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In the period from 16 to 31 October 2024 mass media in CARICC Member States and other countries covered 30 events in counter-narcotics field (*Kazakhstan - 11, Kyrgyzstan - 3, Russia - 12, Tajikistan - 1, Uzbekistan - 3*).

Published articles reflect information on preventive activities carried out by police officers (*Kazakhstan*), on preventive measures carried out by officers of the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic (*Kyrgyzstan*), on anti-drug events held in regions of the Russian Federation (*Russia*), on subregional anti-drug operation “Kanal-Avangard” (*Tajikistan*), on meeting held at the National Center of Drug Control within the framework of the “National Strategy to Combat Drug Addiction and Drug Crime in the Republic of Uzbekistan for 2024-2028”, on meeting of expert group on preparation of proposals for amendments and modifications to list of potent substances, on introduction to activities of the Customs Clearance Center and the Central Customs Laboratory of the Customs Committee (*Uzbekistan*).

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



ZHETYSU POLICE CALLS ON CITIZENS TO COUNTER DRUG WEBSITES



The key point of the meeting was creation of the Cybervolunteer movement. This is an initiative aimed at engaging active citizens, especially young people, to search for and block dangerous content related to drug abuse on social networks.

A round table was held in Zhetysu region on the initiative of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the PD of the region dedicated to development and implementation of modern technologies in prevention of drug addiction among young people.

The event took place in the building of the PD and gathered representatives of regional prosecutor’s office, Department of Education, Department of Digital Technologies, Department of Physical Education and Sports, Department of Culture, Department of Health, the Amanat party, as well as representatives of the NGO Kos Kanat.

The movement will become an important element in combating online stores that distribute illegal substances. Volunteers will help to identify and transfer information about such content to relevant government agencies. In addition, the meeting discussed the idea of creating a unified communication platform in the popular messenger Telegram, which would become a tool for interaction between government officials, law enforcement agencies and young people.

Such a platform would enable rapid exchange of information, direct efforts to block Internet resources engaged in illegal activities and create common strategies for drug abuse prevention.

This event was an important step in strengthening interaction between the state and youth, aimed at ensuring safety in the digital space and preventing drug addiction through the use of modern technologies.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/sovremennye-tehnologii-v-profilaktike-narkomanii-proekt-kibervolonterstvo-v-zhetysu/>

POLICE ORGANIZED AN ANTI-DRUG SPORTING EVENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN EAST KAZAKHSTAN REGION



Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime organized an anti-drug campaign actively participated in by students of the KAFU College.

Together with police officers young people held sports events, including warm-ups, relay races and pull-ups on a bar on the new embankment of Ust-Kamenogorsk. The event gathered more than 60 participants and not only popularized a healthy lifestyle, but also drew the attention of young people to the problem of drug addiction.

Despite cold weather, students enthusiastically participated in cross-country race and other challenges, demonstrating their team spirit and desire to win. The atmosphere was filled with support and energy, which made the event especially significant.

The best participants were awarded with certificates and valuable prizes. Police officers held information sessions discussing risks of drug addiction and importance of mutual assistance in its prevention. Young people actively shared ideas on how to improve the situation in society and prevent the spread of drugs among young people.

Students left with positive emotions and valuable knowledge on how to protect themselves and their loved ones from drugs. This event clearly showed that we can together.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/sportivnoe-antinarkoticheskoe-meropriyatie-organizovali-politsejskie-dlya-molodezhi-v-vko/>

COMBATING DRUGS IS STRENGTHENED IN PAVLODAR REGION



New inter-agency measures to effectively combat drug crime are being introduced in the Pavlodar region.

A meeting of the Regional Interagency Staff devoted to coordination of actions to combat drug addiction and drug trafficking was held in the region. Mr. Serik Batyrguzhinov, Chief of Staff, First Deputy Akim of Pavlodar region, emphasized the need to step up efforts in this area and called on the heads of responsible agencies to strengthen their work.

The agenda included implementation of the Comprehensive Plan to Combat Drug Addiction and Drug Trafficking for 2023-2025. Special attention was paid to prevention of drug addiction in educational institutions, as well as to the assessment of the effectiveness of measures aimed at reducing the involvement of adolescents and young people in drug crime.

Heads of various departments: on combating drug crime, on information and public development, as well as health and education, spoke during the meeting. Timur Karzhaubaev, Head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Police Department, presented a report on current drug situation in the region.

- New inter-agency measures are being introduced in Pavlodar region to effectively combat drug crime, which contributes to improvement of public safety and protection of citizens' health. During the current period, 84 crimes related to illicit trafficking of narcotic and psychotropic substances were detected in the region. Among

those detained were persons acting as part of an organized criminal group specializing in the distribution of drugs through dead drops in neighboring regions,” Karzhaubaev noted.

He also spoke about prevention being carried out, which include regular monitoring of the Internet to detect drug distribution, removal of drug graffiti and active interaction with the public through the Shadow Hero app. This application allows citizens to report drug crimes and block drug websites.

Timur Karzhaubaev emphasized the need for greater interaction with society to improve drug literacy and promote healthy lifestyles among young people.

The meeting resulted in specific instructions to heads of government agencies and akimats to strengthen information work aimed at countering the spread of drugs, preventing drug addiction and promoting healthy lifestyle.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/bor-ba-s-narkotikami-usilena-v-pavlodarskoj-oblasti/>



A LARGE-SCALE FORUM ON COMBATING DRUG ADDICTION HELD IN ULYTAU REGION



Police officers in Zhezkazgan organized a forum that brought together schoolchildren and students. Athletes, volunteers, lawyers and community leaders took an active part in the event. Participants discussed problems of drug addiction and measures to address it.

A large-scale forum organized by the police took place in Ulytau, bringing together more than 700 schoolchildren and students. The event was also attended by athletes, volunteers, lawyers and public figures.

At the opening of the forum, welcoming speeches were made by regional akim, prosecutor, head of department of the National Security Committee,

chairman of the regional court and head of the regional psychoneurological dispensary. During their speeches, the speakers discussed serious consequences of drug addiction and measures to protect young people, as well as ways to address pressing social problems. Special attention was paid to the threat posed by synthetic drugs to the well-being of young people and future generations.

Among the guests of the forum were famous movie actors Sherkhan Pirnazar, Dias Myrzahmet and Aktoty Bolshova, who urged participants to be more active in combating drugs. A striking part of the event was production “Monologue of a drug addict”, which made a strong impression on all attendees.

Head of the Police Department of the region Kayirken Aliyev emphasized importance of forming a culture of countering drugs and called on youth to lead healthy lifestyle.

- The future of our country is the youth. You have the opportunity to resist drug addiction and promote a healthy lifestyle. Do not forget that each of us has a responsibility in combating drugs. Together we can effectively tackle the spread of drug addiction,” he noted.

The forum concluded with a photo contest for schoolchildren and a demonstration of combat techniques by a

special unit of the police department, emphasizing the need to protect the community from drug crime.

It should be noted that since the beginning of the year in Ulytau region 56 drug offenses were detected, and more than 500 kg of drugs were seized by the police.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/masshtabnyj-forum-po-bor-be-s-narkomaniej-proshel-v-oblasti-ulytau/>



PREVENTIVE ANTI-DRUG EVENT AMONG SCHOOLCHILDREN IN ZHETYSU



Main topic of the meeting was combating drug addiction among young people. A drug addiction doctor spoke to students, telling them in detail about harms of drug use, its detrimental impact on their health and future.

Officers of the Zhetysu Police Department's UPN together with the Juvenile Affairs Department conducted an important preventive event for students of School No. 18. The event was attended by 74 schoolchildren. It was important to emphasize not only the medical consequences, but also the social consequences, as drug addiction destroys families and careers.

After the lecture, a round table was organized where schoolchildren were able to ask questions and discuss various aspects of the problem with experts.

Such events play an important role in preventing drug abuse among young people, helping them to realize seriousness of the threat and motivating them to lead healthy lifestyle. Such meetings help build trust between police, medical professionals and young generation, strengthening their awareness and safety.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/profilakticheskoe-antinarkoticheskoe-meropriyatie-sredi-shkol-nikov-sostoyalos-v-zhetysu/>



800 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN ANTI-DRUG MEETING IN PAVLODAR REGION



More than 800 students in Pavlodar region participated in an anti-drug meeting dedicated to drug abuse prevention and legal education among young people.

An hour of useful information entitled "A drug-free future!" was held for senior and middle school students in general education institutions in the Akkuli district to prevent drug abuse, provide legal education and inform young people. The event was aimed at preventing harmful habits among children and adolescents, forming a negative attitude towards drug addiction and popularizing healthy lifestyle.

The discussion was held in online and offline settings, and the number of attendees at the meeting amounted to more than 800 people.

Speakers were members of the Pavlodar Region Police Department and the Akkuli District Prosecutor's Office. The event discussed drug addiction, consequences of drug use, methods of involvement in use and distribution of narcotic and psychotropic substances, and relationship between drug addiction and crime.

After listening to information of experts, children came to the conclusion that drug addiction is a fatal disease, and acts related to drug trafficking with the use of information technologies are punishable by imprisonment from 15 years and above.

At the end, teenagers were shown thematic videos and a training session “A Minute of Psychological Unloading” was conducted.

A book exhibition “Say NO to Drugs!” was organized in the lobby of the school, where books, brochures and magazine articles on the problem of drug addiction as a global threat to public health and national security were presented.

The key conclusion that the children made was that it is necessary to live an interesting life, enjoying a healthy lifestyle, socializing with each other and creativity. Then there will be no need for artificial substitutes for happiness.

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE “FUTURE WITHOUT DRUGS” WAS HELD AT THE ALMATY ACADEMY OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



At the annual international scientific-practical conference at the Almaty Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the best international experts and practitioners spoke about a burning topic for society.

The root of the questions is the same - drugs - and the goal is the same - to make society free of drugs.

The conference was attended by representatives of the Drug Enforcement Administration of the U.S. Department of Justice, Kyrgyzstan, UNODC experts, as well as the head of the UNODC Programme Office in Kyrgyzstan and representatives of the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre.

Also present were leadership of the Committee for Combating Drug Crime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs

of the Republic of Kazakhstan, leadership and staff of the Almaty Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, head of the Kostanai Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan and head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Almaty Police Department.

All participants of the conference made reports, in which they outlined current problems and ways to solve them.

- For 10 years Almaty Academy has been organizing the international scientific-practical conference “Future without drugs”, - said Zhanat Dilbarkhanova, acting head of the Almaty Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Following directions from the Head of State, law enforcement agencies were tasked with establishing a strong barrier to the spread of narcotic drugs among citizens.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/mezhdunarodnaya-konferentsiya-budushhee-bez-narkotikov-sostoyalas-v-almatinskoj-akademii-mvd-rk/>

MORE THAN 400 STUDENTS EXPRESSED PROTEST AGAINST DRUGS IN ZHAMBYL REGION



Department for Combating Drug Crime of the PD of Zhambyl region carries out continuous large-scale work to combat drug addiction, which is not limited only to lectures and seminars.

Students and schoolchildren take part in various sports competitions and join mass sports. Another such event was organized by Zhambyl drug enforcers for 400 students of College No. 9 of Merke district in Sarymoldayeva village.

The organizers also include the public association “Yelu zhylda - Yel zhana” and the Merke youth resource center.

After listening to a lecture on the topic of popularization of a healthy lifestyle and harm of narcotic substances, students saw how service dogs find drugs and execute commands.

Sports competitions were also held that day. Winners and prize-winners were awarded diplomas and prizes. The students, thanking the organizers, noted that they received not only emotions, but also knowledge.

- Such events help to connect with students and let them realize that they are not alone. We are always ready to help, so if you feel threatened, if you learn any information about drug distribution, please inform us immediately,” said Acting Head of UPN PD, Police Colonel Askar Dzhumabekov.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/bolee-400-studentov-vyrazili-protest-narkotikam-v-zhambylskoj-oblasti/>

600 POLICE OFFICERS, SOLDIERS AND ACTIVISTS UNITED FOR ANTI-DRUG OUTREACH IN THE NORTH KAZAKHSTAN REGION



Drug addiction is one of the important problems of society, which requires decisive action in organization of prevention. In the message to the people “A Just State. United nation. Welfare society” the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Kemelevich Tokayev noted that combating synthetic drugs should take a nationwide character.

Police officers involve volunteers and non-governmental organizations in information work. Today, about 100 activists from the Youth Resource Center of the Akimat of Petropavlovsk city, NGO “Bolashak”, “Youth Maslikhat”

and “Association of Civil Alliance” attended the garrison discharge together with the guards and servicemen.

Acting Head of DP SKO Police Colonel Kurmangali Ismagulov oriented employees and volunteers to conduct information work within the framework of operational and preventive measure “Esirtkisiz kala” (“Drug Free City”), which was held from 29 to 31 October.

- The city is divided into sectors by police stations, and each station is assigned a responsible person from the leadership of the PD. In his messages, President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev called for consolidation of society’s

efforts to improve quality of drug prevention and the fight against drug crime in general. Only thanks to our joint coordinated work we will be able to change drug situation in the region,” Kurmangali Ismagulov said.

Information materials have been prepared for the OPM, which will be distributed in state institutions and places of mass appearance of people.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/600-politsejskih-voennosluzhashhih-i-aktivistov-ob-edinilis-dlya-antinarkoticheskoy-propagandy-v-sko/>



KAZAKHSTAN AND QATAR STRENGTHEN COOPERATION IN COMBATING CRIME: INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT SIGNED



Delegation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan headed by Minister Yerzhan Sadenov paid a visit to Doha (Qatar).

During the visit a meeting was held with Qatar’s Minister of Interior Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani.

During the meeting parties discussed prospects for cooperation in the fight against crime, including countering organized forms of crime, drug trafficking, extremism, cybercrime, as well as cooperation in the field of tracing persons and exchange of best practices.

The key outcome of the visit was the signing of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Cooperation in Combating Crime, which took place on the sidelines of the 15th International Security Exhibition “MILIPOL QATAR - 2024”.

This agreement opens a new stage of Kazakh-Qatari relations in the law enforcement sphere, forming a legal basis for in-depth cooperation and coordination of efforts in the field of security.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/kazahstan-i-katar-ukreplyayut-sotrudnichestvo-v-bor-be-s-prestupnost-yu-podpisano-mezhpravitel-stvennoe-soglashenie/>

ABAY REGION UNITES IN COMBATING DRUG CRIME



A significant meeting of the interdepartmental staff on prevention of drug addiction and combating drug crime was held in Abay region on 28 October 2024.

The meeting brought together representatives of government agencies, law enforcement structures and public organizations united by a common goal - to protect youth and society from destructive influence of drugs.

During the meeting participants discussed key aspects of implementation of the “Comprehensive Plan to Combat Drug Trafficking for 2023-2025”. Particular attention was paid to the interaction of all structures in the prevention of drug abuse among young people, as well as ensuring adequate funding of activities aimed at combating this threat.

- We are not just fighting crime - we are protecting our future,” said Abay Tlek Kamza, head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Regional Police Department.

He emphasized the need to work actively with young people, as the most vulnerable group, through targeted prevention activities and information on the harm of drugs.

Among the priorities announced at the meeting were strengthening work in educational institutions, launching new anti-drug campaigns and expanding social support programs for those in difficult life situations.

- We must be united in this fight, only in this way we can protect our children and youth from danger, - summarized the participants of the meeting, calling for the active involvement of the whole society in the process of prevention.

The meeting resulted in specific instructions to strengthen interagency cooperation, which will make it possible to combat the drug threat in the region even more effectively.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/oblast-abaj-ob-edinyaetsya-v-bor-be-s-narkoprestupnost-yu/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC



**STUDENTS OF BISHKEK SCHOOLS WERE GIVEN
A LECTURE ON THE HARM OF DRUGS**



Officers of the Counter Narcotics Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs delivered a lecture on the topic “We are for healthy Kyrgyzstan” on 16 October 2024 to pupils of 9-10 grades of schools No. 65, No. 67 of Bishkek.

Representatives of the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, police lieutenant colonel Kanybek Usenov and police lieutenant colonel Umida Ismatova, as well as head of the department of the Republican Center for Mental Health of the Ministry of Health, Tinatin Sagynbaeva, informed about circumstances under which they can be exposed to drugs and what negative consequences can result from their

use, as well as reminded about the legal and administrative responsibility for the use or possession of drugs.

Preventing offenses, including drug use, taking care of the health of each person and the entire nation is the most important task of the state and the entire society.

Following the lecture, active participants of the lecture were given special gifts with the logo of CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

In turn, schoolchildren thanked police officers for broadly informing them about harms of drug use.

It should be noted that the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs conducts information and awareness-raising campaigns on a permanent basis.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/3792>



**CNS STAFF HELD A LECTURE FOR PARENTS OF SCHOOLCHILDREN ON NEGATIVE
CONSEQUENCES OF DRUGS**



Officers of the Counter Narcotics Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic conducted a preventive lecture for parents of students of secondary schools No. 18, No. 54, secondary schools of Maevki and Prigorodnoye villages in Bishkek.

The main purpose of the meeting was to inform parents about the harmful consequences of drug and psychoactive substance use among young people, as well as the importance of preventive measures to prevent drug addiction.

During the lecture, representatives of the CNS discussed in detail the medical and social aspects of the problem of drug addiction, and explained to parents the legal

responsibilities associated with drug trafficking.

CNS staff encouraged parents to be alert to changes in their children's behavior, to have regular conversations about the harms of drugs, and to take an active role in prevention efforts. Parents were also offered information on resources and support services they could access if needed.

CNS plans to continue the series of prevention activities to raise awareness among parents and educators, strengthening their role in shaping a healthy future for the younger generation.

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CNS OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC ORGANIZED THE III MODEL UN AMONG STUDENTS OF VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES AND STUDENTS OF THE LYCEUM "SAPAT"



The III Model UN - educational event was held in Tokmok Lyceum named after Zhusup Balasagyn, where 10th grade students recreated the work of the United Nations in the form of a game.

The Countering Narcotics Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic organized an educational project "Model UN" and presented memorable gifts to the most active participants as part of active assistance to the formation of legal culture and development of leadership qualities among young people.

The Model UN project is a unique educational platform simulating the work of the United Nations, where young participants act as delegates from different countries. They

discuss current world issues and learn to work in a team, developing public speaking and diplomacy skills.

Support to the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic was aimed at the implementation of activities related to strengthening the legal awareness of young people, as well as popularization of a healthy lifestyle and prevention of addictions.

Representatives of the CNS MIA emphasized the importance of such initiatives aimed at fostering a responsible and socially active young generation, which can play a significant role in the development of society.

During the event delegates were able to familiarize themselves with the main measures and methods used by the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the fight against drug trafficking and to ask questions regarding threats to youth and public safety.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/3834>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION



STUDENTS FROM SIX SCHOOLS IN KABARDINO-BALKARIA TOOK PART IN THE CAMPAIGN “FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN”



Officers of the Drug Control Department and juvenile affairs inspectors of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kabardino-Balkar Republic visited six schools in Nalchik and talked to students about healthy lifestyles, negative attitudes towards narcotic drugs and psychotropic medications, and the harms of alcoholism and tobacco smoking.

Representatives of the Ministries of Education and Science and Health of the KBR also participated in the events.

Officers of the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kabardino-Balkar Republic and juvenile affairs inspectors spoke about the responsibility stipulated by the current legislation for committing unlawful acts, including trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic

substances.

Farizat Temmoyeva, chief specialist of the Department of Education of the local administration of the city of Nalchik, and Tatyana Nagornaya, psychiatrist-narcologist of the narcological dispensary, reminded the children about the inadmissibility of committing offenses and involving them in illegal activities, as well as informed them in detail about the effects of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances on their bodies.

At the end of the event, children asked their questions and noted the need to organize such meetings systematically.

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POLICE OFFICERS AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC COUNCIL IN KUZBASS TOLD STUDENTS ABOUT COMBATING DRUG TRAFFICKING



KuzSTU military training center hosted an event within the framework of the All-Russian operational and preventive action “Report where death is sold!”. Its participants were senior operative of the Drug Control Department of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Kemerovo region - Kuzbass, police major Andrey Tretyakov, a member of the Public Council at the regional police headquarters Nikolay Kirichenko, as well as a participant of a special military operation with the call sign “Jubilee”. The audience of speakers consisted of about 70 students of the university.

Andrey Tretyakov, an officer of the Main Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for Kemerovo Region - Kuzbass, informed students about the tasks and achievements of police officers in the field of drug trafficking control. He noted that criminals are actively using modern technologies, trying to evade responsibility, to create many links of drug trafficking. This complicates

the work of law enforcement agencies, but does not make it impossible, and Kuzbass police successfully uncover such schemes, bringing to justice everyone - from drug couriers to the organizers of the drug business.

The police officer drew the audience's attention to the fact that drug dealers actively try to involve young people in illegal activities, offering them easy and high earnings and guaranteeing anonymity. In contrast to this statement, Andrei Tretyakov gave examples of detention of student dealers, who became involved in criminal cases, lost prospects for education and employment in certain areas. He urged to ignore invitations from unknown people to become couriers and to report such offers to law enforcement agencies.

In addition, the police officer invited students, as the most active part of society, not to stand aside from the fight against drug trafficking and to take part in it in any way possible: from working as part of cyber-squads to identify illegal content on the Internet to volunteering to destroy drug ads on the streets of cities and districts of Kuzbass. Andrei Tretyakov also spoke about the regional campaign "Report where death is sold!", when every Kuzbass citizen has the opportunity to make their city safer.

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OFFICERS OF UNK UMVD OF RUSSIA IN THE TAMBOV REGION TOOK PART IN THE REGIONAL SEMINAR "PROPAGANDA AND DISTRIBUTION OF NARCOTIC AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES IN YOUTH SUBCULTURES"



A seminar on "Propaganda and distribution of narcotic and psychotropic substances in youth subcultures" was held in Morshansk with participation of officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in the Tambov region.

The seminar was held on the initiative of the Ministry of Education and Science of the region and the Regional Resource Center "CyberDruzhina" for educators of Morshansk, Morshansk and Pichaevsky municipal districts: deputy directors of schools for educational work, teacher-organizers, psychologists, class teachers.

The objectives of the seminar were to discuss the problems of drug addiction among young people, youth subcultures promoting the use of narcotic drugs, measures to counteract the spread of illegal content on the Internet, issues of legal awareness of adolescents and young people in the field of anti-drug legislation.

Alexey Bannikov, the head of Morshansk, addressed participants of the event, noting active consolidation of interdepartmental forces in anti-drug activities in the municipality and in the Tambov region as a whole.

Morshansk city prosecutor Alexander Allenikh in his speech gave examples of criminal cases related to drug trafficking, involving minors, listed the reasons for drug use, calling their availability one of the main reasons.

Marina Krasnoslobodtseva, Deputy Head of the Department of Organization of Interaction with Government Authorities and Interagency Cooperation in the Sphere of Prevention of UNK UMVD, emphasized significant increase in the number of drug crimes committed by teenagers this year.

It is important to organize in educational institutions the necessary psychological and pedagogical assistance to children who need it, to reduce the level of tolerance to negative phenomena in the adolescent and youth environment through preventive work, to involve youth leaders, sportsmen, artists, representatives of the clergy in preventive work.

Dmitry Polukhtin, Chairman of the Tambov Regional Branch of the All-Russian Society “Sobriety and Health”, told the audience about biological and psychological aspects of chemical dependence.

At the end of the seminar, Olga Tretyakova, head of the CyberDruzhina Regional Resource Center, based at the Tambov Business College, spoke about interim results of the center’s work to stop illegal content on the Internet, to improve the safety of the target group’s presence in social networks and other virtual associations.

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POLICE OFFICERS MET WITH STUDENTS IN THE SARATOV REGION AS PART OF THE ALL-RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF RUSSIA “REPORT WHERE DEATH IS SOLD”



Officers of MO MIA of Russia “Balashovsky” Saratov region - operatives of drug control department, police majors Oleg Gritsinin and Alexander Efremenko, as well as inspector of the juvenile affairs department, junior police lieutenant Ulyana Chernova met with first-year students of the Balashovsky Institute of the N.G. Chernyshevsky Saratov State University and the Balashovsky branch of the Saratov Regional Basic Medical College.

Police officers told the first-year students about the harm of even a single use of drugs and psychoactive substances and their harmful effects on the human body. The students

learned how important it is to refuse the first offer to try drugs and how dangerous it is to be involved in criminal schemes to sell illegal substances.

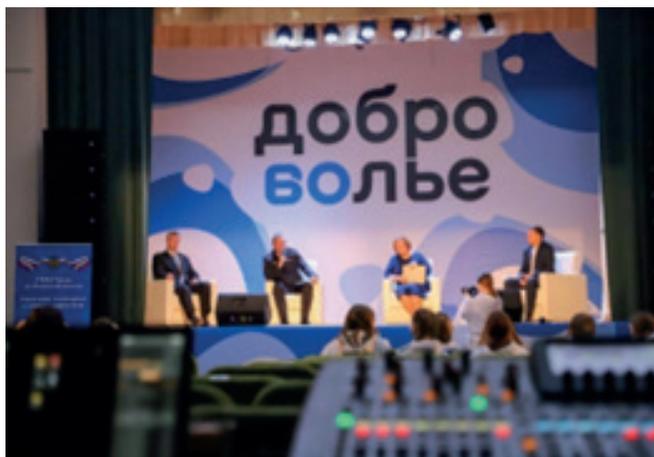
Police officers also informed young people about criminal and administrative responsibility for crimes in the sphere of drug trafficking, and described the penalties for these acts. They also informed young people about the fact that being registered as drug users imposes a number of restrictions on a person, primarily in professional and social spheres of activity.

At the end of the event, police officers recommended young men and women to be law-abiding citizens, to set the right goals, to achieve success, to lead a healthy lifestyle and to play sports. The students, in turn, thanked the police officers for the interesting event and the opportunity to gain new knowledge.

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YOUTH FORUM OF VOLUNTEER ANTI-DRUG MOVEMENT OPENED IN THE PSKOV REGION



Opening ceremony of the X Youth Forum of the volunteer anti-drug movement of the Pskov region “Dobrovoye.60” took place on the eve on the basis of the Pilgrim Center “Pilgrim’s House” in the town of Pechory, Pskov region.

The forum has traditionally played a fundamental role in establishing traditions and continuity of anti-drug volunteering in the Pskov region. The current meeting united more than 100 volunteers.

For three days the brightest representatives of the volunteer anti-drug movement will share their experience in drug prevention among young people, improve their knowledge, and come up with new projects that will help

to involve more participants in the volunteer movement of the regions.

At the opening ceremony, a welcoming speech was delivered by the Deputy Head of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in the Pskov Region, Police Colonel Valery Baev, Head of the Prevention Department, Head of the Moscow Branch of the All-Russian Action Public Organization “Common Cause” Oleg Moiseev, Priest Evgeny Kovalev, Rector of the Church of St. Anastasia the Uzoreshitelnitsa of Pskov, and Alesya Mikhacheva and Starsh, Directors of the ANO “Center for Youth and Public Initiatives”. They noted that for modern youth volunteering is a good opportunity for self-realization and the formation of an active life position, and the speakers promised that the days of the forum will give each participant useful experience that they will be able to apply in their own activities.

The forum has a rich program. The organizers have planned round tables, lectures, trainings, anti-drug quests and networking. At the forum, experts will be able to conduct master classes with activists and share their work experience.

The forum is organized by the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in the Pskov region, the Youth Policy Committee of the Pskov region, the Education Committee of the Pskov region, and the ANO PO “Center for Youth and Public Initiatives”.

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POLICE OFFICERS IN SMOLENSK HELD A PREVENTIVE LECTURE FOR STUDENTS AS PART OF THE ALL-RUSSIAN ACTION “REPORT WHERE DEATH IS SOLD”



Officers of the Drug Control Department of the regional UMVD held a preventive lecture for students of the Smolensk branch of the Plekhanov Russian Economic University as part of the second stage of the All-Russian campaign “Report where death is sold”, which was attended by more than 50 students.

The officers told the students about the tasks of police officers and the crimes they had solved. The law enforcers gave examples from their work, noting the prison sentences that perpetrators receive for committing crimes in the sphere of illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

Officers of UNK UMVD discussed with students ways of giving up addictions and reasons that lead young people to try drugs for the first time.

The meeting gave young people an opportunity to express their opinions, show their own view on the problems and ways to solve it.

At the end of the lecture, police reminded the young people of telephone numbers where they can report information about facts of drug distribution to the internal affairs authorities.

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POLICE OFFICERS AND PUBLIC ACTIVISTS IN PERM KRAI HELD PREVENTIVE EVENTS “VALUE YOUR LIFE”



Officers of OMVD of Russia “Kuedinsky” together with representatives of the Public Council at the territorial department of internal affairs held preventive events “Value Your Life” for senior pupils of local schools and students. The meetings were held as part of the second stage of the All-Russian campaign “Report where death is sold”.

The main goal of the events is to involve the public in countering drug trafficking and preventing non-medical drug use, to help people who have become dependent on drugs, and to form a strong anti-drug civic position among young people.

Juvenile affairs inspectors Elena Mukhametova and Alexander Polonyankin told the young residents of Kuedin in detail about the negative impact of narcotic and psychotropic substances on the human body and psyche, emphasizing that the consequences of drug addiction are especially severe for minors.

Law enforcers explained to teenagers that they should not respond to information about easy money, as it is often a criminal activity; they urged young people to be vigilant and report any circumstances related to the possession, distribution and use of drugs to the police department.

In addition, law enforcement officers told the children about the danger of involvement in extremist and

terrorist activities, explained how to behave on the Internet in order not to become an accomplice or victim of a crime.

During the meetings, young people asked questions and received comprehensive answers. At the end of the events, the organizers encouraged the young people to be law-abiding, lead a healthy lifestyle and be creative.

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OFFICERS OF UNK GU HELD A PREVENTIVE EVENT IN THE NOVOSIBIRSK REGION AS PART OF THE “REPORT WHERE DEATH IS SOLD” CAMPAIGN



As part of the All-Russian campaign “Report where death is sold”, officers of the Drug Control Department of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Novosibirsk Region, in cooperation with the Comprehensive Social Service Centers of the Oktyabrsky and Leninsky districts of Novosibirsk, organized and conducted anti-drug prevention activities for students of general education schools Nos. 160, 189 and 220 on the topic: “Prevention of the use of illegal substances. Administrative and criminal liability of minors in the sphere of illegal drug trafficking”.

The events were organized with the aim of forming a negative attitude among teenagers towards non-medical drug use, raising legal awareness, and preventing offences and crimes in the sphere of drug trafficking.

Officers of UNK GU told teenagers about responsibility for illegal actions related to illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, about the types of punishment provided for by Russian legislation, about the age of legal responsibility, and gave instructive examples from the lives of teenagers who had violated legal norms. The police also drew the attention of the audience to the fact that the Internet is currently being used as one of the ways of involving teenagers in drug trafficking and their initiation into it.

During anti-drug meetings, videos were broadcast that warn about the ways of involvement in drug trafficking via the Internet, reveal the basics of safe behavior, and explain that a word or image posted on their pages in social networks, containing propaganda and advertising of illegal substances, is a violation of the law.

In addition, officers of UNK GU informed listeners that the second stage of the All-Russian campaign “Report where death is sold” is taking place across Russia. The event is aimed at countering illicit drug trafficking, as well as counseling on the treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts. It was explained that facts of illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and persons involved in such crimes should be reported to the “hotline” or to the nearest police department.

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC COUNCIL OF THE VORKUTA DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS JOINED THE CAMPAIGN “REPORT WHERE DEATH IS SOLD”



Elena Yurkina, a member of the Public Council at the Department of Internal Affairs of Russia in Vorkuta, and Svetlana Verkholtantseva, a teacher-psychologist, gave an anti-drug talk to students of the Vorkuta Arctic Mining and Polytechnic College as part of the All-Russian campaign “Report where death is sold” aimed at involving public in countering drug trafficking.

Teacher-psychologist of the educational institution explained to the students how drug and alcohol addiction occurs. Svetlana Verkholtantseva told about the consequences of tobacco, alcohol and drug use for young organism and demonstrated an anti-drug social video clip.

Elena Yurkina reminded young people about the rules of safe behavior on the Internet, warned about the consequences of communication in social networks with strangers who involve minors in illegal activities. The activist warned students against offers of “easy money”, which are received in social networks and messengers. A member of the Public Council at OMVD of Russia in Vorkuta talked about the consequences of criminal liability and emphasized that those who wish to link their fate with certain, including law enforcement agencies, will not be able to do so because of a rash act in the past.

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NORTHERN OSSETIAN POLICE OFFICERS TOGETHER WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PREVENTION ORGANIZATIONS ORGANIZED ANTI-DRUG EVENTS IN SCHOOLS AS PART OF THE SECOND STAGE OF THE ALL-RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN “REPORT WHERE DEATH IS SOLD”

In North Ossetia as part of the second stage of the All-Russian campaign “Report Where Death is Trafficked” officers of UKON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of RSO-Alania together with police officers of OMVD of Russia in the Pravoberezhny District carried out preventive work aimed at protecting minors from drug addiction. Representatives of prevention organizations also took part in the events.

The students were told about the danger of drug addiction both for an individual and for society as a whole. A person suffering from addiction is capable of committing unlawful acts for the sake of another dose, without realizing the consequences of their actions. The officers emphasized that the use and distribution of narcotic and psychotropic substances is a punishable act and reminded about criminal and administrative responsibility.

In order to form a negative attitude towards narcotic substances among teenagers and develop their skills to refuse their use, a narcologist told them about the impact of destructive substances on their health. The medical worker told the minors in detail about the impact of drugs on the mental and physical state of a person.

During the lectures, police officers showed students a documentary about the problem of drug addiction, where people who have used drugs tell their story of their fall and struggle with addiction. They tell about how they managed to overcome it! Unfortunately, often the winner in a difficult “battle” is not a person. Therefore, police officers urged young people to adhere to a healthy lifestyle, where there is no place for a substance that poisons the body.

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A DELEGATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS VISITED MOSCOW YOUTH ANTI-DRUG PLATFORM



A meeting of representatives of law enforcement agencies of the Republic of Belarus and heads of UNK GU MVD of Russia in Moscow took place at the Moscow Youth Anti-Drug Platform in the context of international cooperation.

Major General of Police Andrei Orlov, Head of the Drug Control Directorate of the Moscow Department of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs, and Colonel of Police Dmitry Kaloshin, Deputy Head of the Drug Control Directorate of the Moscow Department of the Russian

Ministry of Internal Affairs, told their colleagues from neighboring countries about the work of the Moscow Youth Anti-Drug Platform and plans for its modernization.

The guests were given an extensive tour of the facility with a demonstration of the interactive halls of the exhibition and display area, where visitors had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the activities of police officers in the fight against drug trafficking, as well as to see installations with the consequences of the use of illicit drugs and substances.

During the tour, Moscow police noted that the site has been operating daily for ten years. During this period it has been visited by more than 28 thousand citizens, of which about 25 thousand are minors studying in educational institutions of Moscow.

Guests thanked the leadership and staff of the Drug Control Department of the Main Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Moscow for the warm welcome and the opportunity to exchange experience.

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OFFICERS OF UNK GU MVD OF RUSSIA IN THE SARATOV REGION HELD ANTI-DRUG ACTIVITIES WITH YOUNG PEOPLE



In order to popularize healthy lifestyle, as well as to form a negative attitude towards drug addiction and illegal drug trafficking among the younger generation, officers of UNK GU MVD of Russia in the Saratov region held a preventive training session with cadets of the State Budgetary Educational Institution of Secondary School No. 2. V.V. Talalikhin Secondary School No. 2.

Police officers told the audience about main ways of involvement in drug trafficking, legal consequences of involvement in drug trafficking, the age of prosecution for

such acts, and reminded about harmful effects of drugs on body. A thematic video was shown to the cadets during the meeting.

Another event was organized by drug control officers at the Saratov Regional Basic Medical College. Together with representatives of the regional branch of the All-Russian Anti-Drug Movement “Anti-Dealer” and a sports club, police officers organized a sports session for first-year students.

After a preventive talk given to young people by an officer of UNK of the Regional Department, members of the “Anti-Dealer” and athletes demonstrated various sets of physical exercises to the children. Then the students took part in a sports relay race, according to the results of which the most distinguished participants were awarded medals and memorable gifts.

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REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN



SUB-REGIONAL ANTI-DRUG OPERATION “KANAL-AVANGARD»



In accordance with Action Plan for 2024 of the Coordination Council of Heads of Competent Authorities for Countering Illicit Drug Trafficking of the Collective Security Treaty Organization member States, a subregional anti-drug operation entitled “Kanal-Avangard” was conducted on the territory of the Collective Security Treaty Organization member States from 21 to 25 October 2024. The purpose of the operation was to interdict channels for the flow of drugs, their precursors and analogues, new psychoactive and potent substances into the region of responsibility of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, to neutralize international transnational drug groups, and

to eliminate clandestine drug production and undermine the economic foundations of the drug business, including the legalization of drug profits.

The operation involved law enforcement agencies, border and customs authorities, state security services, financial intelligence units of the Collective Security Treaty Organization member States, as well as observers from China, Iran, the Secretariat of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, the Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism, and the Committee of Heads of Law Enforcement Agencies of the Council of Heads of Customs Services.

The international coordination staff to manage the operation was deployed to the city of Dushanbe in the Republic of Tajikistan.

The operation involved about 25 000 employees of competent authorities, canine units, unmanned aerial vehicles, special and inspection equipment.

Coordinated actions resulted in the seizure of more than 505 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 162 kg of synthetic drugs, 32 kg of marijuana, 52 kg of hashish, 229 kg of cocaine and 22 kg of potent substances, as well as 549 kg of precursors, from illicit trafficking on the territory of CSTO member countries.

612 drug crimes were detected, of which: 92 were committed in group and 16 were related to smuggling. 7 drug laboratories were dismantled. 412 persons were detained for committing crimes related to drug trafficking, including 16 wanted persons. 707 Internet sites were identified through which prohibited drug-related information was disseminated. 40 firearms and 1,458 pieces of ammunition of various calibers were seized from offenders.

For the first time in the work of the International Coordination Staff to manage the operation, the wing of the financial intelligence units of the member states of the Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism united delegates from Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tajikistan in order to jointly implement one of the significant tasks of the operation with the drug control authorities - the destruction of economic ties of drug crime. A representative of the Iranian Financial Intelligence Service participated in the joint work as an observer.

During the implementation of the operation's concept, financial intelligence units identified more than 16 000 suspicious financial transactions involving more than 200 persons allegedly involved in drug trafficking. The total amount of identified transactions exceeds 6 billion rubles, most of which are related to the transit of funds, cash deposits and withdrawals, the use of “drop” bank cards and cryptocurrency transactions. The financial intelligence agencies of Kazakhstan and Tajikistan suspended the movement of funds on 31 accounts of the

defendants for the amount of about 2 million rubles.

Competent authorities of CSTO member states carried out a number of international controlled deliveries. Several sophisticated smuggling channels for controlled drugs were uncovered and suppressed, and two cases of legalization of drug proceeds were documented.

A large transnational organized crime ring was uncovered through joint efforts.

The observers from Iran and China informed members of the International Coordination Staff of facts of seizures of large amounts of controlled drugs on their territory, during the period of the operation, in the CSTO format.

During the operation, members of the International Coordination Staff got acquainted with organization of customs and border control to detect illegal movement of narcotic drugs at the checkpoint "Dusti", the work of the Cynological Center of the Drug Control Agency, as well as went to the tactical range of special purpose units of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan "Magob", where they took part in shooting competitions.

A preliminary summary of results of the operation was held in Dushanbe on 25 October 2024, with participation of the Chairman of the Coordination Council of Heads of Competent Authorities for Countering Illicit Drug Trafficking of the Member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation, Police Colonel General Andrey Ivanovich Khrapov, and the Director of the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Major General of the Drug Control Service Zafar Samad.

On the closing day of the operation, members of the International Coordination Staff visited the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan and participated in incineration of narcotic drugs.

<https://akn.tj/ru/2024/10/26/sub-regional-anti-drug-operation-canal-avangarde/>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**MEETING HELD AT THE NATIONAL CENTER OF DRUG CONTROL WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE «NATIONAL STRATEGY TO COMBAT DRUG ADDICTION AND DRUG CRIME IN THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN FOR 2024-2028»**

National Center of Drug Control under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan held a meeting on 18 October this year with participation of representatives of responsible ministries and departments in order to fundamentally improve the system of analysis of the drug situation, adaptation of reporting forms to modern requirements, taking into account new trends.

The meeting discussed problematic issues of exchange of necessary information on the drug situation observed in the republic and systematic analysis of this data.

The meeting resulted in unanimous approval of proposals of responsible officers of the National Center on development of a unified information system for the analysis of the drug situation by the representatives of the relevant ministries and agencies, and the proposals and recommendations on this issue were made.

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**ON MEETING OF EXPERT GROUP ON PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS TO LIST OF POTENT SUBSTANCES**

In order to ensure the implementation of tasks set by the National Strategy to Combat Drug Addiction and Drug Crime in the Republic of Uzbekistan for 2024 - 2028, a regular meeting of the expert group to prepare proposals for amendments and additions to the list of potent substances, as well as further improvement of legislation and law enforcement practice in the field of drug trafficking was held on October 18 this year.

Relevant proposals were developed during the meeting to further strengthen control over illicit trafficking and abuse of narcotic drugs, psychotropic and potent substances by improving a number of normative legal acts in this area.

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INTRODUCTION TO ACTIVITIES OF THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE CENTER AND THE CENTRAL CUSTOMS LABORATORY OF THE CUSTOMS COMMITTEE



Director of the National Center of Drug Control under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan R. Mamatov visited the Customs Committee and got closely acquainted with the activities of the Customs Clearance Center and the Central Customs Laboratory.

In the process of acquaintance full information was provided on the activities of the targeting and risk management department, remote electronic declaration, data processing and “Call Centers”, as well as departments of commodity nomenclature, expertise and foreign economic activity.

Along with that, they discussed mutual cooperation in implementation of «National Strategy to Combat Drugs and Drug Addiction in the Republic of Uzbekistan for 2024-2028», approved by the decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan № 73 of May 6 of this year.

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