

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

01.01.2026-10.01.2026

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In the period from 1 to 10 January 2026, based on information from mass media law enforcement agencies and security structures of CAIRCC member states seized **880.04 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 1 kg, opium – 56.99 kg, cocaine – 40 kg, cannabis-based drugs – 261.26 kg, synthetic drugs – 522.65 kg, and potent substances – 2.14 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	1	0	0	0	0	0
Opium	7.79	0	20	0	0	29.2
Cocaine	0	0	0	40	0	0
Cannabis group drugs	125.57	0	116	0	0	19.69
Synthetic drugs	1.4	520.31	0.02	0.88	0	0.04
Potent substances	0	0	0.06	0	0	2.08
Total	135.76	520.31	136.08	40.88	0	51.01

During the same period other countries around the world seized **7 tons 471.97 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: cocaine – 2 tons and 167.5 kg, cannabis-type drugs – 3 tons 413 kg, synthetic drugs – 1 ton 885 kg, and potent substances – 6.47 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN

01.01.2026 Another attempt to smuggle large quantities of narcotics was foiled in Azerbaijan – this time drugs were concealed inside watermelons. Officers from the Astara Customs Office inspected a vehicle transporting a shipment of “fresh watermelons” from Iran to Russia via Azerbaijan. After a service dog from the canine unit reacted to boxes of watermelons, the cargo was subjected to a thorough inspection. As a result, they found narcotics **hashish** inside 12 watermelons, with a total net weight of **27.85 kg**. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/27-kg-gashisha-obnaruzheny-v-arbuzah-na-azerbajdzhanskoj-tamozhne>

02.01.2026 During operations in the Nasimi and Garadagh districts of Baku, 51-year-old S. Khabibov and 34-year-old A. Jabizade, suspected of illegal drug trafficking, were detained. A total of **29 kg of marijuana** was found and seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-baku-policiya-izyala-29-kilogrammov-narkotikov>

08.01.2026 Officers of the Khazar District Police Department conducted an operation to combat illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. 45-year-old resident of Baku, Emil Khalilov, was detained during the operation. A total of **14.82 kg of marijuana** with added psychotropic substances was seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/policiya-v-baku-zaderzhala-kurera-iranskogo-narkotorgovca>

09.01.2026 Officers of the Khatai District Police Department conducted a routine operation to combat drug trafficking. 25-year-old resident of Baku, Huseyn Mammadzade, was detained during the operation. Upon inspection of the bag seized from him, police found **12.84 kg of marijuana and 7.29 kg of opium**. <https://oxu.az/ru/proisshestviya/v-hataiskom-rajone-v-hode-operacii-izyato-okolo-20-kg-narkotikov>

09.01.2026 Officers of the Sumgait City Police Department conducted an operation against illegal drug trafficking. Three previously convicted residents of the village of Saray were detained during the operation: 48-year-old Elnur Nabizade, 39-year-old Tarlan Talibov, and 35-year-old Yusif Jabrailov. A total of **12.96 kg of marijuana** was seized. <https://report.az/ru/proisshestviya/v-sumgajyte-izyali-pochti-13-kg-narkotikov>

10.01.2026 Law enforcement agencies in Azerbaijan seized 31 kg of narcotics over the past day. In total, more than **1 kg of heroin**, about **25.9 kg of marijuana**, more than **1.4 kg of methamphetamine**, more than **2.2 kg of hashish**, and about **0.5 kg of opium** were seized. <https://report.az/ru/amp/proisshestviya/mvd-policiya-za-sutki-izyala-iz-nezakonno-go-oborota-31-kg-narkotikov>

KAZAKHSTAN

06.01.2026 On 4 January, officers from the Committee for Combating Drug Crime in the Karaganda region detained a 33-year-old citizen who had set up a large-scale production of synthetic drugs in an outbuilding of a private house. During a search of the scene, they seized **20 kg of mephedrone**, **500 kg** of finished **crystallized** products, construction kits, magnetic stirrers, plastic canisters with chemical reagents, and about **4 tons of precursors** used in drug production. Approximately 1.5 million single doses were intercepted. <https://polisia.kz/ru/mvd-predotvrashheno-proizvodstvo-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov-v-karagandinskoj-oblasti/>

07.01.2026 During operational search activities, officers from the Akmola Region Police Department in the city of Shchuchinsk detained a 37-year-old resident of the Burabai District who was engaged in illegal activities related to storage and packaging of drugs. During a search of her place of residence, they seized packaging materials, zip-lock bags, electrical tape, electronic scales, magnets, and 280 packets of **mephedrone** weighing **274 grams** from a specially equipped hiding place. <https://ru.elordainfo.kz/raznoe-ru/u-narkozakladchicy-v-shchuchinske-izyali-280-svertkov-s-mefedronom>

09.01.2026 Almaty police officers arrested another participant in illegal drug trafficking. A 28-year-old local resident was detained during the operation. During a personal search, they found **25 packets** of illegal substances on him. According to forensic chemical analysis, what

they found was the synthetic drug **mephedrone**. <https://dknews.kz/ru/v-strane/379896-mefedron-i-tayniki-detali-zaderzhaniya-v-almaty>

09.01.2026 In the city of Temirtau, Karaganda region, police officers detained a 37-year-old local resident during operational activities. During a personal search, as well as at the place of residence, **synthetic narcotic substances** with a total weight of **8 g** were found on the detainee, which were sent for examination to determine their composition. <https://polisia.kz/ru/muzhchina-s-krupnoj-partiej-mefedrona-i-pvp-zaderzhan-v-temirtau/>

KYRGYZSTAN

09.01.2026 As a result of a criminal investigation launched by the Bishkek City Police Department, a young man was detained in the north of BCC, located on Tologok Moldo street, with five packages of synthetic drugs. He was identified as 22-year-old S.A., born in 2001. The detainee indicated locations where 14 stashes were hidden. A total of **19 packages of synthetic drugs** were seized. <https://topnews.kg/proisshestvija/93152-v-bishkeke-vozle-bchk-zaderzhali-zakladchika-s-narkotikami.html>

09.01.2026 A woman suspected of illegally selling psychotropic substances was detained in Bishkek. According to information provided, on 30 December 2025 during an operation on Vlasova street officers from the Counter Narcotics Service detained T.G., born in 1986. During a search, they found **214 tablets** of the psychotropic drug "**Pregabalin**" in her bag. <https://topnews.kg/proisshestvija/93184-bishkekchanka-podozrevaetsja-v-prodazhe-psihotropanyh-veschestv.html>

09.01.2026 A special operation conducted by the Kyrgyz Ministry of Internal Affairs' Counter Narcotics Service led to the dismantling of a transnational drug trafficking group. According to available information, the group included citizens of Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Kazakhstan, and Tajikistan. As a result of the operation, seven people were detained, and one suspect was placed on an international wanted list. Investigation found that the detainees were involved in smuggling and sale of large quantities of Afghan-produced drugs, transporting shipments through Kyrgyzstan. During searches of the detainees' homes and cars, as well as in hiding places, they found and seized 136 kilograms and 855 grams of drugs, including more than **20 kg of opium** and over **116 kg of hashish**. <https://topnews.kg/proisshestvija/93317-bolee-135-kilogrammova-narkotikov-izjali-v-hode-specoperacii-sbnon-mvd-kr.html>

RUSSIA

03.01.2026 Operational information that a 31-year-old local resident was involved in illegal drug trafficking was received by officers of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs Department in Togliatti. To verify the information, police officers detained the woman near an apartment building in the central district of the city. During a personal search conducted in the presence of witnesses, police officers found and seized seven plastic bags containing a white powdery substance. An examination confirmed that the bags contained the narcotic substances **mephedrone** and **N-methylephedrone**. Total weight of seized drugs was over **880 grams**. <https://samaragovorit.ru/news/63241-v-tolyatti-s-880-grammami-narkotikov-zaderjali-31-letnyuyu-zakladchicu.html>

05.01.2026 Customs officials in St. Petersburg discovered a large shipment of **cocaine** weighing **40 kg**. Drugs were found in a container that arrived on a ship. It was determined that the chemicals were produced and shipped from Latin America. Perpetrators concealed illegal cargo in container's technical cavities for transport by sea. It is reported that customs officers detected cocaine shipment thanks to an effective risk management system and customs control measures. Drug, in the form of white powder and crystals, was packed into 40 bricks and placed inside the container's lining. Examination showed that it was cocaine. <https://www.dp.ru/a/2026/01/05/kontrabandu-40-kg-kokaina>

UZBEKISTAN

03.01.2026 Officers from the Kashkadarya Regional Office of the Department under the General Prosecutor's Office, together with officers from the State Security Service, conducted a special operation. During the operation they identified two citizens who had set up a Telegram bot for trading in narcotic substances. During a search of their place of residence they found **7 grams of marijuana and 23 grams of mephedrone**. All substances detected were seized as material evidence. <https://upl.uz/incidents/59218-news.html>

06.01.2026 Special operational measures were carried out by SGB officers in the Fergana region. A Lacetti car owned by a citizen born in 1980 was stopped and inspected in the city of Kokand. He was transporting **5.02 kg of opium** in his car, which he had previously purchased for 34,000 US dollars from a drug dealer from Tajikistan. The drug dealer, born in 1985, was also detained. Another **2.36 kg of opium** was found and seized from a Tajik citizen in a house in the Uzbekistan district. <https://upl.uz/incidents/59277-news.html>

06.01.2026 Officers of the State Security Service (SGB) of Uzbekistan, together with colleagues from customs and internal affairs agencies in Kokand, conducted a search of the home of a local resident born in 1984 who was suspected of illegal drug trafficking. As a result, **4.57 kg of opium and 1.06 kg of hashish** were found and seized in the kitchen. In addition, based on geolocation data sent by Tajik drug dealers via WhatsApp, **9.98 kg of opium** previously hidden in the Danghara district was seized. It was also found that a resident of Kokand, born in 1969, had set up a drug laboratory in his home. During a search law enforcement officers seized another **7.23 kg of opium**. <https://asiaplustj.info/ru/news/tajikistan/laworder/20260106/v-uzbekistane-izyali32-kg-vvezennih-iz-tadzhikistananarkotikov>

06.01.2026 Narcotics trafficking from Tajikistan was stopped in the Fergana region. A Nexia car was stopped during the raid. **982 grams of hashish** were found in the passenger's bag. He had taken drugs from a hiding place set up by Tajik drug couriers in the Kokand area. <https://vzglyad.uz/2026/01/06/v-ferganskoj-oblasti-presekli-nezakonnyj-oborot-vvezennyh-iz-tadzhikistana-narkotikov/>

06.01.2026 Drug trafficking involving drugs imported from Tajikistan was stopped in the Fergana region. The operation was carried out in Fergana. A citizen was detained while selling **989 grams of hashish** for 150 million soums. <https://vzglyad.uz/2026/01/06/v-ferganskoj-oblasti-presekli-nezakonnyj-oborot-vvezennyh-iz-tadzhikistana-narkotikov/>

06.01.2026 At around 3:30 a.m., patrol officers spotted a suspicious Labo vehicle in the Mirabad district. They decided to stop the vehicle and conduct an inspection in the presence of witnesses. During the inspection of the driver, it was discovered that he had **20 packets** of narcotic substances, which he distributed through hidden stashes. According to the detainee, packages contained the synthetic narcotic substance "**mephedrone**". Perpetrator took packages of drugs from a cache in the Yangiyul district of the Tashkent region and managed to distribute two stashes in the Mirabad district. <https://upl.uz/incidents/59279-news.html>

06.01.2026 A special operation was carried out by law enforcement officers in conjunction with SGB officers. Based on the information received, the home of a resident of the Yunusabad district born in 1961 was searched during the operation. During a search of his home, they found **1.5 kg of marijuana and 8 cannabis plants**. <https://upl.uz/incidents/59302-news.html>

09.01.2026 Officers from Uzbekistan's State Security Service detected an attempt to illegally import a large consignment of narcotic and potent substances across the border in the Fergana region. The incident occurred at the Ravot border and customs post in the Besharyk district during an inspection of a Lacetti car that had entered Uzbekistan from Tajikistan. Driver was a resident of the Uzbekistan district born in 1979. During a thorough inspection, it was found that narcotics and prohibited drugs were hidden in the car's fuel tank. In particular, **10.74 kg of hashish, 412 g of marijuana, 35 g of opium, and 6,945 tablets of the potent drug "Royal"** were seized. <https://www.uzdaily.uz/ru/v-ferganskoi-oblasti-presechena-popytka-kontrabandy-narkotikov-cherez-granitsu-sgb/>

OTHER COUNTRIES

UNITED KINGDOM

10.01.2026 Detectives seized cannabis worth around £24 million in one of the largest drug seizures in British police history. On 9 January, police raided a property in Blackrod and discovered **2 tons of cannabis**. The huge haul of Class B drugs has an estimated street value of around £24 million. The raid took place at Lee Tenment Farm, northwest of Bolton. Two men, aged 27 and 35, were arrested on suspicion of drug-related offenses. <https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/police-uncover-gigantic-24-million-33207307>

SPAIN

07.01.2026 Spanish police, in cooperation with the US Drug Enforcement Administration, carried out an operation that resulted in the dismantling of an organization considered to be the most powerful methamphetamine trafficking ring in Europe. The network was based in Spain, and the drugs were imported into the country concealed in shipments of marble from Mexico. This operation is the second phase of the so-called "Operation Saga" and led to the arrest of nine people, including a member of the Sinaloa drug cartel and a businessman who owned the marble company used by the organization as a front. During the investigation police seized **1,800 kg of methamphetamine** in Alicante, including more than 40 kg hidden in the base of a 1.5-meter statue destined for Tenerife. Another **38 kg of marijuana**

bound for Finland was also confiscated. <https://www.unionesarda.it/ru/мир/испания-ликвидировала-самую-мощную-в-европе-сеть-по-распространению-метамфетамина-арестовав-9-человек-g39ln44f>

ITALY

09.01.2026 Law enforcement officers in Genoa seized 2,109 blocks weighing more than **2 tons** of drugs in the Sampierdarena port basin, which, after rapid analysis conducted during the inspection, turned out to be very pure **cocaine**. A large amount was hidden in 87 colored jute bags wrapped in nylon mesh and was discovered by customs officers and financial police inside a container from South America that had left one of Colombia's main ports. <https://www.agenzianova.com/en/news/Major-seizure-of-over-2-tons-of-cocaine-at-the-port-of-Genoa/>

YEMEN

07.01.2026 Naval forces operating as part of a joint security campaign intercepted a boat carrying nearly a quarter of a ton of drugs off the coast of Bab al-Mandab, arresting four smugglers. Interception took place in the Al-Subaiha area of Lahj province, where naval units seized a shipment of **85 kg** of crystal **methamphetamine** and **119 kg of hashish**. <https://www.marineinsight.com/shipping-news/yemeni-naval-forces-seize-quarter-ton-of-drugs-off-bab-al-mandab-4-arrested/>

NIGERIA

04.01.2026 A 65-year-old grandmother, widely known as Mama Kerosene, was arrested during an intelligence operation after **238 kg** of skunk, a type of **cannabis**, was seized. In addition, NDLEA officers detained 22 Indian crew members of the merchant vessel MV Aruna Hulya, from which operatives seized **31.5 kilograms of cocaine** at the GDNL terminal in Apapa Port. In addition, over the past week, during operations in various provinces of the country, NDLEA agents seized **1,018 kg of cannabis and 43,150 ampoules of tramadol**. <https://www.tvcnews.tv/ndlea-arrests-wanted-65-year-old-grandma-linked-to-major-drug-supply-chain-in-oyo/>

USA

05.01.2026 On Saturday afternoon, state police seized 7 million dollars worth of cocaine found in a truck on I-70 near Indianapolis. According to police, they stopped an international van for a routine inspection when they discovered more than **136 kg of cocaine**. Drugs were concealed in the driver's sleeping compartment. Police arrested two men from California. <https://wsbt.com/news/local/indiana-state-police-seize-7-million-in-cocaine-during-traffic-stop-near-indianapolis-semi-truck-i-70-300-pounds-cocaine-inspection-governors-office-drug-charges-ice-deportation-indiana>