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In the period from 16 to 31 December 2024, 13 counter-narcotics activities were covered based on information from media in CARICC member states and other countries (*Kazakhstan - 5, Kyrgyzstan - 4, Russia - 2, Tajikistan - 2*).

Published articles reflect information on preventive activities carried out by police officers (*Kazakhstan*), on a preventive lecture for aviation students, on a meeting on development of Kyrgyz-Russian cooperation in drug control, on a meeting of the CNS leadership with representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the Kyrgyz Republic, on a regular meeting of the GKKN (*Kyrgyzstan*), on a meeting of the Zabaikalye Government on anti-drug measures, on a meeting of anti-drug committee (*Russia*), on concluding meeting of the republican operational and preventive operation “Mak-2024”, on meeting of Coordination Council (*Tajikistan*).

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



ANTI-DRUG LECTURE HELD FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN AND STUDENTS OF AKMOLA REGION



Importance of drug abuse prevention and healthy lifestyle were main topics of a lecture held for schoolchildren and college students of Akmola region.

A lecture organized by deputy head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime Sergei Ilyinykh was held at the Agrotechnical College of Arshaly district on 18 December. The event was attended by Aliya Suleimenova, prosecutor of Arshaly district, Aigul Moldybaeva, chairperson of district court, and Ruslan Shamkenov, deputy of Akmola regional maslikhat.

The lecture gathered more than 60 participants, among whom were students of 5-11 classes of secondary schools of Arshaly settlement and students of 1-2 courses of Agrotechnical College.

The agenda included discussion of topical issues of drug prevention, its harmful impact on young people and society as a whole. Special attention was paid to formation of a healthy lifestyle in younger generation and raising awareness of consequences of drug use.

In his speech, Sergei Ilyinykh emphasized that drug use and participation in activities of dead dropeprs can lead to serious consequences, both for health and criminal prosecution. He also informed the audience about achievements of law enforcement agencies during the current year: more than 7 thousand criminal drug offenses were detected and 60 drug laboratories were dismantled.

Police representative also presented at the meeting data on preventive measures conducted throughout the country. Since the beginning of the year, more than 14 thousand specialized events have been organized, which covered about 900 thousand teenagers and young people. These figures emphasize active efforts of the state in combating drug crime and preventing drug abuse among young people.

This lecture also included an interactive discussion, during which the speakers answered many questions from the children about how to counter drug crime and what steps should be taken to protect themselves and their friends.

This event was an important step in raising conscious youth and promoting a healthy, drug-free society.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/antinarkoticheskuyu-lektsiyu-proveli-dlya-shkol-nikov-i-studentov-akmolinskoj-oblasti/>

MORE THAN 150 TEENAGERS TOOK PART IN ANTI-DRUG COMPETITION IN SKO



Over 150 teenagers in SKO took part in an anti-drug contest announced by police officers.

The anti-drug contest announced by the police in North Kazakhstan aroused great interest among teenagers. From 13 to 27 November police officers invited residents of the region to make a creative contribution to combating drug addiction and drug crime.

Almost all participants are high school students of Petropavlovsk and districts of the region: both single individuals and entire creative teams, amateur and school groups. In total, more than

150 applications for participation in the contest were received.

The contest was held in five categories, including articles and billboard designs, but the most popular among the younger generation was video content production. Children were eager to shoot both TikTok-formatted videos and complex short films.

Although young contestants still have a lot to learn about acting, editing and the laws of dramaturgy, they all managed to express the main point - concern for the fate of their generation.

A red thread running through most of the works is disturbing motif of “bad friend” who offers to “relax” and “solve problems” with a dose of a pernicious potion.

“He called me around the corner and showed me the bag. / “Friend, don’t be afraid, try it,” he said. / “Because you walk around like scum among us...” - These lines from the only poem submitted to the contest clearly show what threatens teenagers in bad company.

- Awarding of the winners took place in Qyzyljar Creative Center in Petropavlovsk. There were no prizes distributed, we selected the 10 best works. Their authors, 50 children, received valuable gifts and appreciation letters. In the coming year, all the works of the winners will be published on social media accounts of UPN DP SKO,” Ruslan Umbetov, Acting Head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of DP SKO, said.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/bolee-150-podroستkov-prinyali-uchastie-v-antinarkoticheskom-konkurse-v-sko/>

MORE THAN 200 DED MOROZS SUPPORTED EFFORTS TO COMBAT DRUG ADDICTION IN RIDDER



A unique campaign against drugs was held on 19 December 2024 in Ridder, East Kazakhstan region, as part of the festival “Ayaz Ata - Akshakar-2024” under the slogan “Yesirtkige zhol zhok! No to Drugs!”.

More than 200 Ded Morozs and Snegurochkas took part in the event. The event was organized by city police officers who sought to draw public attention to the problems of drug addiction and drug distribution.

The campaign gathered about 3000 residents of the city. Participants handed out informational leaflets, held talks

and discussed ways to prevent drug addiction. Deputy Head of the Ridder Police Department, Police Lieutenant Colonel Daniyar Kulmanov, noted that such creative approaches not only help to reduce drug-related crime, but also instill importance of a healthy lifestyle.

- Drugs are not only a threat to health, but also destruction of society. It is important for each of us to be attentive to our surroundings and not to remain indifferent,” said one of the participants dressed as Ded Moroz.

Police officers emphasized that such events contribute to the development of social responsibility and increase civil vigilance. During the year, more than 400 preventive meetings and actions aimed at combating drug crime have already been held in the East Kazakhstan region.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/bolee-200-dedov-morozov-podderzhali-bor-bu-s-narkozavisimost-yu-v-riddere/>

FAMOUS YOUTH OF THE COUNTRY TOOK PART IN A STAR MATCH AGAINST DRUGS IN TURKESTAN



A large-scale sporting event under the slogan “No to drug addiction, we choose life!” was organized with the support of police, prosecutor’s office and regional akimat. A match between teams of media stars of Kazakhstan “SD FAMILY” and martial arts masters “RUH FIGHTING” took place at an arena in Turkestan.

Main goal of the event was to encourage young generation to play sports and to attract public attention to joint battle against drug addiction. About 40 young people known in sports sphere and social networks came to the match intentionally. They demonstrated agility and skill on the

green field. Each player contributed to the competition.

Tense game ended with the score 8:4 in favor of the team “SD FAMILY”. Spectators and players left with a great mood.

It is important for the future of an independent country to reject the disease of the century.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/izvestnaya-molodezh-strany-prinyala-uchastie-v-zvezdnom-matche-protiv-narkotikov-v-turkeстане/>

**REGIONAL MEETING ON FORENSIC
ANALYSIS OF NARCOTIC DRUGS IN ASTANA:
NEW CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS**

Astana, capital of Kazakhstan, hosted an important regional meeting dedicated to topical issues of forensic examination of narcotic drugs. The event brought together specialists and law enforcement representatives from Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan and Iran, which emphasized high level of interest of the countries in the region in solving common problems in the field of countering drugs.

Meeting was aimed at discussing complex issues related to detection, apprehension and expert evaluation of narcotic substances. Special attention was paid to the growing threat posed by new

synthetic drugs, which significantly complicate the work of experts. As part of the program of the event, participants got acquainted with best practices and technologies presented at the forensic laboratory of the Ministry of Justice of Kazakhstan.

Challenges encountered by experts

One of key speakers at the meeting was Nurlan Momunkulov, deputy head of the Department of Forensic Examination of Materials, Substances and Products of Forensic Expert Service under the Ministry of Justice of Kyrgyzstan. In his speech, he presented current statistics on narcotic substances coming to forensic laboratories and described significant problems faced by specialists in their work.

One of the main problems, according to Momunkulov, is that experts need to enhance their qualifications. Technological and methodological innovations in the field of chemical forensics require experts to constantly update their knowledge and skills. In addition, experts face difficulties in acquiring standard drug samples, which also affects the quality of studies conducted.

Recommendations for improving laboratory performance

The meeting resulted in a number of recommendations aimed at improving work of forensic laboratories in the region. Among them are creation and support of specialized training courses, introduction of modern technologies in laboratories and updating of drug libraries, which will improve the accuracy and speed of expert examinations. Special attention was paid to the need to provide laboratories with modern equipment and reagents as well as access to up-to-date information on new psychoactive substances.

Promoting international cooperation was an important part of the recommendations. Participants of the meeting emphasized the importance of countries' participation in the International Collaborative Exercises (ICE) and the Early Warning Advisory for New Psychoactive Substances (EWA) as well as in supporting countries in the process of obtaining international accreditation of laboratories according to ISO 17025 standards.

Cooperation with the UN and international support

Organization of the event was made possible thanks to the support of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The meeting was held within the framework of a regional programme focused on Afghanistan and neighboring countries. Such support from international organizations plays a key role in strengthening institutional framework for counter-narcotics in Central Asia and beyond.

Such activities are an important step in creating an effective system to combat drug trafficking, and in improving the quality of forensic expertise, which in turn contributes to improving legal security in the region.

<https://www.news-asia.ru/view/kz/interview/16660>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC



LECTURE BY CNS OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC AT THE KYRGYZ AVIATION INSTITUTE



Officers of CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic conducted an informational and educational lecture for students of the Kyrgyz Aviation Institute named after I. Abdraimov on the topic: “Impact of psychotropic and narcotic substances on human health and lifestyle”.

The lecture aimed to provide students with science-based information about devastating effects of psychotropic and narcotic substances on human body, and to emphasize importance of leading a healthy lifestyle and avoiding the use of such substances.

Lieutenant Colonel of Police Umida Ismatova made a welcoming speech and introduction to the topic. In her speech, she explained in detail the impact of drugs and psychotropic substances on physical and mental health as well as its influence on social adaptation and professional activity. Special attention was paid to prevention of drug addiction among young people, social responsibility and criminal liability for drug offenses.

Students showed interest in topic of the lecture, actively asked questions and shared many thoughts on how drug addiction can affect future of young generation and development of the country as a whole. A number of real-life case studies were also presented during the lecture, which helped students to better understand relevance of drug addiction problem and its consequences.

The lecture was part of a large-scale program of the bi-monthly crime and delinquency prevention program conducted by CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic. Such events are aimed at raising awareness among young people and promoting responsibility for their own health and safety.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/3982>



QUESTIONS ON DEVELOPMENT OF KYRGYZ-RUSSIAN COOPERATION IN DRUG CONTROL DISCUSSED IN ST. PETERSBURG



A study visit of representatives of CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic to St. Petersburg took place on 11-13 December 2024.

During the visit participants got acquainted with practical use and technical capabilities of the state information system “Antinar” - a development of the Government of St. Petersburg, focused on comprehensive analysis of drug situation in all spheres of life, identification of the most important trends and patterns of its development, information and analytical support

of management decision-making process to determine priority areas of anti-drug activities based on monitoring of drug situation indicators, analytical processing of information, modeling and forecasting of drug addiction

processes.

In accordance with agreements reached between the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Government of St. Petersburg, joint work is currently underway to implement this information system “Antinar” in the Kyrgyz Republic to improve efficiency and digitalization of activities of government agencies of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of prevention and combating drug abuse and illicit drug trafficking.

The visit also included an exchange of experience on social-psychological testing and primary prevention aimed at early detection of the use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances among students of educational institutions and professional medical examinations on their basis (indicators of these activities are part of functioning of the system).

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/3992>



ULANBEK SULTANOV HELD A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF RUSSIA AND THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN IN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC



CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic hosted a meeting between the Head of CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs Ulanbek Sultanov, representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation, Police Colonel Anton Kochetov, and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the Kyrgyz Republic, Police Major General Ayan Duisembayev.

The meeting discussed the most important issues in the field of countering drug crime and drug addiction.

Main attention of the meeting participants was focused on implementation of joint statement of anti-drug units of

competent authorities of the CIS member states. It was emphasized that successful implementation of this decision is of key importance for enhancing efforts to combat drug crime in CIS countries.

In addition, parties discussed topical issues of intensifying efforts to counter involvement of population in drug-related crime and drug use. Participants of the meeting mentioned the need to strengthen drug prevention measures, to introduce innovative methods within the framework of drug prevention programs and to increase efficiency of law enforcement agencies' work.

During the dialogue, special attention was paid to strengthening comprehensive support for drug prevention initiatives, including joint efforts in the area of training and exchange of experience among law enforcement officials as well as integration of modern technologies for detection and interdiction of drug-related crimes.

Participants of the meeting expressed readiness to further strengthen cooperation in combating drug crime and drug use, emphasizing importance of coordinating efforts at regional and international levels.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/3991>



MIA: A REGULAR MEETING OF THE STATE COORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR THE CONTROL OF DRUGS, PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND PRECURSORS (GKKN) HELD IN BISHKEK



A regular meeting of the State Coordination Committee for the Control of Narcotics, Psychotropic Substances and Precursors (GKKN) was held on 19 December 2024 in Bishkek under chairmanship of the Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, Major General Nurbek Abdiev.

The meeting was attended by deputy of Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic Mederbek Aliev, heads of relevant departments of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, GKNB, Ministry of Health, General Prosecutor's Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Penitentiary Service, Border Guard Service, Ministry

of Defense, Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Agriculture, GSFR, MCR, Customs Service, Ministry of Economy and Commerce, Ministry of Culture, Information, Sports and Youth Policy, Ministry of Labor, Social Security and Migration, Sports and Youth Policy, State Agency for Civil Service and Local Self-Government, Ministry of Labor, Social Security and Migration, Republican Center for Health Promotion and Mass Communication, Forensic Expert Service under the Ministry of Justice, Republican Center for Psychiatry and Narcology, Department of Medicines and Medical Devices, and independent experts.

The opening ceremony was also attended by Ekaterina Nakashidze, Deputy Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek, Andrey Seleznev, Head of the UNODC Programme Office in the Kyrgyz Republic, Anton Kochetov, Head of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Kyrgyz Republic, and representatives of diplomatic missions of foreign countries and international organizations accredited in the Kyrgyz Republic.

At the session the Committee reviewed implementation of tasks set by the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic, in particular:

- Decree of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic No. 1842-VII of 31.01.2024 "On measures to combat illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors among young people";
- Implementation of the Action Plan for the Anti-Drug Program of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic for the years 2022-2026;
- implementation of protocol of interdepartmental meeting on measures to counter illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors of 30.04.2024, held in pursuance of instruction of the Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers - Chairman of the State Committee for National Security Tashiev K.K. of 23.04.2024.
- implementation of the instruction of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic No. 16207 of 19.10.2024 "On prompt consideration of introduction of new psychoactive substances (NPS) into controlled lists".

Each item of the above-mentioned documents was analyzed in detail, current situation of their implementation was clarified, and problems arising in the process of implementation were heard. Along with existing positive aspects, a number of gaps were identified and discussed with regard to implementation of local drug prevention measures under coordination of local authorities, as well as strengthening capacity of state agencies to conduct expert examination of synthetic drugs and improve national lists of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

The meeting also discussed topical issues of drug situation related to the transit of drugs of Afghan origin through the territory of the country, the growing spread of synthetic drugs and abuse of potent medicines, as well as active use of Internet resources and social messengers in advertising and sale of drugs.

Taking into account negative trends in development of drug situation in the republic, Nurbek Abdiev, Chairman of the GKKN, called on state bodies and members of the GKKN to strengthen joint work to prevent activities

of criminal organized groups, including transnational ones, engaged in transit and sale of large amounts of drugs on the Internet, as well as in cooperation with local authorities, international and public organizations to continue to carry out activities to prevent consumption of drugs, potent drugs and other substances.

The GKKN meeting was supported by the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/3999>



RUSSIAN FEDERATION



**Забайкальский
Рабочий**

**DRUG CONTROL MEASURES DISCUSSED
IN ZABAİKALYE GOVERNMENT**



Members of the Anti-Drug Commission on 18 December discussed measures to prevent drug proliferation in Transbaikalia. The meeting was held under the leadership of Marat Mirhaidarov, First Deputy Prime Minister of the regional government. This was reported on the official portal of the region.

- Combating the drug threat is an extensive program, it includes crime interdiction, prevention, protection of our children, development of a healthy lifestyle and correct values. Our task is to do everything possible to protect our future, health and safety of every resident of Transbaikalia,” the First Deputy Chairman said.

Specialized agencies constantly talk to young people and foreigners staying in the region for prevention purposes.

There are also raids in communities to identify drug information on buildings or fences.

<https://zabrab75.ru/news/obshhestvo/mery-po-borbe-s-narkotikami-obsudili-v-pravitelstve-zabajkalya/>



**HEAD OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY VLADIMIR KOLOKOLTSEV
HELD A MEETING OF THE ANTI-DRUG COMMITTEE**



A meeting of the State Anti-Drug Committee was held under the chairmanship of Russian Interior Minister Vladimir Kolokoltsev. This was reported by the official representative of the agency Irina Volk.

Head of the Interior Ministry Vladimir Kolokoltsev held a meeting of the Anti-Drug Committee

“The first item on the agenda focused on one of the negative consequences of drug use - spread of socially significant diseases such as immunodeficiency virus and hepatitis,” MVD Media reported.

The agency cited statistics, according to which over half of those who sought medical help for HIV treatment contracted the disease while using illegal substances. Kolokoltsev noted that synthetic drugs are gaining popularity among addicts.

“At the end of ten months, they accounted for 90% of all synthetics seized by law enforcement agencies,” he emphasized.

Earlier, the Federal Security Service together with customs seized a shipment of 570 kilograms of cocaine. The contraband was being smuggled from Peru via Russia to European Union countries.

<https://russian.rt.com/russia/news/1412193-kolokolcev-antinarkoticheskii-komitet>

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN



CONCLUDING MEETING OF THE REPUBLICAN OPERATIONAL AND PREVENTIVE OPERATION “MAK-2024”



Final meeting of the republican operation “Mak-2024” with participation of representatives of relevant ministries and agencies of the Republic of Tajikistan was held on 18 December 2024 at the Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan.

The meeting was opened by the First Deputy Director of the Agency, Major General of Drug Control Service Rakhmonali Rakhimzoda, who in connection with implementation of the order of the Administration of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan and the National Strategy on Drug Control in the Republic of Tajikistan for

2021-2030 provided information on implementation of the operation “Mak-2024”

In order to coordinate activities of law enforcement agencies and other relevant ministries and departments of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Republican Operation Staff “Mak-2024” was set up at the Agency for Drug Control under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan.

At the same time, in order to organize the work, control and coordinate the activities of law enforcement agencies and local administrations, working staffs and work plans were established under the regional, city and district administrations by decision of the heads of municipalities.

As a result of implementation of planned measures during the operation “Mak-2024” law enforcement agencies and security structures of the republic detected 366 drug crimes, 1 ton 208 kg of narcotic drugs were seized. Also, 1 million 218 thousand wild growing narcotic plants were destroyed by burning on the territory of the republic.

Presentations, talks and round tables with participation of members of republican, regional, municipal, district headquarters and responsible employees of relevant ministries and departments of the republic were held in mass media to prevent and reduce drug addiction among population.

A total of 1048 meetings, 64 seminars, 2 scientific conferences, 172 social and cultural events, 52 round tables were held during the period of work.

<https://akn.tj/ru/2024/12/19/takimi-final-i-operacioneve-operative-profilaktike-republikane-poppy-2024/>



COMBATING DRUGS: CHALLENGES OF THE NATIONAL STRATEGY DISCUSSED IN TAJIKISTAN



Tajikistan's national drug control strategy for the next 10 years was discussed at a meeting of the Coordination Council in Dushanbe, MIR 24 reported.

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

of department of the Drug Control Agency under the President of Tajikistan.

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

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



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