

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

**01.03.2025-10.03.2025**

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In the period from 1 to 10 March 2025, based on information from mass media law enforcement agencies and security structures of CARICC member states seized **469.71 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 7.17 kg, opium - 9.45 kg, cocaine - 1.35 kg, cannabis group drugs - 182.83 kg, synthetic drugs - 268.71 kg and potent substances - 0.2 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	2.02	0	0	5.15	0	0
Opium	9.45	0	0	0	0	0
Cocaine	0	0.6	0	0.75	0	0
Cannabis group drugs	148.05	14.65	5.6	14.53	0	0
Synthetic drugs	3.08	1.38	0	263.9	0	0.35
Potent substances	0.02	0	0	0	0	0.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>162.62</b>	<b>16.63</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>284.33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.53</b>

During the same period, other countries seized **15 tons and 154 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 68 kg, opium - 915 kg, cocaine - 502 kg, cannabis-group drugs - 11 tons and 926 kg, and synthetic drugs - 1 ton and 744 kg.**

**CARICC MEMBER STATES**

**AZERBAIJAN**

**01.03.2025** Suspect Elchin Abbasly was detained in the course of operative-search activities conducted by officers of Fizuli district police department. During searches they found **9.72 kg of marijuana, 3.5 kg of opium and 100 methadone tablets.**  
<https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-fizulinskom-rajone-zaderzhan-narkokurer-izyato-bolee-12-kg-zapreshennyh-veshestv>

**04.03.2025** Officers of the Goychay District Police Department prevented the sale of a large shipment of narcotic drugs illegally imported into the territory of Azerbaijan during an operation. 43-year-old Rashad Babashov, previously convicted for a similar criminal act, was detained during the operation. He was found in possession of **5.53 kg of marijuana, 2.65 kg of opium, 1 kg of hashish, 500 g of heroin, 100 tablets of tramadol** and a pistol. He stated that he had purchased illicit substances from an Iranian national with the intention

of selling. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-azerbajdzhane-policiya-izyala-u-narkotorgovca-10-kg-narkotikov-i-oruzhie>

**05.03.2025** Directorate General for Combating Drugs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs conducted another operation to curb drug trafficking. The operations were conducted in the Binagadi and Garadagh districts of the capital. As a result of operations, which lasted several days, 29-year-old Ruslan Huseynov was detained. **35 kg of marijuana** was found in his car. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/operaciya-mvd-v-dvuh-rajonah-zaderzhan-29-letnij-muzhchina-sotrudnichavshij-s-irancem>

**06.03.2025** Officers of the Gakh District Police Department detained 25-year-old Mohammed Akhmedli and 37-year-old Naim Suleymanov on suspicion of drug trafficking. They were found in possession of **7 kg of marijuana, heroin, methamphetamine** and methadone tablets. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-gahskom-rajone-policiya-izyala-u-byvshih-zaklyuchennyh-7-kg-narkotikov>

**06.03.2025 515 g of heroin** was prevented from entering the country by a small-sized aircraft on 4 March at the service territory of the Göytepe border detachment of the Border Guard Command of the State Border Service. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/azerbajdzhanskie-pogranichni-sbili-dron-s-narkotikami-na-granice-s-iranom>

**06.03.2025** 21 kg of drugs were found in Baku from a convict. As a result of operative-search measures conducted by operative staff of the Penitentiary Service together with officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, **marijuana** with a total weight of **21.55 kg** belonging to Seyran Ablasanov was found and seized in an unfinished building in Zira settlement of Khazar district. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/u-osuzhdennogo-obnaruzhen-21-kg-narkotikov>

**06.03.2025** State Border Service of Azerbaijan foiled an attempt to smuggle a large shipment of narcotic drugs from Iran into the country. At the end of February, as a result of operative-search activities carried out by the "Goradiz" border detachment, five Azerbaijani citizens were detained at the section of the state border trying to smuggle drugs into the country. On 19 February, Elmeddin Mammadov (born in 1985), a resident of Fizuli district, was detained while trying to smuggle **8.6 kg of marijuana and 2 kg of methamphetamine**. On 26 February, four more drug couriers were detained trying to smuggle **22 kg of marijuana** to Azerbaijan. They were Ahad Garayev (born in 2001), Najmeddin Mammadli (born in 2003), Elchin Mamishov and Mehman Muradov (both born in 1973). <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/azerbajdzhanskie-pogranichni-presekli-kontrabandu-bolee-30-kg-narkotikov-iz-irana>

**07.03.2025** On 5 March, the Goytepe Border Detachment of the State Border Service of Azerbaijan prevented an attempt to smuggle a large shipment of narcotic drugs from Iran into the territory of Azerbaijan. In the course of operative-search measures, Azerbaijani border guards found and seized a total of 42 kg 950 g of narcotic substances, including **39.65 kg of marijuana, 3.3 kg of opium, and 100 tablets of methadone M-40**. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/pogranichni-azerbajdzhana-presekli-kontrabandu-bolee-42-kg-narkotikov-iz-irana>

## KAZAKHSTAN

**03.03.2025** Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Turkestan Region Police Department detected two cases of drug possession as a result of operational and investigative measures. A total of more than **4 kg of marijuana** was seized. Police detained driver of an Audi car in Saryagash district. During inspection in the cabin they found three plastic bags with contents of narcotic substance. Total weight of the seized drug amounted to more than 3 kg of marijuana. Also, during a search in the house of a resident of Sairam district, operatives seized four polyethylene rolls with marijuana. Weight of the seized drug amounted to about 1 kg. <https://polisia.kz/ru/4-kg-marihuany-iz-yala-politsiya-v-turkestanskoj-oblasti/>

**04.03.2025** Police officers at the Kuigenzhar post stopped a Toyota Corolla car. During a search, service dog named Korona smelled the odor of drugs. In the luggage compartment, police officers found a suitcase, inside which there was a bag with **marijuana** with a total mass of about **2 kilograms**, which prevented illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs. <https://polisia.kz/ru/2-kg-narkotikov-uchuyala-sluzhebnyaya-sobaka-v-astane/>

**04.03.2025** A special operation was carried out in the Turksib district of the capital. A 31-year-old local resident was detained and during a search, rolls and bags with a white powdery substance with a specific odor were seized. - A sports bag with similar contents and other equipment for drug trafficking were also found in the detainee's car. According to expert analysis, the seized substance is the psychotropic substance **a-PVP**, known as "speed", with a total weight of **1.25 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/krupnaya-partiya-sintetiki-iz-yata-v-almaty-3/>

**04.03.2025** Police officers together with regional prosecutor's office dismantled a criminal group engaged in distribution of synthetic drugs in Karaganda. As a result of operational-search activities, three suspects were detained: two men aged 32 and 28, as well as a 24-year-old girl. During the detention, officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of Abay district seized 40 packages with narcotic substances, containers with crystal and plant drugs, and packaging materials. According to expert examination results, **131 grams** of synthetic drug **a-PVP**, **45 grams of cannabis** extract and **443 grams** of dried **marijuana** were found among the seized substances. <https://polisia.kz/ru/deyatel-nost-gruppy-narkosbytchikov-presechena-v-karagande/>

**04.03.2025** Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime together with the State Security Service detained a 24-year-old man in Astana. During a search of his apartment, they found large quantities of drugs and equipment for sale. Operations resulted in the seizure of over **600 grams of cocaine**, over **130 grams of hashish** and over **30 grams of cannabis oil**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/mvd-preseklo-postavku-kokaina-v-astanu-stoimost-yu-100-mln-tenge/>

**05.03.2025** Officers of the Department for Combating Organized Crime of the Police Department of Kostanay region detained a man on suspicion of possession of narcotic drugs. As a result of operational and investigative measures, it was found that he had organized a drug supply channel to Rudnyi and was engaged in sale in small doses to drug users. During searches in the house of the detainee they seized 124 paper rolls with green-colored substance, four polyethylene bags with green-colored substance, electronic scales with residues of green-colored substance. Expert examination showed that the seized substance

was **hashish** with a total weight of almost **8 kilograms**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/pochti-8-kg-gashisha-iz-yali-u-zhitelya-rudnogo/>

## KYRGYZSTAN

**04.03.2025** Two men suspected of manufacturing and selling drugs were detained in Bishkek. CNS operatives received information that unknown persons were selling drugs in Bishkek. Drug enforcement officers with special forces broke into the house of suspects. They detained two of them - 36-year-old D.A. and 49-year-old D.A., who were taken to temporary detention facility. During a search in the house they found 50 bags of **marijuana**, the total weight of which amounted to **5.6 kg**. Drugs were concealed literally all over the house - under the bed, behind the TV set, among dishes, in the basement and even in a cooking pot. [https://24.kg/proisshestvija/321683\\_mariuanu\\_spryatali\\_povsemu\\_domu\\_vbishkeke\\_zade\\_rjanyi\\_narkotorgovtsy/](https://24.kg/proisshestvija/321683_mariuanu_spryatali_povsemu_domu_vbishkeke_zade_rjanyi_narkotorgovtsy/)

## RUSSIA

**02.03.2025** Drug control officers of the Department of MVD of Russia "Kimrsky" in the course of implementation of operative materials identified a case of illegal drug trafficking. According to police, a 51-year-old resident of the town of Kimry stored **marijuana** in a private house. Boxes with a prohibited substance of plant origin weighing more than **3 kilograms** were found by drug control operatives during an inspection of the suspect's home. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/61990467/>

**03.03.2025** In the course of operational activities, officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in the Ryazan region detained a 39-year-old resident of Ryazan, in respect of whom there was information about his involvement in illicit trafficking of illegal substances. During a personal search police seized a bag with **170 grams of marijuana**. As it was discovered, he had brought drugs from his dacha to use on his own and possibly with a close circle of friends. Officers of UNK together with the detainee traveled to one of the villages of Ryazan district and conducted a search in his summer house. As a result, **1535 grams** of finished **marijuana** and **1780 grams of cannabis** parts were found and seized. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62080173/>

**03.03.2025** Officers of the Drug Control Department of the Department of MVD of Russia for the Kireyevsky District detained a 49-year-old resident of the village of Priupsky, Kireyevsky District, suspected of involvement in illegal possession of narcotic drugs. Operative officers received information that the man may be in possession of illegal drugs. In the course of inspection, this information was confirmed. During inspection of the bathhouse and outbuildings belonging to the accused, police officers found and seized 18 plastic bags with dark green substance weighing about **5 kg**. Based on the results of research, it was determined that the seized substance was the narcotic drug cannabis (**marijuana**). <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62077553/>

**03.03.2025** State traffic police officers of OMVD of Russia "Leninsk-Kuznetsky" at the entrance to the city stopped a car "Lada Granta", in which as a passenger was a 30-year-old female offender suspected of selling narcotic drugs. During a personal search in the pockets of her clothes and phone case police found bags with **methadone** weighing about **100**

**grams and heroin** weighing about **150 grams**. In the suspect's apartment, police officers found and confiscated items for packing narcotic drugs. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62077482/>

**03.03.2025** St. Petersburg transport police officers detained a 45-year-old local resident with signs of drug intoxication and a large shipment of illegal substance concealed under his clothes at Moskovsky railway station. The man was taken to police duty station, where in the course of personal search in the presence of witnesses law enforcers seized from the man a plastic bag, taped with tape to his back, with five vacuum packs with brown substance inside. According to expert report, the bag contained a narcotic drug of herbal origin - **hashish** with a total weight of about **490 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62068632/>

**04.03.2025** Officers of the Directorate General for Drug Control of MVD of Russia, together with colleagues from UMVD of Russia in Dmitrovsky District, detained four citizens of a Baltic country and a resident of Moscow suspected of drug trafficking. Earlier police received operational information that illicit substances were being manufactured in a private house in the village of Khvostovo, Dmitrovsky district. As a result of inspection of the house information was confirmed. A drug laboratory had been set up in one of the rooms. Police officers found and seized 14 containers and a bag of powdery substance, canisters with chemical reagents and liquids and various equipment necessary for drug production. According to research results, the powder weighing more than **3.5 kilograms**, which was in one of the containers, contains the narcotic drug **methadone**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62119190/>

**04.03.2025** In the course of working out operational information, officers of the Drug Control Department detained a 34-year-old resident of Omsk on suspicion of illicit trafficking in prohibited substances. The defendant was caught red-handed while preparing a stash in the courtyard of an apartment building in Khanty-Mansiysk. He was carrying a container with a light-colored powdery substance. During a search in the basement of the apartment building, police seized items indicative of illegal activity, and 6 polymer rolls with a powdery substance of gray color. According to expert conclusion, the packages contained **mephedrone** weighing **651 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62131200/>

**04.03.2025** Officers of the Drug Control Department of Directorate General of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Altai Krai dismantled a drug laboratory for production of mephedrone, which was set up in a private house in the village of Polevodka, Biysky District. A resident of the Samara region was detained on suspicion of illegal manufacture of "synthetics". During a search of the premises of the drug shop, law enforcement officers seized about **18 liters of precursors and about 35 grams of mephedrone**, various chemical liquids, magnetic stirrers, vacuum packing apparatus, air dryers, glass tanks and other equipment. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62122365/>

**04.03.2025** Officers of the Drug Control Department of GU MVD of Russia in Samara region carried out activities during which they detained citizens of a neighboring republic in their rented apartment in Krasnoglinsky district of Samara. In the presence of witnesses, operatives conducted an examination of premises, during which they found and seized a package and rolls with powdery substance, duct tape, electronic scales, cell phones and bank

cards. According to expert conclusion, what was presented was **heroin** with a total mass of about **5 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62121838/>

**05.03.2025** In the course of operational and investigative measures, drug control officers of UMVD of Russia in the Tver region based on information from GUNK MVD of Russia detained an interregional drug dealer who was planning to distribute a large shipment of a prohibited substance. Ford Focus passenger car was stopped by traffic patrol inspectors at the 115th kilometer of the M-10 highway in the Konakovo district. During examination of the vehicle in the cavities between front fenders and wing liners UNK officers found 8 bags with powdery substance, which, according to research of the regional EKC, is the narcotic drug **mephedrone** with a mass of **3997 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62174213/>

**05.03.2025** Chuvash police officers discovered a clandestine laboratory for production of illegal substances. A 45-year-old resident of the Republic of Mari El is suspected of drug production. During a search of a residential house rented by the offender in Cheboksary, police found about **1 kg of mephedrone**, equipment and **precursors** with a total volume of **160 liters** for manufacture of synthetic drugs. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62195859/>

**05.03.2025** While on patrol police officers noticed a suspicious man in the courtyard of an apartment building in Armavir, who, seeing the law enforcers, tried to escape. The detainee was a 26-year-old immigrant from the Republic of Tajikistan, living in Russia illegally. During a personal search of the man, operatives seized from the pockets of his jacket 123 rolls with powdery substance and a cell phone with coordinates of places of deposit. In addition, in a rented apartment of the suspect, police found another 79 rolls with a prohibited substance. According to expert opinion, about **700 grams of mephedrone and 50 grams of methadone** were seized from the perpetrator and from dead drops he had equipped earlier. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62186353/>

**05.03.2025** Officers of the traffic police regiment of the State Automobile Inspection of UMVD of Russia in Chelyabinsk while patrolling the area near the house on 4th Electrovoznaya street stopped a Kia car driven by a man born in 1990. Police officers inspected the vehicle and found 45 packages with powdery substance. During further work of operatives with the detainee were found dead drops, in which the criminal had placed 74 rolls with similar substance. At his place of residence, police found and seized **1.2 kg of hashish and 1.7 kg of mephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62224590/>

**05.03.2025** Officers of the Drug Control Department of GU MVD of Russia in Krasnoyarsk Krai detained a 21-year-old young man in a forest area near the village of Kedrovyy after he had equipped 62 caches with polymer bags. Research showed that contents were hashish and about **750 grams of cocaine**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62169257/>

**05.03.2025** On 12 February 2025 in the course of implementation of operational information officers of the Orenburg Line Department of MVD of Russia on Transport detained a 33-year-old local resident on suspicion of illegal drug trafficking near the railroad right-of-way of Orenburg station. At the time of detention, the suspect was laying out suspected illegal substances near the railroad. In the course of personal search, inspection of the place of residence and from dead drops police officers seized more than 100 rolls with light-colored powdery substance. According to conclusion of experts, all seized packages contained the

synthetic drug ephedrone. In total, transport police seized **332 grams** of the synthetic drug **ephedrone** from a 33-year-old Orenburg resident. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62165445/>

**06.03.2025** Police officers of the patrol service of the police department No. 2 of the Vladikavkaz Department of MVD of Russia detained a married couple, two residents of the village of Andzhievsky, Stavropol Krai, for attempting to distribute narcotic drugs. During a personal search, car interior, place of residence and set up dead drops, police found and seized rolls wrapped with duct tape, each of which contained a powdery substance of white color. Research showed that the seized substance was **ephedrone**. Weight of the seized synthetic narcotic drug amounted to more than **390 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62147503/>

**06.03.2025** Officers of UNK UMVD of Russia in Murmansk region detained a resident of Polarnye Zori town born in 1993 on suspicion of involvement in illegal sale of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in the territory of Apatity. During inspection of his car, police found 23 microtubes wrapped in yellow colored tape with a white substance inside. Under the rear passenger seat in the car was hidden a plastic bag also with a white substance. The seized substance was sent for examination, according to which the substance in the bag and microtubes, with a total mass of more than **230 grams**, is the narcotic drug **a-PVP**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62235374/>

**06.03.2025** Officers of UNK UMVD of Russia in Ryazan region together with colleagues from FSB of Russia in Ryazan in Rybnovsky district dismantled a laboratory for serial production of synthetic drug mephedrone for an illegal online store. In the course of a set of operational-search activities on the territory of a garden community near the village of Yurkino was detained 24-year-old student of a university of the city of Ryazan, who was suspected of organizing a drug laboratory. During examination of the man's dacha house operatives found and seized 5.64 kg of ready mephedrone, 20 polymeric and 16 glass containers with liquids and residues of the substance and other laboratory equipment. According to research, the seized liquids also contained mephedrone with a total dry weight of more than 2.8 kilograms. Consequently, **8.45 kilograms of mephedrone** were seized as a result of the operational and investigative measures. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62226194/>

**07.03.2025** In the course of working out operational information, police officers of the Avtozavodsky district of UMVD of Russia in Togliatti detained a local resident born in 1993. During inspection of the apartment, operatives found and seized three rolls with a powdery substance of white color. According to expert conclusion, the substance was **N-methylephedrone** with a total mass of over **290 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62139308/>

**07.03.2025** During implementation of operational materials, drug control officers of UMVD of Russia in the Tver region foiled an attempt to sell a large shipment of narcotic drugs. A 38-year-old Tver resident is suspected of illegal activity. Drug control operatives raided drug dealer's place of residence. During inspection of the dwelling, police found 309 polymeric wrappers, which, according to the regional EKC was **265 grams** of narcotic drug **a-PVP**. In addition, drug control officers found a plate and a plastic container with the drug **clephedrone** weighing **99.88 grams**, electronic scales and packaging material. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62269712/>

**10.03.2025** In the course of special measures carried out by officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in the Murmansk region, a resident of the regional center, born in 1984, was detained. During a search in his garage he police found more than 60 packages with unknown substance. According to conducted research, it was found that in the garage of the suspect stored **various types of narcotic substances**: heroin, methadone, a-PVP, marijuana and mephedrone. Total weight of the seized illegal substances amounted to more than **15 kilograms**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62403013/>

**10.03.2025** Officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia for the city of Smolensk stopped illegal activities of a 22-year-old local resident. It was found that the detainee had previously set up a number of retail pawnshops for the subsequent sale of illicit substances via the Internet. Police officers found more than 30 dead drops, contents of which were seized and sent to the EKC. According to research report, the drug **mephedrone** with a total mass of about **100 g** was seized. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62404049/>

**10.03.2025** Officers of UNK UMVD of Russia in Kaluga region stopped activities of a drug laboratory. As a result of operational and investigative measures, police detained a drug trafficker. During inspection of his home, they found crystalline substances and **liquids** with a total volume of about **12000 liters**, precursors, laboratory equipment and other items of evidentiary value. Results of physical and chemical examinations confirmed that the seized goods were derivatives of the narcotic drug **N-methylephedrone** with a total mass of more than **227 kilograms**. That is over 450000 single doses. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62387542/>

**10.03.2025** During investigation it was found that since August 2024 defendant organized an online store in messenger, through which he sold narcotic drugs. He purchased large amounts of hashish from unidentified persons, packed it into smaller quantities and distributed through third parties in different districts of the city. In the course of operational activities, officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in Khabarovsk Krai detained a 21-year-old resident of the Industrial District. As a result of a search in the apartment of the detainee, they seized more than **150 g of hashish** intended for further distribution. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62379797/>

**10.03.2025** During implementation of operational information, officers of the Drug Control Unit of MU MVD of Russia "Krasnoyarsk" detained two brothers who had organized their own online store for the sale of narcotic drugs. As a result of operative measures police officers detained a 28-year-old resident of the regional center, previously convicted for a similar crime, and his 25-year-old sibling, suspected of illegal trafficking of narcotic substances. After detention in the course of personal inspection of one of the defendants seized 46 "dead drops" with narcotic drugs disguised as stones. Then, during inspection of the brothers' apartment, multiple packages and rolls with the prohibited substance were found. All seized substances were sent for examination, which showed that it is a narcotic drug **marijuana** with a total weight of more than **1 kilogram**, and **hashish** drug with a total weight of about **200 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62390746/>

## UZBEKISTAN

**07.03.2025** Law enforcers detained a pharmacist who sold psychotropics and expired medicines in his pharmacy in Denau district of Surkhandarya region. In the course of operational actions, head of the pharmacy was detained. It was found that 198.2 thousand medicines of various names were sold there without documents confirming their quality. The total cost of drugs amounted to 575.4 million soums. Operatives found **1400 psychotropic drugs, 900 potent drugs** and 3.2 thousand medicines with expired shelf life. <https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/v-surkhandarinskoy-oblasti-prikryli-apteku-kotoraya-torgovala-kontrafaktnymi-psikhotropami-na-bolee/>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

**08.03.2025** The Dominican Republic's National Drug Control Directorate (DNCD) announced Thursday that substances seized in two separate operations tested positive for controlled substances after laboratory analysis. In a joint operation on the coast of Peravia province, authorities intercepted a vessel carrying 463 parcels. The DNCD, working with members of the Navy and Air Force, apprehended three individuals aboard the vessel. Laboratory tests confirmed that packages contained **cocaine, totaling 479 kilograms**. In another incident at La Romana International Airport, officials seized 12 suitcases containing 509 bags that tested positive for marijuana. The **marijuana** shipment weighed approximately **250 kilograms**. Seven people traveling on Canadian passports were detained in connection with the seizure. <https://caribbean.loopnews.com/content/dr-major-drug-seizures-reported-national-drug-control-directorate>

### INDIA

**09.03.2025** Punjab state government's tough anti-drug initiative launched 25 February yielded significant results in just 12 days. According to state Finance Minister Harpal Cheema, who heads the Anti-Narcotics Sub-Committee, law enforcement agencies registered 875 crimes and arrested 1188 drug traffickers. Authorities also seized Rs 35 lakh as drug money and confiscated a large amount of drugs, including **68 kg of heroin, 873 kg of poppy straw, 42 kg of opium, 3.5 kg of hashish**. <https://daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1274692>

**09.03.2025** In the biggest operation in Goa crime branch officials arrested a man with cannabis weed worth Rs 11.67 crore. Officials said it was the largest drug seizure in the history of the coastal state. Police seized **11672 kilograms of cannabis** plant worth Rs 11.67 crore. <https://www.timesnownews.com/india/goas-biggest-ever-drug-bust-man-arrested-with-rs-11-67-cr-worth-hydroponic-weed-article-118813808>

### NEW ZEALAND

**06.03.2025** Customs officers seized more than **36 kg of methamphetamine** found in unaccompanied bags on a flight from the United States. Two bags arrived at Auckland Airport on Wednesday, 5 March, on a flight from Los Angeles and were referred to New Zealand Customs for further inspection. A search of both bags revealed several vacuum packed plastic

bags. Test of the substance inside the parcels resulted positive for methamphetamine. This is the fourth major drug seizure at Oakland Airport in the first three months of 2025. <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/customs-seizes-36kg-of-meth-in-unaccompanied-bags-at-auckland-airport/ZV5U5DI2XNFYBM3YFYK5SCMTVU/>

## USA

**03.03.2025** U.S. Border Patrol agents in Southern California seized nearly **23 kg of cocaine** worth more than 800 000 dollars during a vehicle check. On Thursday CBP agents at the San Clemente station stopped a sedan traveling northbound on Interstate 5 near Camp Pendleton. After briefly questioning the driver, it was decided to search the vehicle. The search discovered approximately 19 packages of cocaine concealed in the trunk of the vehicle. [https://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2025/03/03/california-border-patrol-cocaine/6741741038937/](https://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2025/03/03/california-border-patrol-cocaine/6741741038937/)

**10.03.2025** Drug Enforcement Administration conducted a major drug operation near the southern border seizing **680 kg** of crystal **methamphetamine** concealed in crates of blueberries worth nearly 5 million dollars. Drugs were shipped from Mexico to Texas and were supposed to be distributed in the United States. The DEA says drugs came from southern Mexico and were headed to Atlanta before reaching other cities in the southeast. <https://www.fox26houston.com/news/meth-bust-texas-blueberries-dea>

**10.03.2025** Officers from U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Field Operations at the Roma Port of Entry recently seized more than 20 million dollars worth of methamphetamine in a tractor trailer carrying bottled mineral water. On 5 March CBP officers assigned to a cargo facility on the Roma International Bridge came upon a tractor trailer carrying a load of bottled mineral water. After physically inspecting the cargo, CBP officers seized 1632 bottles containing **1028 kg** of liquid **methamphetamine**. Total drug value was estimated at 20 279 137 dollars. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-over-20-million-methamphetamine-roma-port-entry>