

**CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY
 ON SEIZURES OF NARCOTIC DRUGS,
 PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND THEIR PRECURSORS**
 (based on mass media reports)

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In the period from 1 to 10 January 2025, based on information from the media law enforcement agencies and security structures of CARICC Member States seized **367.09 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 3 kg, opium - 75.7 kg, cannabis group drugs - 119.25 kg, synthetic drugs - 150.48 kg and potent substances - 18.66 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	3	0	0	0	0	0
Opium	3.7	0	0	0	72	0
Cocaine	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cannabis group drugs	61	2.4	0	0	55	0.85
Synthetic drugs	0.24	60.65	0.82	88.77	0	0
Potent substances	1.95	0.73	0	0	0	15.98
Total	69.89	63.78	0.82	88.77	127	16.83

During the same period, other countries seized **51 tons 160 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 2.4 kg, cannabis-group drugs - 3 tons 251 kg, synthetic drugs - 349 kg and potent substances - 47 tons 557 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN

04.01.2025 Officers of Goranboy District Police Department detained a female drug courier. More than **7 kg of marijuana and opium** were found in the possession of 48-year-old I. Huseynzade. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-gyoranboe-zaderzhana-zhenshina-narkokurer>

05.01.2025 An operation conducted by officers of the 42nd police department of Sabunchu district resulted in the arrest of Sh. Hasanli, a resident of Terter district, suspected of illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs. It is reported that during personal inspection they found and seized more than **2 kg of marijuana** from him. According to the agency, Hasanli had previously been convicted for a similar act. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-baku-zhitel-terterskogo-rajona-zaderzhan-s-dvumya-kilogrammami-narkotikov>

05.01.2025 As a result of operational activities carried out by officers of Gazakh District Police Department, 33-year-old Musabi Piriyeu, who was engaged in drug trafficking, was

detained. He was found in possession of **2 kg of marijuana**. During another operation, 23-year-old Kyanan Akhmedov was arrested. About **2 kg of marijuana** was also confiscated. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-gazahskom-rajone-zaderzhany-dva-narkokurera>

06.01.2025 Vagif Safarov, 43, previously convicted several times, was detained on 1 January in Absheron district. About **30 kg of marijuana** enriched with psychotropic substances were found in his possession. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-azerbajdzhane-v-pervyj-den-novogo-goda-zaderzhan-odin-iz-osnovnyh-postavshikov-narkotikov>

06.01.2025 As a result of operational and military activities carried out within the framework of ensuring reliable protection of the state border, combating smuggling, illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors, smuggling of **700 g of opium** and 13616 narcotic tablets (**13016 tablets "Pregabalin-150", 600 tablets "Methadone M-40"**) to the Republic of Azerbaijan was prevented. In addition, as a result of operative measures carried out jointly with the police department of Yardimli district, a citizen of the Republic of Azerbaijan, resident of Yevlakh district Magherramov Nabi Zakir oglu (born in 1984), who tried to cross state border of Iran in the direction of Azerbaijan was detained. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/operaciya-gps-predotvrashena-kontrabanda-v-azerbajdzhan-krupnoj-partii-narkotikov>

06.01.2025 Police officers found 6 kg of drugs in Baku. As a result of a regular operation, 49-year-old Zaur Azizov, previously convicted, was detained on suspicion of organizing drug trafficking. More than **2 kg of hashish resin** and about **4 kg of marijuana** were found in his possession. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-baku-byvshego-zaklyuchennogo-zaderzhali-s-6-kg-narkotikov>

10.01.2025 Officers of the Lankaran city district police department detained 33-year-old Turgut Nagiyev, suspected of organizing drug trafficking. **11 kg of marijuana** enriched with psychotropic substances were found and seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-lyakyarane-iz-oborota-izyato-11-kg-narkotikov>

10.01.2025 Officers of the Khachmaz district police department carried out an operation to crack down on illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs. Local residents Vusal Huseynov and Sabir Sirajov were arrested. A total of **4 kg of marijuana** was found and seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-hachmazskom-rajone-v-hode-operacii-po-borbe-s-nezakonnyim-oborotom-narkotikov-zaderzhany-2-cheloveka>

10.01.2025 10 persons were detained in Yasamal district of Baku in the course of operations on combating drug trafficking and about **3 kg of heroin**, marijuana and methamphetamine enriched with psychotropic substances were found and seized. <https://report.az/ru/proisshestviya/v-baku-zaderzhany-10-chelovek-podozrevaemyh-v-nezakonnom-oborote-narkotikov/>

KAZAKHSTAN

02.01.2025 A large drug supply channel was foiled in the Abay region. Police officers in Semey seized more than **500 grams** of the psychotropic substance "**mephedrone**", which is equivalent to 1500 single doses. Organizers of the illegal businesses were two young

residents of the city. They worked as “dead droppers”. <https://newtimes.kz/obshchestvo/200025-polkilo-mefedrona-iziali-u-zakladchikov-v-oblasti-abai-video>

05.01.2025 Two students detained for “dead dropping” drugs in Shymkent. During inspection police officers found and seized 50 rolls of “synthetics”. It was found that 18-year-old university students were planting drugs on the territory of the city and shared coordinates of stashes in a messenger. <https://polisia.kz/ru/dvoe-studentov-zaderzhany-na-zakladke-narkotikov-v-shymkente/>

07.01.2025 Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of DP of Kostanay region in the course of operative search activities with the involvement of a search dog identified and detained a 38-year-old man who had stored green-colored substances in a furniture workshop. Here he, being an individual entrepreneur, was engaged in production of furniture to order. Expert analysis showed that the seized substance was **600 grams of hashish** and almost **500 grams of marijuana**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-zaderzhali-kostanajtsa-hranivshego-gashish-v-mebel-nom-tsehe/>

09.01.2025 Police in Rudnyi, with the assistance of the prosecutor's office, dismantled a clandestine phytolaboratory where a man was growing cannabis right in his apartment. In the course of operative-search activities police officers found a greenhouse lined with thermal material on the balcony. Inside there were three flower pots with plants, presumably cannabis, three electric phytolamps, an electric hood and a fan. In addition, a box containing cannabis seeds in ZIP bags was found on a table in the kitchen room. An expert examination confirmed that the seized material was **cannabis** plant weighing over **1.3 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/v-rudnom-likvidirovana-fitolaboratoriya-po-vyrashhivaniyu-konopli/>

10.01.2025 As a result of operational-search activities, police in Turkestan region detained a suspect in transportation of psychotropic substance - Tramadol tablets. Police officers stopped a Toyota Camry car driven by a resident of Arys district in Ordabasinsk district. During a search of the car peratives found four plastic bags with 120 packs of “Tramadol”. In addition, another bag of pills was found at the suspect's place of residence. Total amount of the seized drug amounted to **2416 tablets of “Tramadol”**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/bolee-2-tysyach-tabletok-tramadola-iz-yali-u-storozha-meduchrezhdeniya/>

10.01.2025 In the course of operative measures officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime identified a drug dealer in the Al-Farabi district. During inspection, a bag of **mephedrone** was found and seized from the detainee. Drug fighters thus prevented the sale of over **200 doses** of psychotropic substances. <https://polisia.kz/ru/sintetiku-v-osobokrupnom-razmere-iz-yali-u-narkozakladchika-v-shymkente/>

10.01.2025 A large criminal network supplying precursors to drug laboratories was dismantled in Almaty and Almaty region. Under coordination of the Almaty Prosecutor's Office, officers of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking conducted a successful operation to identify and dismantle an organized criminal group involved in the supply of BK-4 precursors. They found three warehouses for storing precursors: one in Almaty and two in Ile district of Almaty region. On 1 January operatives recorded the transfer of 180 kg of precursors from Almaty to Karaganda region. There they found drug laboratories and arrested persons involved in running the laboratories. On 9 January officers conducted

simultaneous detentions of nine members of the criminal group in Almaty and Almaty region, they also found a drug laboratory. During authorized searches they seized **3 tons 210 liters of precursors**, laboratory equipment for drug manufacturing, weapons and ammunition, narcotic substances of herbal and powdery origin. <https://www.caravan.kz/news/tonny-narkotikov-i-oruzhie-obnaruzhili-v-almaty/>

10.01.2025 Two drug laboratories were dismantled and a record amount of drugs and precursors were seized as a result of a major operation in Almaty region. Police discovered a mephedrone laboratory in the village of Kaztsik in Ile district. More than 34 kg of finished drug and 148 kg of precursors were seized from the detained 25-year-old citizen. Interrogation of the suspect led to the discovery of another laboratory. Equipment, chemicals and more than 24 kg of drugs were confiscated there. Total result of the operation: almost **60 kg of mephedrone, 95 kg of precursors** in solid form and **250 liters of precursors** in liquid form. <https://www.inform.kz/ru/krupneyshuyu-operatsiyu-po-likvidatsii-narkolaboratoriy-proveli-v-almatinskoy-oblasti-04c2f5>

KYRGYZSTAN

06.01.2025 A drug dealer with a large amount of mephedrone was detained in Sokuluk district. According to operative data, a guy of Asian appearance of 20-22 years old has been selling drugs in Chui region and Bishkek for a long time. As a result of investigative and operational measures, citizen T.T.N., born in 2004, was detained on 4 January. During a personal search of the suspect, a black glove box with thermos pads containing narcotics was found in his possession. Expert examination showed that the seized drugs were **mephedrone**. If the guy had managed to sell everything, the total value of drugs would have exceeded 1 million soms. (about **300 grams**. Note by CARICC) https://24.kg/proisshestvija/316083_vsokuluke_zaderjali_zakladchika_skrupnoy_partiye_me_fedrona/

10.01.2025 Officers of the Counter Narcotics Service detained a man who was going to sell a large consignment of psychotropic substances. Operatives received information that a group of persons had organized supply of psychotropic drugs to Kyrgyzstan. Law enforcers identified and detained one of the suspects. He was 53-year-old H.H.Yu., and during a search they seized psychotropic drugs "Alpha-PVP". In addition, in the phone of the detainee they found locations with concealed drugs. In the stash drug enforcers found a large shipment of psychotropic substances. During a search in the house of the detainee found a large amount of drugs, means for packing and packaging as well as 356 dead drops with psychotropic substances "**Alpha-PVP**" and "**Mephedrone**". Police added that preliminary value of the seized drugs on the black market is 1.6 million soms (**520 g** - CARICC note). [https://24.kg/proisshestvija/316419_vbishkeke_zaderjan_prodavets_narkotikov_spsihotrop_ami_na16_milliona_somov /](https://24.kg/proisshestvija/316419_vbishkeke_zaderjan_prodavets_narkotikov_spsihotrop_ami_na16_milliona_somov/)

RUSSIA

09.01.2025 Officers of the Drug Control Department of GU MVD of Russia in the Voronezh region, with the assistance of state traffic inspectors, stopped a Hyundai Solaris car driven by a 39-year-old woman from the Moscow region at the 515th km of the M-4 "Don" highway for inspection. As a result of inspection of the vehicle in the trunk of the vehicle police found

a backpack, inside which there was a bag with a powdery substance. According to expert conclusion, the seized substance was a synthetic drug - **mephedrone** weighing more than **988 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/59676199/>

09.01.2025 A 26-year-old Piatigorsk resident was planning to sell a large shipment of synthetic drugs on the territory of the resort, but his plans were prevented by officers of the Drug Control Department of the city's Department of Internal Affairs. Operatives detained the young man on a street in the resort. He had with him a polymer package with "**synthetics**". Later at home police found another package with a similar substance as well as scales, duct tape and other packaging materials. Total weight of the seized drug amounted to more than **97 grams**. <https://pravda-kmv.ru/v-pyatigorske-politseyskie-izyali-u-zakladchika-krupnyyu-partiyu-sinteticheskogo-narkotika/>

09.01.2025 Three migrants transporting a large shipment of drugs were detained in Rzhev. At night, police officers stopped a Daewoo Nexia car driven by three foreigners on a city street. During inspection in the car they found 102 rolls with **30 grams** of powdery substance. According to results of examination for which 10 randomly selected bundles were sent, the contents were found to be **methadone**. <https://toptver.ru/lenta/v-tverskoj-oblasti-zaderzhali-troih-migrantov-perevozivshih-krupnyju-partiju-narkotika/>

09.01.2025 A 40-year-old man suspected of illegal drug trafficking on a particularly large scale was detained in Makhachkala. Operatives received information that the previous day a man who had arrived in Dagestan from the Vologda region was selling narcotic drugs by means of dead drops. Police detained the suspect and seized a "treasure" with **ephedrone** weighing more than **1 kg**. During a search of the apartment where the man lived, they found more than **1 kg** of similar substance. <https://midag.ru/2025/01/09/v-mahachkale-zaderzhan-predpolagaemyj-narkokurer-iz-vologodskoj-oblasti/>

09.01.2025 FSB officers in the Orenburg region discovered a large-scale drug laboratory. A man involved in production and distribution of drugs on a particularly large scale was detained. The man was engaged in manufacturing **mephedrone** in his private house. He was arrested during the commission of crime. During a search they found items and equipment used for production of synthetic drugs as well as more than **1 kilogram** of the illegal substance. <https://orsk.bezformata.com/listnews/narkolaboratoriyu/141118473/>

10.01.2025 Officers of UNK UMVD of Russia in Kaluga region dismantled a drug laboratory in the rural settlement of Hotisino. Illegal activities for production of illegal substances were organized by a 33-year-old resident of Peremyshlsky district, who had no previous convictions, on the territory of his house. During inspection of the land plot and residential building, police officers seized about **1.5 kg** of narcotic drug of synthetic origin - **mephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/59729190/>

10.01.2025 In the course of duty, officers of the State Automobile Inspectorate at the 8th kilometer of the Moscow Ring Road stopped a cab car for a document check. As a result of personal inspection and belongings of the suspiciously behaving passenger, they found and seized 4 large and 59 small packages with an unknown substance. According to research, the seized substance, weighing about **1 kg**, contained **mephedrone** in its composition. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/59683799/>

10.01.2025 While on duty, a traffic police patrol noticed a suspicious car at the 32nd kilometer of Murmansk highway, which was parked near a forest belt. During questioning of the driver and subsequent inspection of the car in the interior and trunk of the car they found **80** polymer **bags** with powdery white substance, which, according to the detainee, he was supposed to bury in the forest. Expert analysis showed that one of the bags contained a synthetic psychostimulant - **methylephedrone** weighing more than 1 kg. The man was taken to police station and a criminal case was opened. During investigation it was found that the businessman bought a garage in Sosnovy Bor and equipped a drug laboratory there. Investigators seized four more polymer bags with powdery substance weighing about **2 kg** as well as dozens of canisters with liquids and special equipment. <https://lentv24.ru/perevozivsego-narkotiki-voditelya-ulicili-v-sozdanii-narkolaboratorii-v-sosnovom-boru.htm>

10.01.2025 Two people were detained in the Tambov region. It is reported that 30-year-old and 41-year-old men are suspected of selling drugs. It is established that in December 2024 suspects through a dead drop received a wholesale shipment of **synthetic drugs** weighing more than **250 grams**. This is a particularly large size. Accomplices planned to sell the prohibited substance in the region. These men were unable to carry out their plan - they were detained by officers of the regional FSB of Russia. <https://top68.ru/news/incident/2025-01-10/v-regione-zaderzhali-muzhchin-s-osobo-krupnoy-partiey-narkotikov-265039>

10.01.2025 A man organized production of synthetic drugs on a particularly large scale in a private house in the Orenburg district. The chemist was detained by officers of the FSB in the Orenburg region. More than **1 kg of mephedrone** was seized as well as equipment for its production. <https://orenburg.bezformata.com/listnews/proizvodstvu/141128949/>

TAJIKISTAN

08.01.2025 Criminal investigation officers of the Dushanbe Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs detained an organized criminal group involved in drug trafficking in the capital. During the operation they seized 127 kg of various narcotics, including hashish and opium. Five people were detained, the press service of the Dushanbe Department of Internal Affairs reported. Shamsullo Hukumatov, 50, a Dushanbe resident who had previously been prosecuted for similar crimes, was the leader of the criminal group. According to law enforcement officers, Hukumatov bought drugs from Afghan drug traffickers and organized sale through his accomplices. During interrogation, Hukumatov said that he sold one kilogram of drugs for \$1500. A total of **55 kg of hashish and 72 kg of opium** were seized. <https://asiaplustj.info/ru/news/tajikistan/laworder/20250108/v-dushanbe-zaderzhali-gruppu-narkotorgovtsev-s-127-kg-narkotikov>

UZBEKISTAN

02.01.2025 Law enforcement officers carried out special operational measures. In particular, a resident of Uzbekistan district born in 1975 was driving his Nexia car through the Rishtan border crossing. When his car was checked, it was found that the citizen was attempting to import **3527 units** of the psychotropic drug "**Zardex**" into Uzbekistan. Similarly, a BESTUNE car driven by a citizen born in 1988 was stopped in the city of Kokand.

When the car was checked, it was found that it was carrying **3360 units** of the psychotropic drug **Regapen** and **1359 units** of the psychotropic drug **Tropicamide**. It is reported that all smuggled psychotropic preparations were imported from Kyrgyzstan. <https://upl.uz/incidents/47880-news.html>

03.01.2025 Officers of internal affairs bodies conducted a special operative measure. During the event, on the territory of "O'rikzor savdo kompleksi" Ltd. a store was detected where a citizen born in 1997 was selling drugs containing psychotropic substances. In total, the criminal kept for sale **2153 units** of the drug "Sibutramine", which contains prohibited substances on the territory of Uzbekistan. It is reported that this drug was illegally imported from Kyrgyzstan. <https://upl.uz/incidents/47895-news.html>

08.01.2025 Officers of the Anti-Smuggling Department of the Surkhandarya Regional Customs Department, together with officers of the Internal Affairs Department, the SGB and the National Guard, conducted a special operational activity. During the event, two citizens who were drug traffickers were detained in the territory of Jarkurgan district. Arrest took place at the time of a sale of narcotic substance "marijuana" for 112 million soums. In total, the criminals tried to sell **850 grams of marijuana** for this amount of money. <https://upl.uz/incidents/48024-news.html>

OTHER COUNTRIES

INDIA

01.01.2025 The Greater Chennai Police (GCP) on Monday seized 16 kg of methamphetamine from a house in Vadakarai in Red Hills and arrested an international syndicate. Ten persons have been arrested and property worth Rs 5 crore seized in the case. A total of **17.8 kg of methamphetamine** worth Rs 17 crore was seized by the police from this syndicate alone, though the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) estimates the value of methamphetamine at Rs 10 crore per kg of methamphetamine. <https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/tamil-nadu/2025/Jan/01/biggest-meth-haul-of-chennai-in-2024-16-kg-seized-10-held>

02.01.2025 National Police reported that agents of the Central Directorate of Counter Narcotics Trafficking (OCRTIS) in Mbura made a major seizure of Indian cannabis on the night of 1 January. A shipment of **385 kg** of Indian **cannabis**, divided into 11 packages was intercepted around 2am in Fadiala district. According to the source, the consignments carried in two trucks were abandoned by his convoys, which fled before police arrived. <https://www.seneneews.com/en/senegal/record-seizure-in-mbour-385-kg-of-indian-hemp-seized-by-octis-in-the-bush-of-fadial-5739.html>

07.01.2025 Assam Police successfully seized drugs worth over Rs 11 crore in three separate operations conducted in Kachar and Karbi Anglong districts of the state. A total of **2.4 kilograms of heroin** worth about Rs 11 crore, **73.97 kilograms of ganja**, estimated to be worth Rs 38 lakh, were seized by police officials. <https://neneews.in/assam/assam-police-seize-drugs-worth-over-rs-11-crore-in-major-operations/18118/>

MOLDOVA

09.01.2025 Officers of the Anti-Drug Department of the National Inspectorate of Investigations (INI), together with the Chisinau Prosecutor's Office, exposed a criminal group that was smuggling drugs from abroad and selling them in Moldova. Law enforcers followed activities of the criminals for two months. It was found that organizer of the scheme was a Moldovan citizen living abroad. He supervised delivery of drugs into the country, after which they were distributed by two young men aged 24 and 26, living in Chisinau. They acted as couriers and stored illicit substances. Police received information that a large consignment of drugs was about to be smuggled through international transportation system. The contraband was to arrive from Germany. As a result of a special operation, law enforcers conducted searches and found **15000 ecstasy tablets** concealed in a parcel - in a music speaker. Seized drugs' value is estimated at about 4 million lei. If the substances had reached their final destination, they would have been placed in stashes and sold through online stores. <https://esp.md/ru/sobytiya/2025/01/09/v-moldove-likvidirovali-set-narkokontrabandistov-narkotiki-vezli-iz-germanii-v>

NIGERIA

10.01.2025 National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) kicked off the year with series of high-profile drug arrests and seizures in Lagos, Kwara, Kano and Rivers states. The agency's Director of Media Relations and Advocacy, Femi Babafemi, in a statement on 1 January 2025, said operatives in the last one week seized **1557 kilograms of cannabis, 316800 bottles of codeine-based syrup, 149090 tramadol tablets** and other drugs in several operations. <https://thestreetjournal.org/how-ndlea-operatives-arrested-lagos-socialite-and-wanted-drug-queen-alhaja-aihat-feyisara-alongside-us-based-motivational-speaker-others-photos/>

USA

02.01.2025 According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), drug seizures occurred Friday and Saturday at the World Trade Bridge in Laredo, Texas. In the first case, drugs were found in a commercial shipment of roof sealant containers. After border agents scanned the truck and had a drug-seeking dog inspect it, they found **13.6 kg of methamphetamine** in buckets. Street value of drugs was 266 000 dollars.

In the second case, officers decided to do a secondary inspection of a tractor-trailer that was supposed to be hauling mechanical devices. Using a dog and X-rays, officers found **1200 kg of marijuana** in the trailer. CBP said marijuana had a street value of more than 6 million dollars, adding that both seizures had a combined street value of 6 324 920 dollars. <https://www.kxan.com/border-report/6-3m-in-pot-meth-seized-at-laredo-border-crossing/>

06.01.2025 100 pounds of methamphetamine was seized during a vehicle stop on Interstate 15 on Saturday. According to documents, the driver, identified by investigators as 37-year-old Carlos Guadalupe Navarro Ornelas of Illinois, told officers he was on his way to visit family in California. When some details of the man's story aroused suspicion, officers said they deployed a K-9 that indicated possible drugs in the car. They searched the vehicle and found **45 kg of methamphetamine**. They were one-pound bags - ziplock bags per

pound of methamphetamine - and there were 100 of them. It was the largest drug seizure operation in the history of the Nephi Police Department. <https://ksltv.com/723794/nephi-police-interdiction-efforts-help-to-net-100-lb-meth-seizure-on-i-15/>

10.01.2025 A man is in custody after Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers found more than 100 pounds of methamphetamine concealed in a pickup truck that was attempting to enter the United States from Mexico. On 5 January at 9:05 p.m., a 46-year-old man attempted to enter the United States from Mexico in a pickup truck at the Calexico West Port of Entry. According to CBP, officers used imaging technology to inspect the vehicle, which alerted them to several violations on the front passenger and rear seats, resulting in the discovery of 11 foil-wrapped packages of methamphetamine found under the floor of the vehicle, under the factory rear seat compartment and in the vehicle's fenders. In total, CBP says officers seized **69 kg of methamphetamine** and the vehicle. <https://fox5sandiego.com/news/border-report/cbp-officers-seize-152lbs-of-meth-hidden-in-pickup-truck-trying-to-cross-u-s-border/>

UKRAINE

03.01.2025 Members of a drug cartel that earned more than 40 million hryvnias monthly will be tried in Cherkasy. Residents of Cherkasy region and the capital set up a network of drug laboratories, where about 80 kg of psychotropics were produced every month. Members of the group promoted and sold their products via the Internet. They sold drugs with the help of private logistics companies, using fake data as well as through personal meetings with clients, making hand-to-hand transactions. Law enforcers confiscated almost **200 kg of different drugs** totaling more than 30 million hryvnias. In addition, they seized laboratory equipment, weapons, ammunition, a RGD grenade with a fuse, more than 2.5 million hryvnias in different currencies and 17 cars, the total value of which exceeds 800 thousand dollars. <https://kp.ua/incidents/a703286-v-cherkassakh-budut-sudit-chlenov-narkokartelja-ezhemesjachno-proizvodivsheho-80-kh-psikhotropov>

07.01.2025 Criminal offenders who, according to investigation, organized interregional drug trafficking will be tried in Kiev. **35 kg** of drugs worth almost 9 million hryvnias were seized from the dealers. Law enforcers detected two residents of Dnipropetrovsk region, who set up interregional drug trafficking. In the course of a number of operational activities, police found that two Dnipropetrovsk residents, aged 47 and 49 years, made **cannabis** from self-grown hemp in Dnipropetrovsk and transported it by car to Kiev and hid it in the garage of one of the accomplices. They sold the "product" exclusively to a close circle of acquaintances during personal meetings, passing from hand to hand", - said the press service. <https://incident.obozrevatel.com/kiyany/crime/izyali-35-kg-tovara-pochti-na-9-mln-grn-v-kieve-budut-sudit-narkotorgovtsev-foto-i-video.htm>