performed a “drug dictation”, showing their awareness of legal basis for countering drug trafficking.

The conversation about how to join the ranks of those who fight for a healthy region was continued by the Deputy Head of the Department for Work with Personnel of the Directorate General, Police Colonel Evgeny Pitenev. He spoke about the requirements for candidates for service in UNK, emphasizing that excellent physical fitness, analytical skills, and the desire to do their job well are inherent in every employee of this unit. Police Lieutenant Colonel Tatyana Krestyannikova, Head of the HR Department of the URLS, added that students can improve their professional training in higher education institutions of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, told about the rules of admission and the advantages of studying in departmental educational organizations.

A small excursion into history awaited the guests in the museum of the UNK, where the students learned how the name and uniforms of the service staff changed, and got acquainted with the biographies of those who made a great contribution to the professional perfection of the drug control unit.

Specialists of the Kemerovo Drug Dispensary reminded students about the effect of potent substances on the human body. They offered the participants of the Student Paratroopers to try on virtual reality glasses that create the effect of intoxication of different degrees. The students were very impressed when they realized how much their reactions and coordination changed.

The brightest moment of the meeting was a master class conducted for the students by UNK operatives. They demonstrated several effective self-defense techniques, showing excellent physical fitness, poise, physical strength and the ability to hold a blow.

At the end of the event, Yelena Matveeva, a member of the Public Council of GU MVD of Russia in Kemerovo region - Kuzbass, addressed the students. She thanked the students for their interest in the profession of internal affairs officers and noted that police officers and students are united by active citizenship, a sense of patriotism, caring and creative energy.

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OFFICERS OF THE LINE DEPARTMENT IN VLADIMIR JOINED THE “STUDENT PARATROOPERS” CAMPAIGN



A meeting of officers of the Vladimir Line Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia on Transport with students took place with students of the Vladimir Polytechnic College in the course of the All-Russian campaign “Student Paratroopers”.

Transport police officers together with the Public Council at the Vladimir LD of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia on transport organized performances for students studying law enforcement specialization.

Lieutenant Colonel of Police Alexander Ignatyev, Acting Head of the Vladimir LD of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia on Transport, familiarized the audience with the history of the linear division,

with the main areas of activity of the Vladimir LD of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia on Transport, told the audience about the measures taken to ensure the completeness of registration and recording of crimes, the procedure for filing and reviewing complaints about crimes, appealing against unlawful actions of OVD officers.

In addition, he explained the danger of xenophobia, and also touched upon the topic of extremism in the youth environment, presented legislative norms regulating activities to combat extremism, paid special attention to safety in social networks, explained what can threaten the dissemination of information calling for extremist activities, asked students to be as careful as possible not to fall under the influence of people with radical views, gave recommendations on how to avoid such influences, including on the Internet.

Senior Lieutenant Yevgeny Pushkov, a specialist in the direction of professional training of the department for work with personnel of the Vladimir LD of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia on transport, told the audience about the requirements for selection to educational institutions of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia system. During the meeting students learned about features of educational process, disciplines, living conditions, benefits and guarantees when studying at departmental institutions of higher professional education of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia.

Police Major Svetlana Kuznetsova, a psychologist of the moral and psychological training group of the department for work with personnel of the Vladimir LD of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia on Transport, told about the possibility of students to undergo training practice in the subdivisions of the linear department, about the requirements and conditions of admission of citizens to service, about the service and social guarantees of an employee of the internal affairs.

Senior Lieutenant Olga Makarova, Legal Advisor of the Vladimir LD of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia on Transport, familiarized the audience with the forms of corruption and explained how to counteract them. The audience learned what behavior can be perceived by others as a manifestation of corruption; the speaker also reminded about the responsibility for committing corruption crimes and the need to report such facts to law enforcement agencies.

Alexey Gorev, archpriest of the Vladimir diocese, member of the Public Council at the Vladimir Regional Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia on Transport, spoke about illegal acts related to the illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, explained what can threaten the use of drugs and their distribution, what effect prohibited substances have on the body.

Lieutenant Roman Ivanov, inspector of the juvenile affairs department of the Vladimir LD of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia on Transport, and Natalia Luzhnykh, chairman of the Public Council at the Vladimir LD of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia on Transport, leading specialist in labor protection of the Vladimir track distance, reminded about the necessity of observing the rules of safe behavior on transport

objects and responsibility for their violation. The students were shown educational films of preventive nature.

Major Pavel Boiko, Head of the Expert Forensic Department of the Vladimir LD of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia on Transport, told the students about the activities of his department, the principles of the expert's work as part of the investigative and operational team, the use of forensic methods for the detection of traces and objects at the scene of an accident, the conduct of research and examination, showed the forensic equipment.

Senior Inspector of the Public Order Protection Department of the Vladimir LD of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia on Transport, Police Captain Denis Sinchagov told the audience about the specifics of the work of combat units to protect public order and ensure safety at railway transport facilities.

Major of Justice Anna Dementieva, Investigator of the Investigation Department of the Vladimir LD of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia on Transport, together with Major of Police Anastasia Glukhova, Senior Investigator of the Investigation Department of the Vladimir LD of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia on Transport, discussed with the attendees the differences in the investigation of criminal cases in their departments, as well as reminded the children about measures to counter cyberfraud.

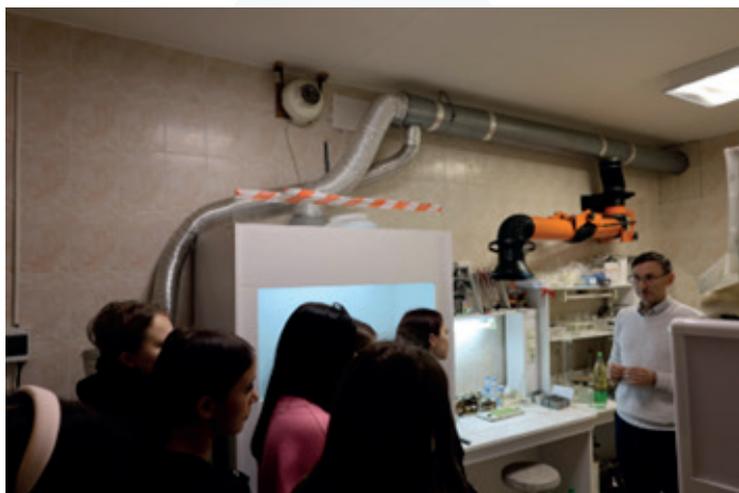
At the meeting young people actively asked questions, in turn, police officers and the chairman of the public council at the linear department tried to answer them as easily as possible.

At the end of the event, students and teachers were presented with posters and preventive leaflets.

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FUTURE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN MORDOVIA VISITED DRUG CONTROL DEPARTMENT OF THE REPUBLICAN MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS



Students of SCI RUC College visited the Drug Control Department of the Republican Ministry of Internal Affairs within the framework of the All-Russian campaign “Student Paratroopers”.

Police Major Ildar Pugaev, Head of UNK, met with the future lawyers. He described the work of police officers in combating drug trafficking and explained the tasks of the unit's officers: from detecting and suppressing crimes to preventing drug addiction and promoting healthy lifestyles.

Sergey Kiushkin, a member of the Public Council at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Mordovia, chairman of the regional public

organization “Law and Order Squad”, briefed children on the procedure for joining voluntary people's groups and explained how the vigilantes help the police in ensuring law and order.

Then the guests went to the Expert Forensic Center of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Mordovia, where they learned how narcotic drugs are investigated. Pavel Igushkin, Head of the EFC Department, Colonel of Police, demonstrated to the children the analytical equipment that allows not only to determine the type of drugs, but also to detect traces of narcotic drugs on various objects.

At the end of the meeting police officers answered the students' questions about the peculiarities of employment in the internal affairs bodies and universities of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, and the guys thanked the organizers for the informative and interesting event.

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POLICE OFFICERS IN TVER TOLD STUDENTS ABOUT DRUG THREAT

A preventive event for students was held at the Tver Polytechnic College. Officers of the regional drug control department prepared information for audience, which, in the opinion of police, will help young people make the right choice in life.

Police Major Ekaterina Venkova, operative for especially important cases of UNK of UMVD of Russia for Tver region, presented young men and women with video clips with examples of destructive consequences of drug use and told about the stages of drug addiction.

Police officer explained to young people legal consequences of actions related to drug trafficking and how young people get involved in drug business.

At the end of the meeting Ekaterina Venkova recommended students to be law-abiding citizens, to set high goals for themselves, to achieve success, and to lead a healthy lifestyle.

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SCHOOL-WIDE PARENT AND PUPIL MEETINGS STARTED IN SCHOOLS OF KABARDINO-BALKARIA AS PART OF PREVENTIVE CAMPAIGN



Parent and pupil meetings are held in Nalchik schools as part of the annual nationwide interdepartmental anti-drug prevention campaign “For Health and Safety of Our Children”.

Together with officers of the Drug Control Department and juvenile affairs departments of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kabardino-Balkar Republic and the local administration of the Nalchik urban district, the event is attended by representatives of the clergy, the Ministry of Youth Affairs of the Kabardino-Balkar Republic and the Public Chamber of the Republic, as well as famous athletes.

First meetings within the framework of the campaign were held in four schools of Nalchik, which were attended by almost 500 students.

In her speech, Lieutenant Colonel of Police Irina Davydova, senior operative of the Republican UNK, recommended that high school students lead a healthy lifestyle, engage in sports, science and art.

Inspectors of the juvenile affairs units of UMVD of Russia “Nalchik” told in detail about the measures of criminal and administrative responsibility provided for by the current legislation for illegal activities.

Representatives of the Spiritual Administration of Muslims of the Republic and the Russian Orthodox Church noted in their speech that any religion welcomes only good, useful deeds and good deeds.

Alim Kudayev, head of the KBR Kickboxing Federation, international category judge, discussed child’s behavior in society, preservation of family values with schoolchildren and their parents.

Shakhidat Temmoyeva, Chief Specialist of the Department of Education of the local administration of Nalchik, also expressed her opinion on the topic under discussion.

Vladimir Abanokov, a representative of the Public Chamber of Kabardino-Balkaria, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Kabardino-Balkarian Republican Branch of “Combat Brotherhood”, continued the meeting.

Representatives of the Ministry of Youth Affairs of the Republic Alikhan Ulbashev and the Department of Youth Policy of the local administration of Nalchik Angela Kalmykova also took part in the action.

At the end of the meeting, schoolchildren supported the action “For the health and safety of our children” and took a photo with the hashtag “No drugs!”.

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POLICE OFFICERS IN MAGADAN TOLD TEENAGERS ABOUT INTOLERANCE TO THE USE OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES



Kolyma police officers are constantly working to raise awareness among schoolchildren and students about the harmful consequences of consuming illegal substances.

A preventive session, attended by more than 200 children, was held at the engineering school. Sergey Tenyakov, a medical psychologist of the regional dispensary of psychiatry and narcology, Maria Saratova, a doctor of psychiatrist-narcologist of the children's office of the same institution, and Tatiana Chernikova, a senior operative of UNK UMVD of Russia in the Magadan region, talked to the pupils

of grades 6-10.

Police major told about irreversible consequences of even one-time drug use. Teenagers also learned about the dangers of electronic nicotine delivery systems and how tobacco consumption destroys the body.

Tatyana Vladimirovna informed children about criminal and administrative responsibility for illicit trafficking in illegal substances, gave a number of examples from practice, emphasizing the inevitability of punishment and impressive sanctions of the articles of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation.

The operative also handed out preventive booklets to schoolchildren and demonstrated video materials prepared by GUNK MVD of Russia - "How not to fall for drug recruiters" and "What to do if you see a dead dropper".

At the end of the meeting, Tatyana Chernikova reminded the helpline of UMVD of Russia in Magadan region 69-66-55, by calling which one can report cases of illegal sale of narcotic drugs.

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REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

**A MEETING WAS HELD WITH STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF SECONDARY GENERAL EDUCATION INSTITUTION NO. 17 OF FIRDAVSI DISTRICT**

In accordance with the joint action plan, on 15 January 2025 at the secondary school no. 17 of the Firdavsi district of Dushanbe, representatives of the Federal Drug Control Service under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan together with representatives of the Education Department of the Firdavsi district held a discussion and meeting with teachers, parents and students of the aforementioned institution on the prevention of adolescents and young people from undesirable factors of drug addiction and drug abuse, the causes and consequences of the outbreak of drug abuse, the involvement of some young people in the illegal sale and trafficking of drugs, as well as the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan «On the responsibility of

parents in the education and upbringing of children», the prevention of young people from undesirable factors of extremism, the fight against terrorism and extremism, and the strengthening of young people's sense of patriotism and respect for national sacredness.

<https://akn.tj/ru/2025/01/16/a-meeting-was-held-with-students-and-teachers-of-general-secondary-education-institution-no-17-of-firdavsi-district/>

**AGENCY EMPLOYEES HELD A MEETING IN SECONDARY GENERAL EDUCATION INSTITUTION NO. 5 OF FIRDAVSI DISTRICT OF DUSHANBE**

In accordance with the plan of joint activities, representatives of the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan together with representatives of the Department of Education of Firdavsi district of Dushanbe city held a meeting with teachers, high school students and their parents on 13 January 2025 to discuss prevention of adolescents and youth from undesirable factors of drug addiction and extremism, countering terrorism and extremism, preventing the disintegration of young families and in order to increase the sense of patriotism of young people and pay tribute.

<https://akn.tj/ru/2025/01/16/agency-employees-held-a-meeting-at-mts-5-of-firdavsi-district/>



SCO: TOWARDS A HEALTHY AND DRUG-FREE SOCIETY



An international round table on “SCO: Towards Building a Healthy and Drug-Free Society” was held at the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan on 29 January 2025.

The event was attended by the Director of the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Major General of the Drug Control Service Zafar Samad, the Director of the Academy of Public Administration, the Director of the SCO Friendship and Cooperation Centre in Tajikistan Davron Safarzoda, Deputy Secretary General of the SCO Sohail Khan, National Coordinator of Tajikistan

for SCO Affairs Akhmed Saidmurodzoda, Regional Advisor of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime in Afghanistan, Central Asia, Iran and Pakistan Milos Stojanovic, Director of the SCO International Centre for Legal Education and Cooperation Liu Xiaohong, Director of the SCO National Centre for Public Diplomacy in Russia Stanislav Korolev, Director of the China Friendship Association in Central Asia Wang Sihai, SCO Goodwill Ambassador, Dilshod Nazarov, 2016 Olympic Champion, Chairman of the Advisory Council of the SCO Centre for Friendship and Cooperation in Tajikistan, Professor of the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan Rashid Alimov, and Ambassadors of SCO member states to Tajikistan.

The round table held a comprehensive exchange of views on bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the fight against drug trafficking and on prevention programs aimed at preventing drug abuse and combating the spread of drugs in the region.

Participants also discussed implementation of the decision of the SCO Heads of State Council on improving SCO activities with a focus on the establishment of the SCO anti-drug center in Dushanbe.

As part of the event, Drug Control Agency canine handlers presented a demonstration of service dog activity in which the dogs detected and found drug substitute materials that they had left in stashes.

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