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In the period from 25 March to 21 April 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 (*Azerbaijan - 4, Kazakhstan - 8, Kyrgyzstan - 2, Russia - 9, Tajikistan - 1, Turkmenistan - 1, and Afghanistan - 1*).

Published articles reflect information on preventive activities carried out in Azerbaijan (*Azerbaijan*), on preventive measures conducted by MIA of the RK in regions of Kazakhstan, on participation of the MIA of RK delegation in the 67th Session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (*Kazakhstan*), on preventive measures of CNS MIA of the Kyrgyz Republic (*Kyrgyzstan*), on anti-drug and preventive activities of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation in regions (*Russia*), of canine services competition (*Tajikistan*), on training for members of the Port Control Unit (*Turkmenistan*), and on meeting of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan Working Group (*Afghanistan*).

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN



AZERBAIJAN STATE ECONOMIC UNIVERSITY HELD AN EDUCATIONAL TRAINING SESSION



In accordance with paragraph 4.4.17 of the «State Program on Combating Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and their Precursors and Combating Drug Addiction for 2019-2024», on 28 March this year was held a seminar on combating drug addiction and illicit drug trafficking at Azerbaijan State Economic University (UNEC) with the participation of mentors of the Faculty of Engineering and students.

Opening the event with an introductory speech, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering,

Associate Professor Elchin Samedov noted that drug addiction, which has become a scourge of mankind nowadays, as a global problem is of concern all over the world. He emphasized the importance of expanding the scope of public education work in this direction.

Shahin Ismailov, a member of the standing working group of the State Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and Illicit Drug Trafficking, who was present at the event, spoke about the implementation of preventive measures to protect against drug use, the expansion of the fight and the «802» call service. He also concluded his presentation on the topic of anti-drug addiction by focusing on the complications of drug addiction and describing the physical and behavioral symptoms of users.

Then Ramin Allakhverdiev, a psychologist of the Republican Narcological Center for work with youth, gave the faculty mentors recommendations on early identification of those at risk and taking the necessary measures to provide support.

At the end, the students' questions on the relevant topic were answered and the necessary promotional materials «know the truth about drugs», «the truth about marijuana» and «the truth about psychotropic substances» prepared by the working group of the State Commission were distributed among the participants.

<https://nmdk.gov.az/page/post/3159/Azerbaijan-Dovlet-Iqtisad-Universitetinde-maariflendirici-telim-kecirilmisdir?!lang=ru>



MES ACADEMY TRAINED CADETS ON THE TOPIC «DRUG ADDICTION AND ITS COMPLICATIONS»



A meeting with cadets on «Drug addiction and its complications» was held with the joint organization of the working group of the State Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs and the MES Academy.

Head of sector of the working group of the State Commission made a presentation at the event, which provided detailed information on risk factors of drug use, the negative impact of drug addiction on people's lives and health, moral and moral values and socio-economic development, increasing attention

to the effective organization of leisure time, the legal framework for combating the effects of drug addiction and other issues.

In conclusion, participants were presented with methodological recommendations prepared by the standing working group of the State Commission to assist in identifying abusers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and the necessary promotional materials «Know the Truth about Drugs», «The Truth about Marijuana» and «The Truth about Psychotropic Substances».

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TRAINING FOR SPECIALISTS OF CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE



In accordance with the State Program for 2019-2024 on Combating Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and their Precursors and Combating Drug Addiction, trainings were organized at the Heydar Aliyev Center of Salyan district under the joint organization of the working group of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the State Commission.

At the training with participation of specialists of subordinate institutions of the Ministry of Culture in Salyan district, head of sector of the permanent working group of the State Commission made an appropriate presentation, in which he told the participants about risk factors of drug use, properties of psychoactive substances and their harmful effects on health, stages of formation of drug addiction, in order to increase their knowledge and professionalism on the problem of drug addiction. on the importance of anti-drug propaganda, and then discussed issues of interest to the participants.

Finally, participants were presented with methodological recommendations prepared by the working group to assist in the identification of persons abusing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and the necessary promotional materials.

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BAKU MUSIC ACADEMY HOSTED AN EDUCATIONAL EVENT ON COMBATING DRUG ADDICTION



An information meeting with students on «Risk Factors of Psychoactive Substance Use» was held at the Baku Music Academy named after Uzeyir Hajibeyli, jointly organized by the working group of the State Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs and the Baku Music Academy named after Uzeyir Hajibeyli.

Vice-rector of Baku Music Academy, head of sector of the working group of the State Commission, narcologist of Baku Narcology Center of the Ministry of Health spoke at the event. Risk factors of psychoactive substances use, negative

impact of drug addiction on people's life and health, moral and moral values and socio-economic development, increasing attention to effective organization of leisure time, counteraction to complications of drug addiction were discussed, as well as legal basis of the fight against drug addiction and other issues. Issues of interest to the participants were discussed.

In conclusion, participants were presented with methodological recommendations prepared by the standing working group of the State Commission «to help identify persons abusing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances» and the necessary promotional materials «know the truth about drugs», «the truth about marijuana» and «the truth about psychotropic substances».

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REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN WAS HELD ON THE STREETS OF TALDYKORGAN



Officers of the regional department for countering drug crime with the support of activists of the regional council, youth wing of «Zhastar Rukhy», as well as volunteers held an anti-drug campaign with distribution of leaflets and booklets on drug abuse prevention.

Contemporary approach to drug abuse prevention suggests that along with active education about different types of addictions, teaching safe behavior for health, healthy lifestyle promotion should go along with it.

Participants of the event called on residents and young people, based on an active life position, to take care of their health, lead a healthy lifestyle, learn to resist difficulties, and, if you find yourself in a difficult life situation, to use the helplines.

In addition, activists handed out and distributed booklets containing an algorithm of actions for parents to combat teenage drug addiction, as well as explained the necessary actions if they witnessed unlawful acts in the sphere of illicit trafficking of illegal substances.

37 criminal offenses related to drug trafficking have been registered on the territory of the region since the beginning of the current year, including 14 drug offenses.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/antinarkoticheskaya-aktsiya-proshla-na-ulitsah-taldykorgana/>



AKMOLA POLICE OFFICERS TELL POPULATION ABOUT NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES OF DRUG USE



Over 1,000 anti-drug information booklets were distributed by police officers among the population of Akmola region.

Anti-drug campaign «We are for a healthy nation» was held in Akmola region during two days, on 28 and 29 March, during which police officers throughout the region informed the population about the negative consequences of drug use, as well as the legal responsibility for drug offenses, by distributing thematic booklets.

In the course of the event, employees of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the DP of the region visited the Higher Multidisciplinary College of Civil Defense, where they met with second-year students. The drug police officer told the teenagers about administrative and criminal responsibility for drug offenses, and handed out informational leaflets to reinforce the information received.

In such cities as Stepnogorsk, Atbasar, Astrakhanka, Shortandy, police officers held meetings with non-resident students living in dormitories. In the cities of Derzhavinsk, Makinsk, Yesil and Shchuchinsk, Zerenda, Zhakysy and Korgalzhyn, the police informed citizens on the streets, briefly explaining the algorithm of actions in case of detection of drug pawners or accidental discovery of drugs.

Of course, work teams were not left without attention, which were also visited by territorial police officers with an explanatory conversation. As a result of the action, more than 1000 Akmolins were covered and about 1000 informational booklets were handed out.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/o-negativnyh-posledstviyah-upotrebleniya-narkotikov-rasskazyvayut-naseleniyu-akmolinskie-politsejskie/>



STUDENTS OF TALDYKORGAN ORGANIZED A THEATRICAL PRODUCTION ON ANTI-DRUG THEME



Unusual anti-drug campaign with a theatrical performance was held by students-activists of Taldykorgan Construction and Technical College.

Active young people of Taldykorgan, deciding to depart from the usual format, staged a play on the theme «Life is beautiful without drugs». The event was attended by employees of the regional department for combating drug-related crime, prosecutor's office, health care, as well as representatives of public associations.

- To make it clear to teenagers the whole picture of the life of guys who use drugs, we decided not to tell how it usually happens, but to show the consequences of such a way of life and how you can fight them, - said organizers of the performance.

In addition to theatrical production, students were shown videos based on real events about tragic cases in the lives of teenagers faced with drug use, tragedies of young people using synthetic substances.

- Mistakes of youth can spoil the future. It is our responsibility to inform every teenager that they are our future. And the health of the future generation is very important for the state. Young people need to know how to protect themselves. And we, in our turn, do our best to make them realize it,» said Meruert Iskakova, operative commissioner of UPN DP.

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VOLUNTEERS AND POLICE PAINT OVER DRUG ADVERTISEMENTS IN KOSTANAI



An indifferent citizen of Kostanay offered his help in painting over drug advertisements on the walls of houses.

Ruslan Malakhov, 32, approached the police. He offered his help in painting over drug advertisements on the walls of houses. On March 30, Ruslan gathered more than 20 volunteers who were willing to take part in the action.

It was joined by 60 students from the Kostanai College of Automobile Transportation and Medical College. Employees of the drug crime unit of the police department organized transportation, aerosol cans with paint.

- Each of us has repeatedly seen inscriptions on bus stops and walls of houses containing information about high earnings with Internet links and phone numbers. This is how drug dealers who distribute illegal substances by contactless method advertise their goods or offer to earn money. In a word, they offer to be «dead droppers», - said Aigul Eradilova, senior operative commissioner of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Kostanay region PD.

In the past, such information was passed on by word of mouth and through social networks, but now access to it is open to absolutely everyone, including teenagers - the most vulnerable category of society in this respect. Ruslan is sure that this small contribution can save someone's life. He encourages others to join this cause. These can be members of youth associations, athletes and ordinary residents who have noticed strange inscriptions on the walls of houses.

In a few hours, the participants painted over 120 anti-advertising inscriptions. This is the third action in the regional center this year. Police officers note that thanks to the residents of the city active work on drug crime prevention is being carried out.

Since the beginning of the year in the region police seized 32 kg of narcotics, including 1.5 kg of «synthetics».

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Ministry of Internal Affairs participated in the 67th Session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

67th session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs met in Vienna, Austria. More than 900 delegates from 190 countries participated in the work of the Commission.

The Kazakh delegation from the Ministry of Internal Affairs included Deputy Minister Aidos Rysbayev and representatives of the Department for Combating Drug Crime.

Mr. Murat Nurtleu, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, headed the Kazakh delegation and participated in the high-level session, which was attended by representatives of 137 states.

In his speech, he reaffirmed Kazakhstan's commitment to main UN priorities in ensuring drug control and combating drug trafficking. Emphasis was placed on measures taken by the state to combat drug trafficking and drug addiction at the national and international levels.

Kazakhstan participated in several sessions at the UN Commission.

Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs Aidos Rysbaev spoke in a session on prospects of using potential of the Central Asian Information Centre for combating synthetic drugs. It was emphasized that the Centre was a universal platform for international counter-narcotics cooperation.

Deputy Head of DPN Bakhytzhan Amirkhanov outlined public health approaches to drug policy in Central Asia, highlighting the problems of drug use in the country, issues of treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts.

At the session «Global Strategy to Combat Synthetic Drugs,» U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken emphasized the magnitude of the threat of synthetics to all countries of the world. As an example, he cited data on fatal drug overdoses, which reached 74 thousand cases in the USA. At the same time, about 169 billion dollars were spent on counternarcotics efforts in USA.

Four main vectors of work are outlined: precursor control, overdose reduction, engagement with NGOs and the civil sector, and implementation of a global strategy to combat synthetic drugs.

During the sessions of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs Aydos Rysbaev held a number of bilateral meetings with representatives of the World Health Organization and UNAIDS on the introduction of substitution therapy for drug addicts..

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A SOCIAL SURVEY ON EFFECTIVENESS OF COMBATING DRUG ADDICTION CONDUCTED AMONG RESIDENTS OF TALDYKORGAN



Within the framework of implementation of instructions of the Head of State, officers of the regional department for combating drug crime together with the health department, NGO «Kos Kanat» and volunteers of Taldykorgan conducted a social survey among residents on the effectiveness of the fight against drug addiction.

At the third session of the National Kurultai, the Head of State Kassym-Jomart Tokayev called for getting rid of destructive behaviors. He also drew attention to the new vices of society, which must be fought against. First of all, this is drug trafficking, including synthetic drugs, which have become a real epidemic.

- If we fight drug addiction together, we can prevent many negative situations that may arise,» said Meruert Iskakova, operative commissioner of UPN PD.

During the survey residents of the regional center were asked whether they know the places where narcotic substances can be distributed, whether it is necessary to involve the youth of the region in the fight against drug addiction, whether there is drug addiction among young people.

- Drugs poison both physical and psychological health of our youth, in this regard, it is necessary to strengthen the fight against this evil, because the future of our country is in their hands, - added M. Iskakova.

During the event residents were also explained how to protect themselves and their loved ones from drugs, were given thematic booklets containing information on combating teenage addiction, as well as told where to report if they witnessed the distribution and use of narcotic substances.

The police are calling for assistance to law enforcement agencies in identifying offenses in the sphere of drug trafficking. If any of you have information about the facts of distribution and manufacture of narcotic substances, please immediately inform the police by phone: 8 705 345 99 03 or 102.

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**PREVENTION OF DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF «SYNTHETICS»
AMONG YOUTH DISCUSSED IN ULYTAU REGION**



A meeting on countering drug crime and preventing spread and use of synthetic drugs among young people was held in the city of Karazhal, Ulytau region.

The event was attended by representatives of the youth resource center of Karazhal city, public association «Лытау жастары» and officers of the department for combating drug crime of the regional police department.

Participants of the meeting discussed various aspects of drug addiction, including its impact on health, family and society as a whole. Yerlan Ospanov, Head of UPN, presented current situation with drug crime and drug use among youth in the region.

Special attention was paid to prevention and education measures among young people. The participants discussed possible ways to prevent drug abuse among the younger generation, including organization of information campaigns, socio-psychological support and involvement of young people in various activities and programs aimed at development and self-realization.

The meeting concluded with final discussions and agreements on further steps for cooperation between various organizations and the police in the fight against drug crime and drug abuse among youth in the region.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/profilaktiku-rasprostraneniya-i-upotrebleniya-sintetiki-sredi-molodezhi-obsudili-v-oblasti-ulytau/>

CADETS OF THE ALMATY ACADEMY OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS LEARNED ABOUT HARM OF DRUGS



The Almaty Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan held lectures for cadets on the drug problem.

Specialists from the Department for Combating Drug Crimes of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and officers UPN DP of Almaty and Kostanay region, who daily in their work face various cases of drug-related crime and know firsthand about the harm of drugs, spoke to cadets.

- President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, in his speeches each time emphasizes the importance of preventing drug abuse and drug-related crime. He emphasizes that the fight against drugs should be a priority for all levels of government

and law enforcement agencies. I would like to note that the Almaty Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs together with relevant services is actively involved in prevention of drug addiction among young people and teaching them the right way of life. Within the framework of the Academy all necessary measures are taken to form healthy youth and strengthen the professional staff potential in the internal affairs bodies, - shared head of the interdepartmental center for training of specialists on combating drug crime of the Almaty Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan named after M. Yesbulatov Kamil Ushurov.

The institution noted that the lecture was held within the framework of a mentoring program and mentoring for students of the 104th group of the Faculty of Professional Training, specializing in «Countering Drug Crimes», and involved practitioners from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and departments for countering drug crime.

At the lecture, speakers presented videos on drug abuse and drug crime prevention, discussed different types of narcotic substances, shared the peculiarities of identification, detection and investigation of crimes in the sphere of illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, and gave examples of destruction of families, lives and careers of people who encountered drugs.

The event was full of information that helped participants to better understand characteristics of drugs and their impact on society. Specialists emphasized that drugs are an evil of society, which is carefully hidden behind the mask of «ease» and «pleasure».

<https://polisia.kz/ru/o-vrede-narkotikov-rasskazali-kursantam-almatinskoj-akademii-mvd/>

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC



OFFICERS OF CNS MIA ORGANIZED A VOLLEYBALL GAME UNDER THE SLOGAN «HEALTHY NATION - HEALTHY COUNTRY»



On 26 March 2024 Department for Combating Illegal Drug Trafficking of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Jalal-Abad region in order to promote a healthy lifestyle organized a sports volleyball game under the slogan «Healthy Nation-Healthy Country» for college students of Jalal-Abad State University.

In his speech, the Deputy Head of CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Police Colonel Sh. Zhununuzov, urged to refrain from using any kind of drugs, to always strive to improve their level of education and to strive for a healthy life.

The police officers noted that teenagers will achieve great success by striving for a healthy life without drugs. Also, Inspector for Children’s Affairs of Jalal-Abad UVD, Police Captain S. Kydirova urged the youth to avoid negative behavior and violations of the law.

The sporting event was attended by 10 teams among the 2nd year students of the general education institution. The participants were able to show their skills at a high level and were able to take prizes. At the end of the event, the participants were awarded medals and received valuable gifts.

The department noted that a number of activities are planned in all educational institutions in order to prevent drug offenses.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/3049>



OFFICERS OF CNS OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS CONDUCTED A TRAINING SESSION ON THE THEME «COMBATING AND PREVENTING DRUG USE AMONG UNDERAGE CHILDREN»



Officers of CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic: Cholpon Tabaldieva and Umida Ismatova conducted a training for the staff of the Center for Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency on the topic: «Combating and preventing drug use among underage children»..

Objective of the lesson: to increase the knowledge of the personnel in this area, to prevent the spread of drugs among teenagers.

During the lecture, the impact of drugs on health, types of drugs, and their harm were discussed. They also gave detailed information about the distribution of synthetic drugs and involvement of teenagers in

drug-related crimes through social networks and mobile messengers. The lecture was held in a question-and-answer format.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/rus/news/3093>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION



POLICE OFFICERS IN ADYGEYA HELD THEMATIC CLASSES WITH STUDENTS OF A COLLEGE AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL DURING THE «REPORT WHERE DEATH IS SOLD» CAMPAIGN



As part of the All-Russian campaign «Report where death is sold», a preventive event was held at the Dondukovsky Agricultural Technical School. Police Major Denis Sof-Ogly and Junior Police Lieutenant Anzor Khatokhu, inspectors of juvenile affairs of the republican Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Giaginsky district, as well as more than 180 students took part in the event.

Police officers told the students about the most high-profile crimes committed on the territory of the republic, which are related to the distribution of narcotic drugs. The police dwelt separately on the involvement of young people, including students, in drug trafficking as couriers.

Denis Sof-Ogly noted separately that regardless of the amount taken, illegal substances cause irreparable damage to health and are quickly addictive.

Moreover, drug use not only has severe consequences that affect the brain and psyche, but also affects the rest of life, including the choice of profession, enrollment in educational institutions, employment and even obtaining a driver's license.

Law enforcement officers also separately raised the topic of the use of electronic cigarettes for smoking by young people. Noting that these devices are dangerous not only because they emit vapor containing a number of dangerous substances that have a harmful effect on the body, but also easily self-ignite, which often leads to burns or fires.

In addition, police representatives showed children preventive videos, in which some types of crimes related to the use and distribution of narcotic substances were presented on concrete examples, and the administrative or criminal responsibility that follows it was described in detail.

At the end of the talk, students were able to ask speakers all questions they were interested in and receive qualified answers.

A similar event in these days was held by police officers for more than 150 students of the Maikop State Polytechnic College at the Maikop State Technological University.

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OFFICERS OF TUNK UMVD OF RUSSIA IN TAMBOV REGION ORGANIZED A PREVENTIVE EVENT «LESSONS OF COMMON SENSE»



Within the framework of the all-Russian anti-drug action «Report where death is sold!» and the work of the regional anti-drug commission, the Drug Control Department of the Tambov Region Ministry of Internal Affairs organized interdepartmental preventive and educational events «Common Sense Lessons» on the basis of Michurinsk State Agrarian University..

Objectives of the events - formation of legal literacy, law-abiding behavior, active citizenship, dissemination of information about legal and medical consequences of distribution and use of narcotic drugs, promotion of healthy lifestyle.

The events were held on two platforms: specialists from various prevention subjects of the region met with students (over 300 people) and teachers of the university.

The anti-drug campaign was attended by officers of UNK UMVD, OMVD in Michurinsk, representatives of the municipal anti-drug commission, the Tambov regional branch of the All-Russian Society for Sobriety and Health, clergy, the rectorate of Michurinsk State Agrarian University..

Students were armed with information that will help them navigate life more easily and correctly, protect them from the dangers of involvement in destructive communities and criminal groups, and avoid chemical dependencies.

University professors were informed about the main trends in the drug situation in the region, examples of involvement in drug trafficking crimes of representatives of various social groups, including students, provided with the necessary contact information and an algorithm of actions when faced with the facts of crimes or offenses.

Archpriest Dmitry Malyukin talked to the pedagogical community about the experience of Christian understanding of the problems of chemical dependence and its spiritual roots..

Young people were invited to participate in the Substance Abuse Prevention Program among students of educational organizations called «Zozhivi», which is being implemented thanks to a grant from the Tambov Oblast Government.

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DRUG CONTROL OFFICERS OF THE REGIONAL MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN BURYATIA TALKED TO COLLEGE STUDENTS ABOUT DRUG TRAFFICKING AND ITS CONSEQUENCES



Within the framework of the federal interdepartmental complex operational and preventive operation «Clean Generation - 2024» in Ivolginsky district of the Republic of Buryatia, officers of the Drug Control Department of the regional Ministry of Internal Affairs met with the management and teaching staff, students of the College of Traditional Arts of the Peoples of Transbaikalia.

A training seminar was held with teachers of the educational institution on how to identify the use of narcotic drugs and new potentially dangerous psychoactive substances by minors in a timely

manner and by what signs. The seminar participants also talked about how to organize anti-drug prevention work in educational organizations in a methodologically correct way. Teachers were given recommendations on how to conduct thematic discussions not only with students, but also with the parent community.

College students were informed by police officers about the legal consequences of involvement in trafficking in illegal substances. The students watched a short documentary where their peers serving prison sentences shared their sad experiences of involvement in drug crimes. They talked about their experiences and urged them not to repeat their mistakes.

At the end of the event, the law enforcers answered the students' questions and wished them successful studies.

In addition, in the dormitory and on the territory of the educational institution, an employee of the Center of Canine Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Buryatia organized a preventive raid with the use of a service dog for the possible detection of illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs.

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POLICE OFFICERS AND PUBLIC ACTIVISTS GIVE LEGAL TALKS TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN KRASNOYARSK KRAI AS PART OF THE «CLEAN GENERATION» PREVENTIVE MEASURE



Police officers in Kansk together with public activists actively joined the ongoing preventive operation «Clean Generation - 2024», within the framework of which they hold thematic meetings with young people to warn them against involvement in the use and distribution of drugs.

Previously, the investigative unit of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia «Kanskiy» and the Public Council of the Ministry of Internal Affairs organized an event for students of the Polytechnic College. Senior Lieutenant

of Justice Elena Izotova met with the young men and women. The officer spoke about the consequences

of committing crimes in the sphere of illicit drug trafficking, emphasizing criminal liability in the form of imprisonment, as well as the impossibility for young people with a criminal record to study or hold a position in the military, law enforcement, education, state and municipal spheres.

On the initiative of public figures, college students visited the museum of the Intermunicipal Department, where they learned about police professions through exhibits and archival documents. From the chief curator of the departmental collection, retired police lieutenant colonel Valery Bibik, they learned about «high-profile» drug crimes solved during the Soviet period and over the past 10 years. In addition, they saw what devices for tracking intruders and fixing physical evidence were used by employees of the Kansk internal affairs agency in different years.

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TRANSPORT POLICE OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUBLIC COUNCIL HELD AN ANTI-DRUG TALK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN STAVROPOL KRAI



Within the framework of the interdepartmental All-Russian complex operational and preventive operation «Clean Generation-2024» in Mineralovodsk Regional Multidisciplinary College transport police officers and community leaders held an event to highlight the prevention of drug and psychotropic substance use among young people.

Police Captain Svetlana Zaitseva, a member of the drug trafficking control department of the Mineralovodsk Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for Transport, explained the problem in detail. Specific examples from the unit's practice had a strong impact on the young audience. In the course of communication with the

students it became clear how informed young people are about the methods of involvement in the criminal business and the consequences of the use of illegal substances, as well as attempts to sell them.

Another important issue was touched upon by the Senior Inspector of the Mineralovodsk Line Department's Juvenile Affairs Department, Police Captain Ekaterina Goncharenko, who spoke about crimes in the field of information and communication technologies and drew attention to the attempts of fraudsters to use gullible citizens to cash in illegally obtained money. Since young people often want to earn money, criminals send them messages in messengers offering to receive money on their bank cards for cashing out or transferring to another account. The speakers also handed out handouts that outlined the main points of the issues discussed, as well as contacts of agencies to which one can report violations of legislation on trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

Elvira Kondrakova, a member of the Public Council at the Mineralovodsk Line Department, noted that the topics discussed were very important and that it was necessary to unite the efforts of all stakeholders to combat drug-related crime.

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OFFICERS OF THE DRUG CONTROL DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF RUSSIA IN THE NOVOSIBIRSK REGION TOGETHER WITH A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC COUNCIL HELD ANTI-DRUG LECTURE PROGRAM



Officers of the Drug Control Department of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Novosibirsk Region, together with a member of the Public Council of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Novosibirsk Region, candidate of medical sciences, associate professor Andrei Funtikov held a preventive lecture for the students of the Professional Training Center of the Main Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs on the topic: «Drug addiction. Legislation in the sphere of illegal drug trafficking».

The purpose of the meeting was to raise awareness of newly arrived young employees about the harm and negative consequences of substance use, as well as to

explain the legislation in the field of illicit drug trafficking.

During the meeting Andrei Funtikov told the audience how psychoactive substances affect the development of a person's personality, what risks an addicted person's life is exposed to, and what factors indicate drug use. The doctor emphasized that there is no such thing as «easy» drugs, spoke about the deadly harm of drugs of synthetic origin, and also gave examples from his personal medical practice.

During the legal block, Police Major Lilia Plutenko spoke about the system of legislation of the Russian Federation, referred to the articles of the Constitution of the Russian Federation, explained some norms of the Federal Laws that regulate legal relations in the sphere of illegal drug trafficking. In addition, she informed about the administrative and criminal liability for propaganda, storage, manufacture and distribution of illegal substances, as well as the use of narcotic drugs without a doctor's prescription and the resulting liability for evasion of diagnostics, preventive measures and drug treatment.

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POLICE OFFICERS IN CHITA HELD A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH STUDENTS OF ZABAIKALSKY STATE UNIVERSITY AS PART OF THE «CLEAN GENERATION 2024» EVENT



Regional Department of Internal Affairs officers in cooperation with the Coordination Center for Countering Terrorism and Extremism of ZabGU organized a meeting with students of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports of ZabGU..

Within the framework of the operational and preventive measure «Clean Generation - 2024» employees of the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Zabaikalsky Krai, a psychiatrist-drug addict, as well as a specialist of the prevention department of the AIDS Center held a preventive event in the format of a round table on the topic: «Drug addiction - an

acute problem of our time».

Anna Barmina, an officer of UNK UMVD of Russia for Zabaikalsky Krai, announced the statistics of drug crimes in the Zabaikalsky Krai, spoke about criminal and administrative responsibility for the use, purchase, storage, sale and advertising of narcotic drugs.

Alexander Glushenkov, a psychiatrist-drug addict at the Zabaikalsky Krai Narcological Dispensary, informed the students about the harmful effects of narcotic drugs on the human body, including mental and physical health. He emphasized that drug use can lead to addiction, irreversible changes in the body and death. Nina Leskova, a specialist of the prevention department of the AIDS Center Nina Leskova of the Krai Clinical Infectious Diseases Hospital noted that drug use is one of the main risk factors for contracting HIV and other infectious diseases.

Students were reminded about helpline of UMVD of Russia in Zabaikalsky Krai, and were given booklets with information about the harm of drugs and the dangers of HIV infection.

Participants noted the importance of timely informing students about the consequences of the use of illicit substances and measures of responsibility for their trafficking.

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A ROUND TABLE WITH PARTICIPATION OF POLICE OFFICERS, PUBLIC AND VOLUNTEERS ON COUNTERING DRUG ADDICTION WAS HELD IN TVER REGION



One Life Alone Charity Center hosted an event dedicated to healthy lifestyle and drug use prevention. The meeting was organized as part of the Clean Generation 2024 campaign and timed to coincide with the Year of the Family declared in Russia.

The event was attended by officers of the Kalininsky police department, organizers of the volunteer project and wards of the Mother and Child Home, as well as representatives of executive authorities.

In the format of the round table, the head of PDN OMVD of Russia «Kalininsky» Police Major Anastasia Bukhanova, the head of the volunteer project and center «Mother and Child Home» Anna

Orleanskaya and representatives of the regional Ministry of Family and Demographic Policy discussed the statistics of crimes and offenses in the field of illicit drug trafficking, types of responsibility for violation of the law.

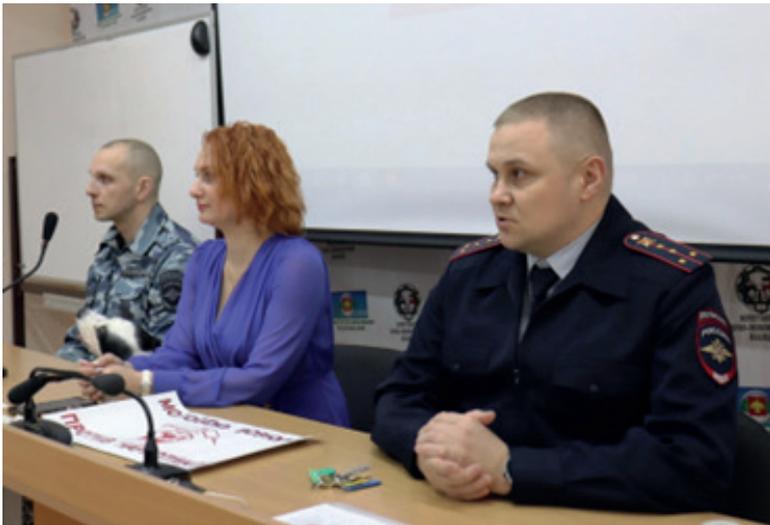
Volunteer center members, including young mothers, as well as children and teenagers, were told about the dangers of psychotropic substances and narcotic drugs, explained how not to get involved in drug crimes.

According to the participants, drug abuse prevention should start with the family. The most important factor in choosing a sober lifestyle is still the example of parents and trusting relationships with children.

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KOMI POLICE OFFICERS AND PUBLIC ACTIVISTS HELD A PREVENTIVE TALK WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS



Within the framework of interdepartmental preventive actions «Clean Generation - 2024» and «Your Choice» the officers of the Department of Internal Affairs of Russia in Vorkuta and members of the Public Council held a meeting with students of the Vorkuta Arctic Mining and Polytechnic College..

Pavel Vologzhaninov, Head of OPDN, told the students about the harmful effects of illegal substances on the growing body and the severe consequences of drug use, as well as about the forms of involvement of teenagers in drug trafficking. The policeman also drew attention to such concepts as extremism and terrorism,

explaining the measures of administrative and criminal responsibility for participation in unauthorized actions and extremist activities. P. Vologzhaninov warned students about possible dangers when communicating with strangers on social networks and recommended not to post materials that could incite hatred or enmity between people on the global network.

Alexei Prokopyev, a senior canine inspector, shared his experience in the canine field. He noted that there are different dogs in the police service, and each dog is trained in its own area. Some specialize in the search for drugs, others will easily find a person or detect explosives. Then Russian spaniel Laima demonstrated her abilities. She easily found a hidden imitation of an illegal substance in the office.

Elena Yurkina, a member of the Public Council, showed thematic videos to the students and reminded them that one wrong step can deprive young people of promising plans for the future. She urged the students to lead a healthy lifestyle, to be vigilant and cautious, and also reminded that all known facts of distribution, use and storage of drugs and other illegal acts should be reported to the police.

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REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN



PARTICIPATION OF AGENCY DOG HANDLERS IN INTER-ADMINISTRATIVE COMPETITION



From 25 to 29 March 2024 on the basis of the canine school of the Border Troops of the State Committee for National Security of the Republic of Tajikistan in honor of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Border Troops and in order to improve the level of professionalism of cynologists among law enforcement agencies of the Republic of Tajikistan, was organized and held a canine competition to determine the «Best cynologist of service dogs» the purpose of which is to receive a cup from the Commander of the Border Troops..

Within the framework of this competition a set of exercises such as «General Training Course», «Obstacle Course», «Search and Detection of Drugs», «Search and Detection of Explosive Materials» was held, in which the cynologists of the Drug Control Agency and service dogs of the Agency participated and took honorable places.

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TURKMENISTAN



TURKMENABAD HOSTED A TURKMEN-UZBEK TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF PORT CONTROL UNIT



A sub-regional advanced training for members of the Port Control Units (PCU) of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan was held at Lebap Velayat Customs in Turkmenabad.

The seminar was organized within the framework of the Global Container Control Programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the World Customs Organization.

The training was conducted by Svetlan Savov, expert of the World Customs Organization.

It aims to increase the knowledge of Port Control Unit members in profiling and targeting high-risk cargo and detecting illegal shipments, document

and cargo verification.

Participants were briefed on provisions of the 1972 Customs Convention on Containers, intellectual property rights from the customs authority’s point of view, the WCO’s platform for secure information exchange, and the WCO’s SOPTAINERCOMM platform..

During the practical part of the training the participants practiced the acquired knowledge on targeted selection and control by documentation, profiling on the basis of targeted selection, physical inspection of cargoes selected for inspection, as well as exchange of preliminary data on individual cargoes with partner PCU.

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AFGHANISTAN

**ADDRESSING ASIA'S DRUG TRAFFICKING CHALLENGE: CICA PARTICIPATES AT UNAMA WORKING GROUP MEETING**

As a follow-up to the productive discussions of CICA Secretary General Ambassador Kairat Sarybay with the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Afghanistan and Head of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) Roza Otunbayeva at the beginning of 2024, the CICA Secretariat participated online in the meeting of the UNAMA-hosted Working Group on Counter-narcotics in Kabul.

The participation aimed to showcase CICA's efforts in addressing illicit drug trade in its region while also examining the initiatives of UNAMA, states, and other key stakeholders in combating drug trafficking.

Ambassador Adel Adaileh, an expert in the CICA Dimension of New Challenges and Threats, delivered remarks at the meeting.

The CICA expert emphasized the global challenge of drug use, particularly in Asia, drawing from comprehensive UNODC data. Opiate production declined in Southeast Asia in 2022 but surged in other regions, notably accounting for 90% of global output. There has been a concerning rise in methamphetamine manufacturing in Southeast Asia, with trafficking routes extending to Europe. Synthetic drug lab detection is also increasing in various regions.

Ambassador Adel Adaileh highlighted the disproportionate impact of drug use in Asia, where over half of the global opioid user population resides. Methamphetamine poses a significant concern in East and Southeast Asia, while opiates predominate in other areas. Asia also hosts the highest number of people globally who inject drugs, with notable prevalence rates of hepatitis C and HIV.

Combating illicit drug production and trafficking is a priority within CICA's framework, underpinned by the Almaty Act and the updated Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures. CICA Member States are determined to promote efforts to eradicate the root causes and conditions conducive to illicit drug production and trafficking, and other forms of crimes in the region.

CICA's efforts focus on fostering information exchange, sharing information on new technological equipment and modern technologies applied to detect illicit drugs, and increasing capacity-building activities against illicit drug production and trafficking, such as experts' training courses; and public awareness initiatives.

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