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In the period from 22 April to 5 May 2024, 27 events in counternarcotics sphere were covered on the basis of information from mass media in CARICC Member States and other countries of the world (*Kazakhstan - 7, Kyrgyzstan - 5, Russia - 5, Tajikistan - 2, Uzbekistan - 3*).

Published articles reflect information about a forum of public initiatives in Central Asia, dedicated to evidence-based prevention of psychoactive substance use, adoption of amendments to the law on combating drug trafficking (*Kazakhstan*), preventive measures of the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, and a joint meeting of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the GKNB to enhance efforts to combat drug trafficking (*Kyrgyzstan*), on anti-drug and preventive actions taken by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation in the regions (*Russia*), on signing of a Memorandum between the Drug Control Agency of Tajikistan and the Ministry of Interior of Italy, on a seminar organized by the OSCE (*Tajikistan*), on training «Prevention of drug use through the «Friends in Spotlight» peer-to-peer program», on adoption of draft law on strengthening responsibility for drug trafficking, on meeting between the Deputy Head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan and CARICC Director (*Uzbekistan*).

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



ZHETISU POLICE OFFICERS HELD AN OPEN DIALOG ON ANTI-DRUG TOPICS WITH SCHOOLCHILDREN IN RURAL AREAS



As a rule, it is rural youth who succumb to temptations and the desire to earn «easy» money. Youthful maximalism knows no limits, and one of its forms is independence.

In pursuit of financial independence, young people agree even to risky offers, but the form of earning money is not always chosen correctly, which leads to unfortunate consequences. During the preventive talk, the schoolchildren were told about the harmful effects of drugs on the young body. In addition, they were informed about the responsibility for criminal acts.

- The first and the most important thing is that only one thing can protect a dead dropper from a «crooked» path - his own

«solid» values. Recognition by teenagers of themselves as future law-abiding citizens, understanding the value of their own life and health is our common task, - added A. Kozhakhmetova.

Such meetings, lectures and conversations are effective, as they make minors think about their behavior and remember the responsibility for committing illegal acts.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/otkrytyj-dialog-na-antinarkoticheskuyu-temu-s-sel-skimi-shkol-nikami-proveli-politsejskie-zhetisu/>



The first forum of public initiatives in Central Asia dedicated to evidence-based prevention of substance use started in Almaty. More than 90 delegates from five countries are taking part in it.

The forum was organized by the community of public organizations of the USA - CADCA, the International Foundation for Public Administration and Policy FIIAPP and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan. Key moderator of the forum - head of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs Khadzhi-Gali Imazhanov noted that Kazakhstan for five years in six regions of the country is implementing

a pilot project to organize drug prevention with the involvement of civil society and all concerned citizens. The driving force here should be nongovernmental organizations that will unite all sectors of society: government and public structures, concerned citizens, youth, business, and the media. This principle of prevention organization is laid down in the Comprehensive Plan to Combat Drug Addiction and Drug Business for 2023-2025. Starting from this year, this format of anti-drug prevention will be introduced in all regions of the country.

Head of the Kazakh delegation expressed confidence that such a local approach to the problems of drug distribution will allow to properly build the work to counter drug use and distribution in each region and maximize the use of all available resources.

In addition to non-governmental organizations from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, the forum was attended by representatives of government agencies involved in the implementation of anti-drug policy.

International partners noted that Kazakhstan is the first Central Asian state to introduce a systematic approach to drug abuse prevention at the level of state policy.

The forum will last two days, during which participants will share their experience in creating community initiatives for early prevention of addictions. They will discuss further steps to promote community efforts and increase their effectiveness.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/kazahstan-podnyal-planku-v-bor-be-s-narkoprestupnost-yu/>

COLLEGE STUDENTS CONDUCT DRUG PREVENTION IN KARAGANDA AND TEMIRTAU



A project on prevention of nicotine and drug addiction among college students and high school students in Karaganda and Temirtau has been implemented in Karaganda region since October last year as part of a set of activities. Its organizers are Public Association «Citizens of Kazakhstan» at the request of the Department of Education of Karaganda region with participation of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Department of Internal Affairs of Karaganda region.

The aim of the project is to involve young people themselves in solving urgent and socially significant problems related to the use of narcotic drugs and

psychotropic substances, as well as to popularize a healthy lifestyle and support youth initiatives.

- The mobile group «Juvesta», created by the students of the College of Economics, Business and Law of Karaganda University of Kazpotrebsoyuz, is a vivid example. From November last year to April this year it performed in 17 general education institutions in Karaganda and Temirtau. Group members are actively working to counteract illicit drug trafficking. In doing so, they interest schoolchildren with concrete statistical data, visual examples from life, and prepared mini-scenes. And, in coordination with representatives of law enforcement structures. The joint work has borne fruit in the form of positive feedback from students and teachers of schools, who note the relevance of the topic of drugs,» said Nurum Sadvokasov, senior operative commissioner of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the DP of the region.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/studenty-kolledzha-provodyat-profilaktiku-narkomanii-v-karagande-i-temirtau/>

TOURNAMENT UNDER MOTTO «SPORT AGAINST DRUGS» WAS HELD IN AKMOLA REGION



An open judo tournament under the motto «Sport against drugs» among boys of 11-15 years old took place in Akmola branch of FSO «Dynamo» on 26th of April.

Guests of the event included veterans of the Dynamo movement of the Police Department, officers of the Drug Crime and Sports Departments, the first heads of law enforcement agencies of the city.

In addition, to support the participants of the tournament came Alimzhan Moldagaliev, director of Children and Youth Sports School, World Champion, holder of the

6th dan in karate, Kureysh Archakakov - director of Children and Youth Sports School for martial arts, Ayan Shakenov - director of the School of Olympic Reserve, as well as Nurzhan Karimzhanov - participant of the Olympic Games in Athens, champion of the Asian Games in boxing, Master of Sports International Class.

Opening the event, Farid Gabdulkafeev, a veteran Dynamo player, former coach of Dynamo, master of sports of the USSR in sambo, and Iglık Uspanov, head of the infrastructure for the development of mass and national sports, addressed the guys with words of admonition.

In total, 128 children from eight sports groups took part in the tournament: these are pupils of the sports section «Zhas Dynamo», specialized children's and youth sports school of Kokshetau city, specialized children's and

youth sports school for national sports «Kairat», pupils of the section «Bolashak Saray», pupils of secondary school № 22 of Birlik mkr. Birlik, pupils of sports school «Turan» of Zerendinsky district, sports school «Abylai Khan» of Burabaysky district, as well as young athletes from the North-Kazakhstan region - pupils of Children and Youth Sports School Temiryazevsky and Gabit Musrepov districts.

A colorful performance by students of rhythmic gymnastics school under the guidance of coach Ksenia Borisova was presented to the attention of the audience.

Young athletes fought in two age subgroups, each with seven weight categories. The winners and prize-winners of the tournament were awarded with diplomas from Nursultan Mukashev, Chairman of the Akmola branch of the Dinamo FSO, and valuable prizes from the Police Department, the Dinamo branch and the Department for Combating Drug Crime.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/turnir-pod-devizom-sport-protiv-narkotikov-sostoyalsya-v-akmolinskoj-oblasti/>



PAVLODAR YOUTH AND VETERANS JOINED A CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT DRUG OFFENSES



A track and field race was held on central embankment of the city of Pavlodar.

- My colleagues and I know firsthand about danger of drugs. With today's event we want to show that Pavlodar residents are united in the fight against this scourge. Participation of so many young people in the event shows that we are on the right path,» said Viktor Bondar, a multiple Asian champion and World Championship medalist in track and field athletics.

Students, sports veterans and police officers took part in the competition. The first to start were young men and women from 16 to 20 years old, they had to overcome the distance of 2000 meters. After the young athletes finished, the race was held, in which the participants

had to overcome longer routes - 5000 and 10000 meters.

The sports festival ended with awarding ceremony, winners were presented with diplomas and medals.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/pavlodarskaya-molodezh-i-veterany-prisoedinilis-k-aktsii-po-preduprezhdeniyu-narkopravonarushenij/>

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AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW ON COMBATING DRUG TRAFFICKING APPROVED BY THE MAZHILIS



Deputies of the Mazhilis at a plenary session of the chamber approved in the first reading the bill «On introducing amendments and additions to some legislative acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan on combating illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors,» reports the correspondent of Kazinform agency.

The draft law was initiated by a group of parliamentary deputies to counter drug trafficking and improve anti-drug legislation.

- Analysis of current drug situation indicates that criminal activity in Kazakhstan has intensified to establish a network of clandestine production of synthetic drugs. Drug dealers have established stable schemes of transportation of equipment and chemicals, precursors, which have a «slang» definition - «constructors», for production of «synthetics» on an industrial scale,» said Snezhanna Imasheva, a deputy of the Mazhilis, presenting the document at the plenary session of the chamber.

According to data presented, last year law enforcement agencies dismantled three transnational organized criminal groups, and this year - one more organized criminal group. 14 participants were brought to criminal responsibility, 13 of whom were foreigners (citizens of Ukraine, Moldova and Armenia). About 100 kg of «synthetics», over 85 tons of precursors, 13 reactors and more than 1 thousand units of laboratory equipment were seized).

31 clandestine drug laboratories have already been dismantled in the republic this year (2019 - 3, 2020 - 8, 2021 -17, 2022 - 68, 2023 -81). Over 10 tons of precursors were confiscated. Thereby, production of 1 ton of ready-to-use substances was stopped (that's 3 million single doses and thousands of lives saved). 1 ton 967 g of narcotic drugs were seized, including more than 457 kg of synthetic drugs.

- This demonstrates that combating drug crime must begin with interdiction of illicit shipments of precursors and laboratory equipment. This is the most effective measure. But current legislation sets liability only for smuggling (Article 286 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan). There is no liability for illegal trafficking of precursors inside the country,» said Snezhanna Imasheva.

To this end, as noted by the MP, it is proposed to introduce amendments to Articles 301 and 303 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan, providing criminal liability for illegal manufacture, processing, purchase, storage, transportation and forwarding of precursors, that is, liability for their illicit trafficking, as well as liability for violation of the rules of handling.

The situation is similar with trafficking in potent substances, the control over which is exercised in accordance with the Code of the RK «On the Health of the People». Such medical preparations as «tropicamide», «nitrous oxide», «somnol», «pregabalin» and so on have been abused, especially among teenagers. These substances are used by drug-dependent persons to enhance the effects of synthetic drugs, as a result of which the non-medical demand for them has increased significantly.

- Therefore, the project also proposes to criminalize illegal trafficking of potent substances, which include the above-mentioned medical preparations, violation of the rules of handling them, as well as their theft. At the same time, illegal trafficking in tools and equipment for the manufacture or processing of precursors and potent substances should also be criminalized,» Snezhanna Imasheva added.

There are also proposed changes to the Public Health and Health Care System Code.

- Amendments to the Health Code stipulate that persons subjected to compulsory treatment in connection with the use of psychoactive substances, after discharge from the organization providing medical assistance in the field of mental health, will be subject to dynamic monitoring in the organization providing medical

assistance in the field of mental health to persons with mental, behavioral disorders (diseases), at the place of residence and are obliged to undergo maintenance treatment there, - explained Snezhanna Imasheva.

Amendments and additions to the Law on Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances, Their Analogues and Precursors and Measures to Counteract their Illicit Trafficking and Abuse are also planned.

A number of amendments of a clarifying nature are proposed to specify the newly introduced concepts and bring them in line with current legislation.

<https://www.inform.kz/ru/popravki-v-zakon-po-protivodeystviyu-oborotu-narkoticheskikh-sredstv-odobril-mazhilis-a193eb>



RK MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS IS FOR LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR SETTING UP DRUG LABORATORIES



Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs Aydos Rysbayev stated that the Ministry of Internal Affairs supports introduction of life imprisonment for drug production.

Such a norm is contained in amendments to the law on combating drug trafficking, initiated by deputies.

- Lifetime punishment for production and setting up drug laboratories. We supported this law because the time demands it. Now it is differentiation of punishment. At the moment, a dead dropper gets the same punishment as a manufacturer. If we toughen this law, we will have differentiation of punishment

from 15 to life imprisonment,» said A. Rysbayev.

He also added that the punishment for «dead droppers» is suggested to remain at the existing level.

Journalists asked the vice minister whether this would lead to prison overcrowding.

As of today, he said, 12% of those incarcerated are in jail for drug offenses.

- If the court decides to keep them, we will keep them. Today, more than 4 thousand citizens are in jail for drug crimes. In total, more than 36 thousand are in detention,» Aydos Rysbayev said.

Earlier it was reported that the Mazhilis deputies at the plenary session of the chamber approved in the first reading of the bill «On introducing amendments and addenda to some legislative acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan on combating illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors».

<https://www.inform.kz/ru/mvd-podderzhivaet-pozhiznennoe-zaklyuchenie-zasozdanie-narkolaboratoriy-8a9a5c>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

**MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS: CNS OFFICERS GAVE A LECTURE TO STUDENTS ON «FUNDAMENTALS OF DRUG SECURITY IN MODERN SOCIETY»**

A lecture for students on «Fundamentals of drug safety of modern society» was held in the Kyrgyz State Medical Academy named after I.K. Akhunbaev on 18 April 2024.

The lecture meeting for students from 1st to 5th years of higher education was held on the initiative of the Counter Narcotics Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic.

During the meeting, the Deputy Head of the Bishkek City Department of the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, Major of

Police Akylbek Joorbaev spoke about the problem of drug addiction among children and adolescents, about the most common narcotic substances and highlighted the position of the agency with regard to combating the spread of drug use. Particularly emphasizing the importance of drug security in ensuring the conditions of existence of modern youth and society.

A discussion was also held with future doctors, where they discussed questions related to the consequences of pharmacy addiction and the use of narcotic drugs, their danger and impact on the human body. The students in turn took an active part in the discussion and asked various questions.

Following the lecture, Temirbek Dzhumanaliev, Vice-Rector for Legal Work and Human Resources of KGMA, expressed gratitude to the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic for the information provided and asked to organize several more such meetings for those students who could not attend the above lecture.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/3156>



MIA: LEGAL EDUCATION OF STUDENTS IS KEY TO IMPROVING LEGAL LITERACY AND COMPETENCE



A representative of the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, Umida Ismatova, together with an officer of the Service for Combating Extremism and Illegal Migration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, Ratbek Turusbekov, gave a guest lecture for students of the Kyrgyz National University named after Jusup Balasagyn and the Kyrgyz-Chinese Institute of the Kyrgyz National University named after J. Balasagyn, on the topic «Fundamentals of drug security of modern society»,

The welcome speech was made by the director of the Kyrgyz-Chinese Institute of KNU, Sofya Apaeva, who noted the relevance of the problems associated with drug

offenses.

The purpose of the event is to prevent young people from being involved in drug-related crime, to inform young people about the risks associated with drugs and legal responsibility for committing drug-related offenses.

The lecture covered issues related to the problem of drug abuse among children and adolescents, the most common narcotic substances, and the agency's position on combating the spread of drug use. Special attention was paid to the importance of drug safety in ensuring the conditions of existence of modern youth and society.

At the meeting, students were shown videos about the negative consequences of drug use and distribution.

Then, to consolidate the material, an interactive question-and-answer format was held, and the most active participants were given memorable gifts from the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic and the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek.

Students actively participated in the discussion, asking various questions, and after the lecture, the director of the Kyrgyz-Chinese Institute KNU, Sofya Apaeva expressed gratitude to the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Service for Combating Extremism and Illegal Migration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic for the information provided and presented letters of appreciation, and asked to organize several more such meetings for students who could not attend the event.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/3157>



CNS MIA TOOK PART IN THE OPENING OF CYCLING SEASON - 2024



On April 28, CNS MIA took part in the opening of the cycling season - 2024. The ceremony was held in the Friendship Park of Kyrgyzstan and Azerbaijan, the event was attended by residents and guests of the capital, amateur and professional cyclists who started from the Friendship Park of Kyrgyzstan and Azerbaijan to the square named after Urkuya Saliyeva. A large column of cyclists moved down Abdrakhmanov Street.

Live music, contests and gifts were waiting for the participants at the finish line. On behalf of the Service, special prizes with the CNS logo of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic were distributed among fans of active lifestyle.

The Counter Narcotics Service stands guard to protect society from the negative impact of drugs, sport, physical exercise is the best investment in your health.

For its part, the Service actively participates in and supports activities aimed at promoting a healthy lifestyle.

The event was organized by the Department of Physical Culture and Sports, Tourism and Youth Work of Bishkek City Hall together with the NGO «Velo friends positive kg»

We are for a healthy Kyrgyzstan. We are against drugs.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/3171>



CNS MIA ORGANIZED A SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KYRGYZ POLICE



On 28 April 2024, the Counter Narcotics Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic held an open championship of the Central Sport Club «Dinamo» on shooting from pneumatic weapons under the motto «We are against drugs, We are for a healthy Kyrgyzstan».

The event is timed to the centenary of the formation of the Kyrgyz police. The competition was organized in order to promote a healthy lifestyle, to popularize shooting as an applied sport in the Kyrgyz Republic, to identify promising athletes and to determine the national team of PA KFSO «Dinamo».

Competition was held among adults and juniors 2004-2012 years of birth in rifle and pistol shooting.

A total of 10 teams took part in the championship, each team has 5 participants..

According to results of counting results of the judging panel represented by the chief referee of the International Class Masters of Sports USSR, Master of Sports KR Ismailov Tahir Shagitovich and the chief secretary of the international class referee panel USSR, Master of Sports KR Ismailova Meerim Yusupovna the winners were determined.

On behalf of the CNS and the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek, 30 participants were awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree diplomas, medals, certificates, as well as valuable prizes.

Coaches investing efforts in education of future shooting sport champions were also recognized and presented with gifts for their important work and contribution to the development of sports culture.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/3175>



MIA AND GKNB JOINTLY HELD A MEETING TO STRENGTHEN EFFORTS TO COMBAT NARCOTICS



A meeting of state bodies of the Kyrgyz Republic on implementation of instructions of the Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers - Chairman of the GKNB of the Kyrgyz Republic K.K.Tashiev on taking urgent measures to combat illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors was held on 30 April at the premises of the CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic under the chairmanship of the Deputy Chairman of the GKNB T.M.Shabdanbekov.

The meeting discussed current challenges and threats related to drug trafficking and developed specific measures aimed at improving the drug

situation in the country.

In particular, comprehensive measures will be taken to counter organized criminal communities involved in manufacture and sale of narcotic drugs, especially synthetic drugs, as well as to suppress the distribution of drugs in nightclubs, casinos and other entertainment venues throughout the republic;

At the same time, special attention of law enforcement and financial intelligence agencies will be paid to suppressing the financial support of drug-related crime.

Control will also be strengthened at checkpoints across the state border of the Kyrgyz Republic to prevent smuggling of drugs, including «constructors» - chemical reagents and precursors for the manufacture of synthetic drugs.

In order to combat «pharmacy drug addiction», the government agencies agreed to submit for consideration by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic draft regulatory legal acts on toughening liability for illegal manufacture, purchase, storage, transportation or forwarding of potent medicines.

In addition, a number of measures will be taken to prevent drug use among young people and migrant workers, citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic working in foreign countries, and to prevent them from being involved in drug-related crime.

As part of the activities of the Coordination Commissions established under regional, city and district state administrations and self-governing bodies, topical issues related to drug trafficking will be addressed on a permanent basis.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/3187>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**POLICE OFFICERS FROM LESOZAVODSK, PRIMORSKY KRAI, PARTICIPATE IN THE RUSSIAN INTERIOR MINISTRY'S «CLEAN GENERATION» CAMPAIGN**

A series of thematic events were held in the Lesozavodsky Urban District and Kirov Municipal District in Primorsky Krai as part of the interdepartmental complex operational and preventive action of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs «Clean Generation - 2024».

Officers of the Drug Control Department and juvenile affairs inspectors of the Lesozavodsky MIA of Russia held talks with students in grades 7-11 at local schools. The police officers told the students about the dangers associated with the use of illicit substances, emphasizing the criminal liability stipulated for participation in drug

distribution. The organizers of the action stressed the importance of timely reporting to law enforcement agencies and warned that the use of narcotic drugs not only destroys health, but can also become a reason for committing crimes.

Officers of the State Automobile Inspectorate together with volunteers of the Russian Movement of Children and Youth «Movement of the First» went on an anti-drug raid and held preventive talks with local residents on the streets of the city.

Police officers and activists explained to the city residents that advertising of illegal substances, which intruders secretly put on the facades of buildings and structures, is one of the ways to involve young people in illegal activities related to the use and distribution of drugs. Primorsky residents were reminded that Article 6.13 of the Code of Administrative Offenses of the Russian Federation provides for liability in the form of an administrative fine for propaganda or illegal advertising of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, while participation in drug distribution entails criminal liability.

Organizers of the event gave participants of the raid handouts with hotline phone numbers and answered their questions.

The police reminds: citizens can report about illegal consumption or distribution of narcotic drugs by calling the following numbers: 02, 112, or applying to the territorial bodies of internal affairs at their place of residence.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--plai/news/item/49451928>



OFFICERS OF TUNK UMVD DISCUSSED CONSEQUENCES OF DRUG ADDICTION WITH STUDENTS AS PART OF THE LECTURE «YOUNG GENERATION CHOOSES HEALTH»



Officers of the Drug Control Department of the Smolensk Region Department of Internal Affairs regularly conduct preventive activities aimed at raising the level of legal awareness among the younger generation, developing law-abiding behavior and promoting healthy lifestyles..

A regular preventive lecture was held on the basis of the Smolensk Regional State Budgetary Educational Institution «Smolensk Automobile Transport College named after E.G. Trubitsyn» The event was attended by more than 30 students of the educational institution, teachers, as well as representatives of the Smolensk Regional Universal Scientific Library named after A.T. Tvardovsky.

Police officers explained to the audience that the use of illicit substances degrades a person mentally and physically, impairs the functioning of all organ systems, causes insomnia, mental confusion and physical exhaustion.

The officers discussed with participants of the meeting the reasons why young men and women try drugs for the first time and ways to stop addictions.

A separate discussion was held on the norms of the current legislation and responsibility for committing crimes and offenses in the sphere of drug trafficking. The officers of the department gave examples from their work, noting the terms of imprisonment received by the perpetrators for such unlawful acts.

Officers of tUNK UMVD told the audience that criminals try to involve young people in drug trafficking schemes, most often through messengers and social networks. Police officers urged participants to refrain from communicating with anonymous users and to reject dubious offers of «easy money».

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

At the end of the meeting organizers of the lecture answered questions of listeners and also handed them thematic leaflets with phone numbers to contact the internal affairs bodies.

<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/49471378>



AS PART OF THE LEGAL KNOWLEDGE IN LIPETSK, POLICE OFFICERS AND SCHOOLCHILDREN DISCUSSED HOW TO COMBAT DRUG ADDICTION



On 18 April in a central park of the city took place the third regional championship «УМНОЖИТЬ», organized as part of the Decade of Legal Knowledge.

The event was attended by 11 teams from Lipetsk, Lipetsk, Eletsk and Lebedyansk districts.

Experts at the championship were members of the Drug Control Department of the regional police. The police officers discussed with the children the importance of a healthy lifestyle, competent behavior in the Internet space and maximum vigilance when communicating with strangers in the virtual world.

Participants moved the playing field of the popular board game to the park's playground. Schoolchildren tossed the dice and, based on the number that fell out, passed the playing field. After that, they took out a sheet of paper with a task and discussed possible variants of its solution.

To get a high mark from the jury participants had to not only answer the questions correctly, but also to show wit in an improvisational number or the whole team to perform physical exercises.

The winner of the championship was the school team from Syrskoye village.

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POLICE OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS MEET WITH STUDENTS IN THE LYSVENSKY URBAN DISTRICT IN PERM KRAI



Within the framework of the anti-drug campaign «Conscript», employees and veterans of the Department of Internal Affairs of Russia for Lysvensky city district and representatives of the local military commissariat meet with college students at preventive events.

The first stage of the annual All-Russian anti-drug campaign «Conscript», organized by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in cooperation with the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation, was launched on 1 April. Its goal is to prevent illicit trafficking and consumption of illegal substances among citizens of conscription age.

On the territory of Lysvensk city district drug police officers together with representatives of the military commissariat give lectures and conduct conversations with young people. The activities are supported by the Public Council of the police department and veterans of the internal affairs department.

Police officers tell recruits and students about the negative consequences of drug use and the legal liability for involvement in drug trafficking, organize sports events aimed at promoting healthy lifestyles, quests, and information hours.

On the initiative of the public as part of the «Conscript» campaign, a sporting and preventive event «A healthy body - a healthy spirit! A team of OVD veterans and students competed in two-sport events - volleyball and

table tennis. The meeting became intense and bright, athletes of different ages fought hard for every point. The fans supported the players with applause and applause. It was not easy to find the strongest team, but this time the veterans of the OVD were a little more lucky on the volleyball court, but at the tennis table the students had no equal, the guys won a confident victory, demonstrating a great game of ping-pong.

Later, employees of the drug control unit, representatives of the military recruitment office and community leaders organized an event for students - an interactive game «We are a clean generation!». The children coped with intellectual tasks at the station «Children in the theme», sorted out «traps» from the Internet with offers of «easy money» with law enforcers, at the station «Healthy Lifestyle» made their own recipes, talked about the prevention of HIV infection and drug addiction. The station «Labyrinths of the Mind» gave an opportunity to do another mental exercise, solve crosswords and rebuses.

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POLICE OFFICERS AND PUBLIC ACTIVISTS HELD AN ANTI-DRUG EVENT WITH STUDENTS IN THE KARACHAY-CHERKESS REPUBLIC AS PART OF THE «CONSCRIPT» CAMPAIGN



Within the framework of the operational and preventive measure «Conscript», Amina Khakunova, an operative officer of UNK MVD of the Karachay-Cherkess Republic, together with Madina Arova, a member of the Public Council of the Ministry, talked to students of Synergy University in Cherkessk.

The representative of UNK told the children about the impact of drugs on the human body, as well as the ways of manipulating the consciousness and behavior of minors who are under the influence of drugs, reminded the students of the responsibility stipulated by law for the distribution and use of narcotic drugs.

During the event, younger generation was shown special prevention videos detailing how minors are involved in the use and distribution of drugs.

A member of the public encouraged young people to lead healthy lifestyles and develop a strong anti-drug civic position.

The speakers asked students not to remain indifferent to the problem and handed out leaflets with phone numbers to report the facts of drug distribution.

The event was held as part of the interdepartmental preventive operation «Conscript», aimed at promoting a healthy lifestyle, preventing the illegal distribution and prevention of drug use among young people.

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REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

 **CentralAsia.news****TAJIKISTAN AND ITALY INTEND TO COMBAT
DRUG TRAFFICKING TOGETHER**

Parties signed a Memorandum between the Drug Control Agency of Tajikistan and the Ministry of Interior of Italy.

Tajik President Emomali Rahmon and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni discussed consolidation of bilateral ties between their countries during the official visit of the Head of the Republic to Italy. It was reported in press service of the President of Tajikistan.

The two leaders signed seven agreements on cooperation in areas such as security, culture, science, technology and the fight against drug trafficking for the period from 2024 to 2027.

The agreements include a document on introduction of visa-free travel for holders of diplomatic passports and a memorandum on combating drug trafficking between the Tajik Drug Control Agency and the Italian Ministry of the Interior.

The conversation also touched upon the topic of potential Italian investment in various industries in Tajikistan. On the agenda were hydropower, light, food, metallurgy, mining and chemical industries, as well as agriculture, pharmaceuticals and tourism.

Emomali Rakhmon and Meloni also discussed options for direct air links, expansion of joint educational and medical programs. Emomali Rakhmon also invited Meloni to visit Tajikistan at her convenience.

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OSCE GATHERS YOUTH, INFLUENCERS AND GOVERNMENTAL PRACTITIONERS IN TAJIKISTAN TO DISCUSS AWARENESS RAISING ON YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION



On 23 and 24 April, the OSCE’s Transnational Threats Department (TNTD) and the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA), in co-operation with the Programme Office in Dushanbe, held multi-stakeholder workshops with young people, influencers and governmental practitioners to discuss how to use social media as a platform to raise the awareness and resilience of young people on involvement in crime.

During the workshop, young people, influencers

and practitioners discussed youth crime trends and challenges, as well as opportunities social media offers to promote young people’s resilience to recruitment and involvement in crime.

Participants also reflected on the key target audiences, styles, platforms, and effective messages to be used for youth crime prevention awareness-raising campaigns on social media. Meaningful engagement of young people and promotion of their voices in building resilience in youth crime prevention and in the promotion of a culture of integrity using social media was a cross-cutting theme of the workshop. The event also facilitated networking and the exchange of experiences and good practices among peers and across sectors on youth crime prevention.

The workshop outcomes will help to develop a targeted social media awareness-raising campaign in Tajikistan. The campaign will support the implementation of the National Drug Control Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan for 2021-2030. The Strategy is one of the few in Central Asia and emphasizes the use of online tools and the inclusion of young people and influencers and bloggers to raise awareness among young people on the dangers and realities of involvement in illicit activities and substance abuse, providing alternatives and positive examples.

The campaign was implemented under the OSCE-wide multi-year extra-budgetary project “Enhancing youth crime and drug use prevention through education on legality and awareness campaigns addressing threats of organized crime and corruption” funded by Germany. Other donors supporting this project are Andorra, Italy and Poland.

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UNODC IMPLEMENTS PEER-SUPPORTED DRUG USE PREVENTION INITIATIVE “FRIENDS IN FOCUS”



From April 22nd to 25th, UNODC Regional Youth Network for Central Asia convenes in Tashkent, Uzbekistan for the «Peer-supported Drug Use Prevention with Friends in Focus» training. This bespoke program brings together Youth Network members and policymakers from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan.

In her opening remarks, Ms. Diloram Tashmukhamedova, Deputy Chairperson of the Committee on Youth, Culture and Sports under the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, emphasized the critical role of youth in combating drug use. She highlighted

the importance of innovative strategies and active involvement of youth in supporting policymakers and law enforcement agencies in preventing drug-related issues. Ms. Tashmukhamedova expressed confidence in the potential of young people to effect meaningful change, stating, «One thing I can say is that I am sure that young people can do the most».

Through collaborative efforts and innovative approaches, the UNODC Regional Youth Network for Central Asia is working towards creating drug-free, healthy, safe, and secure societies for the youth of Central Asia. This training in Tashkent marks another step forward in empowering young people to be agents of change in their communities and beyond.

“Drug use is on the rise globally, and it is people who are suffering. Close to 300 million people used drugs in 2021, 23 percent more than a decade ago”, highlights Mr. Bo Mathiasen, Officer on Charge, UNODC Division for Operations. He emphasized the need for increased efforts to engage with young people and bolster their resilience against substance use, starting from adolescence and even earlier stages of childhood. “This starts with education, by sensitizing young people to the risks and consequences of substance use. By teaching them the skills to think critically and challenge misinformation, to resist peer pressure, to support other youth at risk, and to be equipped with all the life and social skills needed to overcome the adversities they may face” – said Mr. Mathiasen.

This regional training is part of the second phase of the Regional Network of Youth Organizations and Youth Champions of Change in Central Asia for drug-free, healthy, safe, and secure societies. Initiated in 2021 by the UNODC Regional Office for Central Asia with support from the Government of the Russian Federation, this initiative aims to provide a platform for youth organizations to exchange ideas and collaborate in promoting the health and well-being of youth in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals.

https://www.unodc.org/centralasia/en/news_2024/unodc-regional-youth-network-for-central-asia-convenes-in-tashkent_ru.html



UZBEKISTAN WILL STRENGTHEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING



Uzbekistan will tighten liability for drug trafficking through the use of the Internet and telecommunications. The toughening also applies to the commission of these crimes involving minors.

It is not only about drugs, but also about their analogues, psychotropic, potent and poisonous substances.

The draft law, which provides for these measures, was passed in the third reading at the regular plenary session of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis on 23 April.

The innovations establish administrative and criminal liability for the illegal acquisition, storage, transportation or forwarding of prohibited substances without the purpose of sale.

It is noted that the bill is aimed at timely prevention of propaganda or advertisement of drugs and drug trafficking.

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DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER OF UZBEKISTAN AND CARICC DIRECTOR DISCUSSED COUNTERING DRUG THREAT IN CENTRAL ASIA



Uzbek Deputy Foreign Minister Muzaffar Madrakhimov met yesterday with Atageldi Yazlyyev, Director of the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre for Combating Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and their Precursors (CARICC), Duniyot news agency's correspondent reports.

According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the meeting exchanged views on development of cooperation within CARICC in the field of

countering drug threat in the Central Asian region, in particular in combating drug trafficking.

<https://dunyo.info/ru/Novosti-MID/zamestitel-glavy-mid-uzbekistana-i-direktor-tsarikts-obsudili-voprosy-protivodeystviya-narkougroze-v-tsentralnoy-azii>



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