

**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 February 2025, based on information from mass media law enforcement agencies and security structures of CARICC Member States seized **1 ton 635.14 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 6.08 kg, opium - 40.06 kg, cannabis group drugs - 1 ton 178.58 kg, synthetic drugs - 393.6 kg, potent substances - 16.9 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	5.86	0	0	0.22	0	0
Opium	3	0	0	0	0	37.06
Cocaine	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cannabis group drugs	53.68	123.41	19.92	152.1	0	829.47
Synthetic drugs	1.98	1.18	0	254.95	121	14.46
Potent substances	0	0	0	12.35	0	4.5
Total	64.52	124.59	19.92	419.62	121	885.49

During the same period, other countries seized **3 tons 30 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: cocaine - 1 ton 431 kg, cannabis-group drugs - 30 kg, synthetic drugs - 1 ton 471 kg and potent substances - 9 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN

01.02.2025 Defendants accused of smuggling drugs from Iran to Azerbaijan were arrested in Barda district. Officers of the local police department conducted an operation against drug trafficking, which resulted in the detention of previously convicted Eljan Mirzoyev and Ahmed Ahmedzadeh. **5 kg of marijuana** was found and seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-bardinskom-rajone-arestovany-podozrevaemye-v-kontrabande-narkotikov>

03.02.2025 An operation conducted by officers of the Balakena District Police Department prevented an attempt to sell 33 kg of narcotic drugs illegally imported into the territory of Azerbaijan. Eshgin Ismayilov, previously convicted, was detained during the operation. He was found in possession of **30 kg of marijuana and about 3 kg of heroin**, and methadone tablets. The arrested person stated that he had purchased drugs with the purpose of selling. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-balakenskom-rajone-policiya-izyala-33-kg-narkotikov>

04.02.2025 As a result of a joint special operation by officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) and the State Border Service (SBS) of Azerbaijan, an attempt to smuggle over 13 kg of narcotic drugs and 4400 tablets containing drugs across the Caspian Sea and illicit trafficking was foiled. In the course of the operation carried out by police and border guards in Sumgayit city, 32-year-old Gaffar Gizil and 34-year-old Behzat Garanejat, citizens of Iran, were detained on the Caspian Sea coast. **11.68 kg of marijuana** laced with psychotropic substances, **1.51 kg of heroin and 4400 methadone tablets** were found in a boat with a Yamaha motor operated by them. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/iranskie-kontrabandisty-zaderzhany-s-13-kg-narkotikov-na-kaspii>

04.02.2025 Anar Gadashev and Elshad Bagirov, residents of Baku, were detained on suspicion of drug trafficking by officers of the Imishli District Police Department. **12 kg of marijuana and methamphetamine** were seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-imishlinskom-rajone-u-narkokurerov-obnaruzheno-12-kg-marihuany-i-metamfetamina>

04.02.2025 Drugs totaling 16.4 kg (**11.3 kg of marijuana, 5.1 kg of opium**) and **1990 tablets** of M-40 **methadone** were prevented from being imported from Iran to Azerbaijan at 11:20 a.m. on 30 January in the service territory of the "Goytepe" border detachment of the Border Guard Command as a result of border search and operational measures to ensure reliable protection of the state border, combating smuggling and illicit trafficking of narcotic substances. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/azerbajdzhanskie-pogranichniki-izyali-bolee-16-kg-narkotikov-na-granice-s-iranom>

08.02.2025 Officers of Oguz District Police Department conducted a regular operation against persons organizing illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs. Mehdi Dadashzade, Khayal Kazimzade and Afsun Aliyev were detained as a result of the conducted activities. **7 kg of marijuana and 1.35 kg of heroin** were found in their possession. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-oguzskom-rajone-zaderzhany-narkotorgovcy>

10.02.2025 As a result of operational activities carried out by officers of the Barda district police department, Agakhan Sabirov, a previously convicted person suspected of trafficking in narcotic drugs, was detained. More than **3 kg of opium** was found at his place of residence. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/policiya-bardy-provela-operaciyu-obnaruzheno-3-kg-opiuma>

KAZAKHSTAN

05.02.2025 Police officers of Abay region together with the DKNB under coordination of the prosecutor's office carried out measures to dismantle a sustainable drug supply channel from the southern regions of the country. In the course of operational activities, three local residents who were transporting a large shipment of drugs in their car were detained. As a result, more than **110 kg of marijuana** with a market value of more than 35 million tenge was seized. <https://polisia.kz/ru/krupnyj-kanal-postavki-narkotikov-perekryt-v-oblasti-abaj/>

06.02.2025 The Department for Combating Drug Crime of the West Kazakhstan Region Police Department dismantled two drug supply channels. Drug enforcers neutralized two channels of drug supply to the territory of West Kazakhstan and Aktobe regions. In the course of operational activities in Aktobe detained car Toyota, in which during a search of the cab

passenger was found a bag with a herbal substance of dark green color with a specific odor. According to expert conclusion, this substance is dried **marijuana**, which weight was about **10 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/dva-kanala-postavki-narkotikov-likvidirovali-v-zko/>

07.02.2025 Officers of the police department of North Kazakhstan region conducted a special operation on 27 January to detain two non-resident citizens involved in distribution of narcotic drugs in the territory of Petropavlovsk. In the course of investigative actions they seized packages, which contained white powdery substance, electronic scales, packaging material. Total weight of seized **mephedrone** and **α-PvP** amounted to more than **260 g**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/8-narkolaboratorij-za-mesyats-likvidirovali-politsejskie-v-sko/>

07.02.2025 As a result of a special operation in Almaty, police officers, with the assistance of local DKNB officers, detained a 30-year-old woman suspected of repeatedly selling synthetic psychotropic substances. During a personal search they seized 44 bags with powdery substance of white color and specific odor from the suspect. And in the car of the detainee was found inventory for packing and retail sale of drugs. According to conclusion of forensic chemical examination, the seized substances are cocaine and **mephedrone**. Total weight is about **400 g**. Suspect was placed in a temporary detention facility. <https://polisia.kz/ru/zhenshhina-narkodelets-zaderzhana-v-almaty/>

07.02.2025 Police in Turkestan region seized bags of drugs from a driver. In the course of operative-search activities, police officers stopped illegal possession and transportation of drugs in the region. On the highway Shoulder - Turkestan in Otyrar district, operatives stopped a Lada car driven by a resident of Shymkent. During inspection they found seven packets of narcotic substance in the car's interior. Total weight of the seized substance amounted to about **400 g of marijuana**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/pakety-s-narkotikami-iz-yali-u-voditelya-v-turkestanskoj-oblasti/>

10.02.2025 In the course of operational-search activities, officers of the department for combating drug crime of the Turkestan region police department detained a 49-year-old citizen suspected of possession and transportation of drugs. In one of the settlements of Ordabasinsk district police stopped a Toyota Camry car. During examination of the passenger compartment, operatives found three rolls of narcotics in possession of the passenger, a resident of Shymkent. Total weight of the seized substance amounted to about **3 kg of marijuana**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/3-kg-marihuany-iz-yali-u-passazhira-avto-v-turkestanskoj-oblasti/>

10.02.2025 Information about detention of an alleged officer of Border Service of the KNB, who may have worked as a dead dropper for an online store, by officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of DP SKO has been circulated in Kaznet. According to the police, the 27-year-old resident of Astana was caught red-handed while attempting to sell synthetic drugs. Police seized about **520 g of α-PvP** and mephedrone and **10 g of hashish**. <https://rus.azattyq-ruhy.kz/society/81346-v-petropavlovske-zaderzhan-silovik-podozreniiu-v-sbyte-narkotikov>

KYRGYZSTAN

04.02.2025 On 23 January at about 20.50 in a village of the Issyk-Ata district, CNS officers conducted a special operation to detain a suspected drug dealer. In the house of 35-year-old A.A. were found and seized 12 briquettes of **hashish** weighing **286 grams**. Search was carried out with participation of a CNS dog. https://24.kg/proisshestvija/318925_vissiyk-atinskom_rayone_umujchinyi_izyyali_12briketov_gashisha/

10.02.2025 Officers of the GUVД of Chui region together with the GKNB of the Kyrgyz Republic stopped activities of a criminal group, which was engaged in illegal manufacture of narcotic drugs in especially large amounts for the purpose of sale. On 9 February, law enforcement officers detained a Toyota Estima car driven by B.J. During inspection they seized 19.625 kg of drugs, including **1.49 kg of hashish** and **18.14 kg of marijuana**, at the Tokun-1 post in the village of Sosnovka, Zhaiyl district. https://kaktus.media/doc/517705_v_chyyskoy_oblasti_neytralizovana_gryppa_zanimavshaiasia_izgotovleniem_i_sbytom_narkotikov.html

RUSSIA

02.02.2025 Officers of ONK OMVD in Novorossiysk received information that a 23-year-old local resident may be involved in illegal trafficking of potent substances. Upon verification, the information was confirmed. As a result of operational-search activities, police officers located the criminal and seized the prohibited goods at the point of departure. Operatives confiscated two containers with about 2000 capsules of **pregabalin** with a total weight of about **1.3 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/60754994/>

04.02.2025 Officers of the Directorate General for Drug Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia together with colleagues from UNK GU MVD of Russia in Voronezh Region detained a member of a criminal group suspected of attempting to sell a large amount of narcotics. In the course of operative-search measures on the 464th km of the federal highway M-4 "Don" police officers stopped a foreign car driven by a resident of the Arkhangelsk region. Having examined the car of the detainee, operatives found in the body **19 kg of synthetic drugs**, which is about 50 thousand single doses. The criminal planned to distribute on the territory of the Southern Federal District. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/60934624/>

04.02.2025 Criminal investigation officers of the Altufievsky District Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Moscow detained a 39-year-old man on suspicion of attempted sale of narcotic drugs. As a result of working out operational information, police detained the visitor, who during personal inspection was found to have 23 rolls with unknown substance with a total mass of more than **80 grams**. It was confirmed by examination that the seized substance contained **mephedrone**. During a search of the detainee's residence, operatives seized four bags and one container with a substance with a total mass of about **2 kg**. Research showed that the seized substance was **mephedrone**. Items of duct tape, magnets and electronic scales were also confiscated. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/60885902/>

04.02.2025 While on duty in the village of Patrusheva, Tyumen district, officers of the traffic police regiment of the State Automobile Inspection noticed a suspicious pedestrian. In the presence of witnesses, the law enforcement officers conducted a personal search of the citizen and his personal belongings. In the package he was carrying police found a folding knife, an axe and a bundle with a powdery substance, which turned out to be **heroin**

weighing more than **217 grams**, which was confirmed by expert examination. During a search in the apartment of the suspect, law enforcers seized electronic scales. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/60915987/>

04.02.2025 Officers of the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) detained a 28-year-old resident of the capital. He is suspected of trafficking in synthetic drugs. It is preliminarily established that the perpetrator, on instructions of his handlers, brought drugs to the city of Yakutsk for sale. In the course of operative-search measures police detained the suspect. During examination of his home they found 8 packages with crystal-like substance. Research showed that the seized substance was **mephedrone** with a total mass of about **4 kg**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/60907594/>

04.02.2025 As part of the work to curb the flow of illegal substances, officers of the drug control department of the Krasnodar Line Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia on Transport, together with colleagues from the anti-drug smuggling department of Krasnodar Customs, detected a resident of Krasnodar suspected of illegally transporting potent substances across the customs border. In the course of working out operational information, in the post office in the city of Krasnodar at the receipt of international mail detained 39-year-old man, previously unconvicted. During examination of the parcel was found and seized three zip-packs with a light crystalline substance. According to conducted research, the packages contained a potent substance - **pregabalin**, weighing about **3 kg**. During a search at the suspect's place of residence, operatives found another batch of pregabalin weighing about **3 kg**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/60862859/>

04.02.2025 Officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in Khabarovsk Krai received information that a 60-year-old resident of the regional center had purchased a large shipment of hashish oil from unidentified persons in the Amur region and was transporting it by car to Khabarovsk. As a result of operational measures, police officers seized a jar of **hashish oil** weighing about **450 grams** from the suspect's vehicle. During a search at the residence of the detainee, they seized 11 syringes with **hashish oil** weighing more than **85 grams** in total. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/60893304/>

05.02.2025 In the course of a raid, officers of GUNK MVD of Russia together with their colleagues from the Moscow region stopped illegal activities for cultivation of drug-containing plants. According to preliminary data, the perpetrators organized a drug plantation in an unfinished residential house on the territory of a farm in the Domodedovo urban district. In order to conceal their illegal activities, they equipped a secret entrance behind a closet in the bathroom. As a result of operational-search activities, police officers found and seized about **3 kg of marijuana**, **2 kg** of plant parts, **398 cannabis bushes**, and equipment for cultivation.

Then another drug production facility was detected. Police officers detained the suspect, a 40-year-old resident of the Moscow region. It was preliminarily found that he had set up a plantation for cultivation of narcotic plants with subsequent manufacture of marijuana. It was located on the territory of a private house in the urban district of Pavlovsky Posad, Moscow region. As a result of operational-search measures, police officers found a batch of marijuana and **74 cannabis bushes**. In addition, lighting and air ventilation systems used for cultivation, specially prepared soil and fertilizers were seized. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/60973730/>

05.02.2025 Officers of the drug control department and patrol service of MVD of Russia "Orenburgskoe" detained two residents of the city of Naberezhnye Chelny of the Republic of Tatarstan in the yard of a residential building of the regional center on suspicion of illegal trafficking of prohibited substances. During a personal search of the men in the pocket of their clothes police seized 66 rolls of N-methylephedrone weighing about 2 g each. In addition, during examination of the apartment rented by the suspects, operatives found in the bedside table in the bedroom room bags with a similar substance with a total mass of 410.75 grams along with scales and packaging material. A total of about **544 grams of N-methylephedrone** was seized. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/60961639/>

05.02.2025 In the course of operational activities, officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia for Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug - Yugra detained a 26-year-old citizen of a foreign country on suspicion of involvement in illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs. During a personal search of the detainee, a package was found, inside of which there was a polymer bag with a light-colored substance wrapped in foil and tape. According to test report, the substance contained a derivative of **N-methylephedrone** with a total mass of **227 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/60918942/>

05.02.2025 As a result of a set of operational and investigative measures, officers of OKON OMVD of Russia for Prigorodny District of North Ossetia together with officers of the 2nd ORCh GU MVD of Russia for North Ossetia stopped a channel for sale of potent substances to the territory of the Republic of North Ossetia-Alania. On 17 January a passenger car was stopped at the Chermen checkpoint. As a result of inspection police found and seized capsules with medicines containing **potent substances** with a total mass of **63.36 grams** from glove compartment and under the hood of the car. Law enforcers identified the owner of the illegal shipment. The 24-year-old passenger of the foreign car, a resident of the Republic of Dagestan, admitted that he had purchased drugs prohibited for free circulation in a pharmacy in Rostov-on-Don for personal consumption and took them to his home. OKON officers seized **19151 units of SDV**, as well as other medicines, free circulation of which is restricted in the territory of the Russian Federation, in the Rostov pharmacy. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/60933091/>

06.02.2025 Officers of the Linear Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia at Moscow-Kurskaya station in the Moscow region as a result of operational and search measures detained a 29-year-old resident of the Moscow region, previously convicted of drug trafficking, at the Olgino railway station in the urban district of Balashikha. During a personal search of the man transport police officers in the presence of witnesses found in the pockets of his clothes and backpack a total of 46 rolls of **hashish** with a total mass of **332 grams**, which was confirmed by expert examination. In addition, transport police officers found and seized almost **1.3 kg** of a similar illegal substance during a search of the suspect's apartment in the city of Odintsovo. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/61025185/>

06.02.2025 Officers of OMVD of Russia in Ostrogozhsk district received operational information that a 47-year-old local resident, previously convicted for violation of traffic rules and operation of vehicles, is suspected of drug trafficking. During a search in the house of the man, located in Ostrogozhsk, bags, plastic buckets with herbal narcotic substance in dried

form were found. Seized items were sent for examination, results of which confirmed that it was **marijuana** weighing **3364 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/61020609/>

06.02.2025 Officers of the drug control department of OMVD of Russia in Kiselevsk as a result of operational and investigative measures identified and together with officers of the traffic police of OMVD of Russia in Kiselevsk detained a 59-year-old resident of Novokuznetsk suspected of trafficking in narcotic drugs. During inspection of the car operatives found in interior of the foreign car 44 packages with drugs prepared for sale with a total mass of about 20 grams. In addition, as a result of operational-search activity, police officers seized 12 dead drops with a total mass of about 6 grams in stashes in the city, as well as 110 grams of illicit substances in the house of the detainee. Research showed that the seized substance was synthetic "salt" weighing about **140 grams**, which is a large size. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/61011751/>

07.02.2025 In the course of operational activities, Astrakhan drug police officers found the trail of a possible seller of illegal substances. Thanks to rapid and well-coordinated actions of police officers, the criminal was detained while receiving a parcel containing a package with a powdery substance. Police experts found that the contents included **203.29 grams of pregabalin**, which is prohibited. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/61055461/>

10.02.2025 Officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in the Penza region as a result of working on previously received operational information detained two local residents at a gas station on the outskirts of Penza. During their personal search under their jackets operatives found and seized a total of 129 rolls wrapped with insulating tape. Examination showed that contents were **mephedrone** with a total mass of about **1 kilogram**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/61162395/>

10.02.2025 In a forest belt in the territory of Zavyalovsky district, officers of UNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Udmurt Republic detained a 36-year-old unemployed resident of the Perm Krai on suspicion of drug trafficking. During a personal search operatives found a package in her bag, which, according to research, contained the narcotic drug **mephedrone** weighing more than **205 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/61170080/>

10.02.2025 During operational measures in the regional center, officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in the Tambov region detained a Tambov resident on suspicion of committing a crime. During a personal search of the previously convicted man, a polymer bag with drugs was found. According to results of examination, it was found that the seized drugs were **N-methylephedrone** with a total mass of **997 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/61162189/>

TAJIKISTAN

03.02.2025 Zafar Samad, head of the Drug Control Agency (DCA) under the President of Tajikistan, confirmed information about an incident involving an overturned truck on the Dushanbe-Kulma highway in January. He reported that the incident was related to drug smuggling to PRC.

According to him, one of the trucks, which was in transit from Afghanistan to China, had an accident. The deputy prosecutors general and the head of the DCA arrived at the scene. As

a result of further operational work, a second truck traveling the same route was stopped in Murghab. A total of **121 kg of methamphetamine** was seized from the two vehicles. <https://asiaplustj.info/ru/news/tajikistan/laworder/20250203/glava-akn-podtverdi-izyatie-metamfetamina-v-gruzovikah-sledovavshih-iz-afganistana-v-kitai-cherez-tadzhikistan>

UZBEKISTAN

01.02.2025 Officers of the SGB of Uzbekistan carried out a number of operational activities. In particular, three Tajik nationals, born in 1980, 1982 and 1989, who are brothers, were detained in Urgut district. The criminals were transporting **10.89 kg** of the narcotic substance "opium" from Sughd region of Tajikistan to Urgut district of Samarkand region. In addition, their criminal accomplice, a resident of Urgut district, born in 1982, was also detained. Another **13.85 kg** of the same narcotic substance was found in her house. <https://upl.uz/incidents/48620-news.html>

01.02.2025 Officers of the SGB of Uzbekistan carried out a number of operational activities. Criminals smuggled narcotic substances from Sughd region of Tajikistan to Bekabad district of Tashkent region using the "Dalvarzin" channel. Officers succeeded in detaining four perpetrators: 1985, 1989, 1996 and 1997 years of birth, on the territory of MSG "Turon", who came to pick up the smuggled goods. It was found that they organized the delivery of **8.38 kg** of narcotic substance "opium" and **59.3 kg** of narcotic substance "hashish" to Uzbekistan. It is reported that two of the detainees had previously been brought to criminal responsibility. <https://upl.uz/incidents/48620-news.html>

01.02.2025 Officers of the SGB of Uzbekistan carried out a number of operational activities. In Bekabad district, not far from the border with Tajikistan, a citizen was detained who came to collect narcotic substances previously buried in a field by an unknown person. The criminal managed to dig up a sports bag containing **3.94 kg** of narcotic substance "opium" and **15.47 kg** of narcotic substance "hashish". <https://upl.uz/incidents/48620-news.html>

04.02.2025 Officers of the border customs post "Gishtkuprik" conducted an additional check of a passenger vehicle that was entering the territory of Uzbekistan. During inspection it was found that under the lining of the rear doors of the car there was one paper bundle with an unknown substance. It was found that this bundle contained the narcotic substance "hashish" in the amount of **529 g**. <https://upl.uz/incidents/48696-news.html>

05.02.2025 Special operational activities have been carried out - reports the press service of the State Security Service. From 3 to 4 February of this year, officers of the State Security Service, together with the staff of internal affairs bodies, carried out 653 special operational activities aimed at combating criminal activities of individuals and criminal groups involved in illicit trafficking of narcotic and psychotropic drugs. A total of **112.26 kg of narcotic substances**, including heroin, opium, hashish and synthetic drugs, were identified and seized. In addition, **8601 units of psychotropic preparations** were seized. <https://upl.uz/incidents/48746-news.html>

06.02.2025 In the city of Yangiyul, Tashkent region, a special operation was conducted, during which the house of a citizen born in 1988 was checked. The inspection discovered that the man had organized a warehouse with psychotropic drugs in his house and was

packing them himself. He was found to have **1 kg** of ready capsules with **psychotropic drugs** and **6 kg** of various **precursors** necessary for manufacture. It was learned that this citizen was a “warehouseman” in the criminal hierarchy of distributors of dead drops with psychotropic preparations. <https://upl.uz/incidents/48782-news.html>

09.02.2025 During raids on 5-7 February, Uzbek law enforcement officers seized nearly **28.9 kilograms of drugs and 9400 packages of potent drugs**, the Uzbek State Security Service reported. Thanks to operational activities in Telegram, special services discovered a drug dead drop in the territory of Yukorichirchik district of the capital region. It contained **1 kg** of illicit substances. Two drug dealers were detained on the spot. During a search in the house they found **200 g of synthetic stimulants**, scales and plastic bags for packing illicit substances. <https://uz.kursiv.media/2025-02-09/vo-vremya-rejdov-pravoohraniteli-izyali-289-kg-narkotikov/>

10.02.2025 Persons involved in illegal trafficking of narcotic substances were detained, the SGB press service reports. In particular, a search procedure was conducted in the house of a resident of Ferghana city, born in 2003. During the search, they found **2.99 kg** of narcotic substance “**hashish**” in one of the cabinets. It is reported that this narcotic substance was brought from Tajikistan for sale on the territory of Fergana region. <https://upl.uz/incidents/48860-news.html>

10.02.2025 Persons involved in illegal trafficking of narcotic substances have been detained, the SGB press service reports. A temporary resident of Kushtepinsk district, born in 1984, who is a citizen of Tajikistan, traveled to Buki district of Tashkent region with his three previously convicted criminal accomplices from the city of Margilan. There they obtained the narcotic substance **hashish**, in the amount of **1.98 kg**, and attempted to transport it to Fergana province. The criminals were detained in Pap district of Namangan region. It is reported that in this case the narcotic substances also came from Tajikistan. <https://upl.uz/incidents/48860-news.html>

10.02.2025 In Surkhandarya region of the Republic of Uzbekistan, customs officers foiled a major attempt to smuggle drugs. On 9 February, a truck transiting through the territory of Uzbekistan was stopped at the customs post “Airitom”. According to documents, the truck was carrying 13.5 tons of brooms. For a more thorough inspection, the vehicle was sent to warehouse of the Termez foreign economic customs post. During inspection of the contents of 180 bags containing 22500 brooms, it was discovered that 2986 brooms had polyethylene bundles about 25 cm long, wrapped with yellow tape, hidden in their handles. The bundles were filled with hashish - about 200 g in each handle. Total weight of the discovered **hashish** amounted to about **612 kg**. According to preliminary estimates, the black market value of the seized drug is about 16.5 million US dollars. <https://upl.uz/incidents/48867-news.html>

10.02.2025 Officers of internal affairs bodies, together with SGB officers, conducted a special operational activity. During the event, the apartment of a resident of Yakkasaray district, named Ivan, was checked. During the check it was found out that he kept **8.3 kg** of narcotic substance “**hashish**” in his apartment. It was discovered that the criminal purchased large amounts of narcotic substances through the Internet, packed into 0.5-1g bundles and distributed by means of dead drops. <https://upl.uz/incidents/48874-news.html>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

04.02.2025 In a significant breakthrough for Australian law enforcement, a 21-year-old New Zealand national appeared in Downing Centre Local Court today (3 February 2025) charged with importing **20 kg of cocaine** into Australia. Australian Border Force (ABF) officers were exceptionally vigilant when they selected a young traveler for a comprehensive baggage search upon arrival at Sydney Airport on Saturday (1 February 2025). The flight had departed from the United States, which raised the initial suspicions of border control officers. During a thorough search, officers discovered 22 vacuum-sealed bags cleverly concealed in the traveler's luggage. Preliminary testing confirmed that the white substance was cocaine, prompting the immediate notification of the Australian Federal Police. <https://uknip.co.uk/news/uk/breaking/massive-cocaine-import-new-zealand-national-faces-court-after-major-drug-seizure/>

GAMBIA

04.02.2025 Operatives of the Drug Law Enforcement Agency of The Gambia (DLEAG) stationed at the Banjul International Airport have made a major breakthrough by seizing **128745 ecstasy tablets**, making it the largest ecstasy seizure at the Banjul International Airport. DLEAG officials said the drugs had a street value of 51498000 dinars. <https://thepoint.gm/africa/gambia/headlines/dleag-makes-biggest-ecstasy-seizure-at-airport-worths-d51m>

IRELAND

07.02.2025 Almost **200 kilograms of cocaine** as well as **4 kilograms of cannabis** were seized during operations in Laois and Dublin on Tuesday. Two people were charged with possession of cannabis and cocaine for personal use and possession of cannabis and cocaine for sale or supply. Port Lioise District Court was told that about 182 kilograms of cocaine and 4 kilograms of cannabis herb were seized in Mountmellick, while a subsequent search in Rathcoole resulted in the seizure of about 17 kilograms of cocaine along with 25 000 euros in cash.

Judge John Brennan refused bail and sent both men to Cloverhill Prison. <https://www.midlands103.com/news/midlands-news/two-men-appear-in-court-over-major-drug-seizure/>

LUXEMBOURG

07.02.2025 On Thursday, 6 February, judicial authorities seized a rock crusher containing very large quantities of drugs, the Luxembourg and Diquirch prosecutor's offices reported. Initial tests revealed hundreds of kilograms of cocaine. It all started when police informed the Luxembourg prosecutor's office of suspicious arrival on the territory of the grand duchy of a stone crusher whose rollers were likely to be concealing drugs. The machine was scanned to analyze contents of the steam rollers. However, results were inconclusive. It was only after opening the casings of three rollers that the police made an important discovery: hundreds of packets of white powder. According to Luxemburger Wort, the total amount of **cocaine**

seized exceeded **750 kilograms,** a record for Luxembourg. <https://delano.lu/article/unprecedented-drug-seizure-takes-place-in-northern-luxembourg>

MEXICO

10.02.2025 In an unprecedented effort to combat drug trafficking, arms trafficking and human smuggling, Mexico launched Operation Northern Border, deploying 10000 National Guard troops to key border states. The federal security cabinet reported significant results in the first three days, including 139 arrests and the seizure of more than half a ton of drugs. According to official reports, the Operation Northern Border seized **26.22 kg of marijuana, 440.28 kg of cocaine, 538.41 kg of methamphetamine, 8.56 kg of fentanyl.** <https://laverdadnoticias.com/news/operation-northern-border-leads-to-139-arrests-and-major-drug-seizures-20250210>

USA

07.02.2025 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers seized more than 19 million dollars worth of drugs concealed in a semi-trailer at the Farr International Bridge on the U.S.-Mexico border. The seizure, which took place Tuesday, found more than **2200 pounds of methamphetamine and heroin** attempting to enter the United States from Mexico. During a search, officers found more than 8000 packages of methamphetamine, 26 packages of heroin. Drugs were concealed in a trailer, but sophisticated search techniques led to discovery. <https://foxrgv.tv/19-million-drug-bust-massive-meth-heroin-seizure-at-pharr-bridge/>

10.02.2025 What started out as a routine traffic check on a roadside in Calera, Alabama, ended up being a major drug seizure operation. According to the Calera Police Department, officers stopped a vehicle on Friday night because it had no lights on. Smelling the odor of marijuana, officers searched the vehicle and found **21 kg,** or more than 46 pounds, of **cocaine.** <https://www.wvtm13.com/article/cocaine-traffic-stop-drug-bust-calera/63747822>