

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

**01.05.2025-10.05.2025**

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In the period from 1 to 10 May 2025, based on information from mass media law enforcement agencies and security structures of CARICC member states seized **695.06 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 2.5 kg, opium - 26.41 kg, cannabis group drugs - 644.63 kg, synthetic drugs - 21.06 kg and potent substances - 0.46 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

| Type of drug (in kg) | Azerbaijan    | Kazakhstan   | Kyrgyzstan | Russia       | Tajikistan | Uzbekistan    |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Heroin               | 2.5           | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0             |
| Opium                | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0          | 26.41         |
| Cocaine              | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0             |
| Cannabis group drugs | 514.49        | 0            | 0          | 27.85        | 0          | 102.29        |
| Synthetic drugs      | 5.92          | 10.03        | 0          | 0.11         | 0          | 5             |
| Potent substances    | 0             | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0.46          |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>522.91</b> | <b>10.03</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>27.96</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>134.16</b> |

During the same period, other countries seized **2 tons 110 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 135.89 kg, cocaine - 191 kg, cannabis-group drugs - 500 kg, synthetic drugs - 862.21 kg and potent substances - 421 kg.**

**CARICC MEMBER STATES**

**AZERBAIJAN**

**01.05.2025** Officers of the Directorate General for Combating Drugs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs continue to crack down on illegal trafficking and sale of narcotic drugs. Gubad Mammadov, 41, was detained during another operation in Garadagh district. **14 kg of marijuana** and **3.3 kg** of the psychotropic substance **methamphetamine** were found in a stash. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/operaciya-glavnogo-upravleniya-po-borbe-s-narkotikami-zaderzhan-41-letnij-muzhchina>

**03.05.2025** An attempt to smuggle a large consignment of drugs concealed in an unusual way - inside watermelons - across customs border was foiled as a result of measures carried out by officers of the Astara Customs Department of the State Customs Committee of Azerbaijan. A vehicle carrying a cargo of "fresh watermelons" from Iran to Russia in transit through the territory of the country was inspected at Astara Customs Department. When checked on a stationary X-ray machine, the cargo aroused suspicion. In the course of thorough inspection service dog of the Canine Service reacted to 42 boxes. In 84 watermelons from these boxes, in rolls wrapped in foil, were found drugs

concealed from customs control - dried **marijuana** with a total weight of **63.42 kg** together with packaging. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/narkotiki-v-arbuzah-bolee-63-kg-marihuany-izyato-na-tamozhne-astary>

**05.05.2025** An attempt to smuggle **16.55 kg of marijuana** from Iran to the territory of Azerbaijan on 1 May and **8.12 kg of marijuana** on 2 May was prevented as a result of border search and operational activities to ensure reliable protection of state border, combating smuggling and illicit drug trafficking, conducted in the service area of "Goradiz" border guard detachment of the Border Troops Command of the State Border Guard Service. Operative-investigative measures on this fact are ongoing. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/predotvrashena-kontrabanda-v-azerbajdzhane-24-kg-narkotikov>

**07.05.2025** Officers of the Yevlakh District Police Department detained Tarkhan Tagiyev and Jalal Abduev suspected of growing cannabis by cultivation. During a search of their residences they found **592 bushes of cannabis**, which they had grown with agro-technical care. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-evlahskom-rajone-zaderzhany-podozrevaemye-v-vyrashivani-i-soten-kustov-konopli>

**08.05.2025** Elvin Guliyev, 37, was detained in Absheron district during another operation conducted by officers of the Directorate General for Combating Drugs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. During inspection of his car, they found **14 kg of marijuana** enriched with psychotropic substances, and **5 kg of heroin and methamphetamine**. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/operaciya-v-absheronskom-rajone-obnaruzhen-19-kg-narkotikov>

**08.05.2025** State Security Service (SGB) and State Border Service (GPS) conducted a joint operation to detain a drug courier. Azerbaijani citizen Aliyev Shahriyar Vagif oglu (born in 1991), having colluded with a person living abroad, agreed in advance that after receiving a large amount of smuggled marijuana on the territory of Beylagan district, he would conceal the drugs in Baku. Sh.Aliyev took the drugs from a cache in the territory of Akhmedli village of Beylagan district and was detained as a result of joint operative-search actions conducted by SGB and GPS. During examination, they found and seized **marijuana** with a total weight of more than **30 kg**. <https://report.az/ru/proisshestviya/sgb-i-gps-proveli-sovmestnuyu-operaciyu-izyato-bolee-30-kg-narkotikov/>

**09.05.2025** Law enforcement bodies of Azerbaijan seized over 48 kg of drugs over the past day. In particular, as a result of operational activities conducted on 8 May, about **48.4 kg of drugs, 300 methadone tablets and 48 cannabis bushes were confiscated**. <https://report.az/ru/proisshestviya/policiya-azerbajdzhana-izyala-iz-nezakonno-go-oborota-svyshe-48-kg-narkotikov-za-sutki>

## KAZAKHSTAN

**02.05.2025** Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Police Department of Atyrau region in the course of operational-search activities detained a 17-year-old resident of Kyzylorda region suspected of distributing narcotic drugs on a street of the city. In the

course of personal search they seized 25 packages wrapped in black duct tape from the minor. Each of them contained a white powdery substance weighing one gram each. According to expert analysis, the substance seized was a synthetic drug “**Alpha-PVP**” with a total mass of **25 grams**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/nesovershennoletnij-narkokur-er-zaderzhan-v-atyrauskoj-oblasti/>

**10.05.2025** KNB of Kazakhstan together with law enforcement agencies and special services of foreign countries dismantled a drug smuggling channel to East Asian countries. The operation resulted in the seizure of more than **10 kilograms of methamphetamine**. According to preliminary data, market value of this shipment in the country of destination exceeds 2.4 million dollars. <https://rus.azattyq-ruhy.kz/index.php/news/86270-knb-perekryl-mezhdunarodnyi-kanal-postavki-narkotikov-v-strany-vostochnoi-azii/amp>

## RUSSIA

**01.05.2025** Operatives of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in Omsk region detained two citizens of a neighboring country. During a personal search, they seized a roll of powder from each of them. Expert examination results showed that they contained a derivative of **N-methylephedrone** with a total mass of **107 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/64481926/>

**01.05.2025** As a result of a set of operational and investigative measures, officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in Ulyanovsk region together with colleagues from the MO MVo f Russia “Sengileevsky” detained a suspect in possession of a large shipment of narcotic drugs and illegal cultivation of narcotic plants. It was found that a resident of the regional center, born in 1985, rented a technical room in the village Terenga, Ulyanovsk region, where he set up required equipment to maintain necessary climate for cultivation of drug-containing plant “cannabis”. Police officers seized **15 cannabis bushes**, and about **1.5 kilograms** of the narcotic substance **marijuana**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/64524966/>

**04.05.2025** Two local citizens were detained on suspicion of distributing narcotic substances by operative officers of drug trafficking control units of the Elista Department of MVD of Russia and MVD of the Republic of Kalmykia. During inspection of the place of incident police officers seized about **400 grams of hashish** in 67 packages. Zip bags, electronic scales, and a device for packing narcotic drugs were seized from residence of the defendants. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/64493471/>

**05.05.2025** As a result of operational and investigative measures, a 36-year-old local resident was detained on suspicion of drug trafficking by officers of UNK GU MVD of Russia in Moscow region and UMVD of Russia in Sergiev Posad city district. At two addresses - at the place of residence and registration of the man - police found and seized 13 cannabis bushes, plastic containers with crushed substance of herbal origin of green-brown color, lamp, hood, fan, scales, canisters with fertilizer, air filter and packaging materials. According to examination certificate, contents of the containers are **marijuana** weighing **600 grams**, and the weight of **plant fragments** is more than **4 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/64633164/>

**05.05.2025** In the course of operational activities, officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug-Yugra stopped a car at the 49th kilometer of the Nefteyugansk-Surgut highway, which was allegedly carrying illegal substances. In the cabin, in addition to the driver, were two passengers. During inspection on the trunk shelf of the foreign car they found 3 packages with light-colored substance. According to expert conclusion, the substance submitted for examination is **mephedrone** and **A-PVP** with a total mass of about **1400 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/64603936/>

**05.05.2025** Officers of the Drug Control Department of GU MVD of Russia in Nizhny Novgorod region together with their colleagues from OMVD of Russia in Semyonovsky district detained a resident of Dzerzhinsk. He is suspected of attempted sale of narcotic drugs. During inspection of premises, police officers seized a polymer bag with an unknown substance inside, which was sent for examination. According to results of the study, contents were found to be synthetic narcotic drug **alpha-PVP** with a mass of about **6.5 kg**. In total, the search seized a white substance in various containers with a total mass of about 15 kilograms, 150 plastic canisters of **liquid** with a total volume of about **2500 liters**, laboratory equipment and other items of evidentiary value. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/64610627/>

**05.05.2025** Officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in Cheboksary detained an 18-year-old resident of the Volgograd region suspected of selling a large shipment of "synthetics". The young man, laying out dead drops with a prohibited substance in the gardening community "Zarya" on Vurnarsky highway, was detected by law enforcement officers as a result of operational-search activities. In the course of a personal search, police officers found 36 rolls with a narcotic substance of synthetic origin. During a search of his rented apartment on Grazhdanskaya street, police officers confiscated more than **50 grams of "synthetics"** intended for sale. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/64612484/>

**05.05.2025** A traffic police crew on night duty in the Sovetsky district of the regional center, surveying patrol route, paid attention to a lone pedestrian walking along a dirt road, who accelerated his step at the sight of the traffic police patrol. When asked by police officer if he had any substances or prohibited items on the territory of Russia, the 36-year-old man answered negatively. During examination of the pedestrian's belongings, a case for contact lenses was found, inside which was a small bag with an unknown substance. A larger sized package was found in the backpack. The found packages were seized and sent for examination, which showed that inside was a **synthetic drug** with a total mass of **284 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/64610959/>

**06.05.2025** Officers of the Drug Control Department together with State Automobile Inspection officers intercepted a Lada Kalina car on the Nizhny Novgorod-Saratov highway as a result of actions. Three residents of the Republic of Tatarstan were in passenger compartment of the vehicle. In the luggage compartment police found 17 rolls with powdery substance of white color. According to expert conclusion, the seized substance is **mephedrone** weighing about **1.5 kilograms**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/64668572/>

**06.05.2025** As a result of operational and investigative measures aimed at identifying and combating channels of supply of narcotic drugs to the territory of Smolensk region, officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD together with the regional Department of FSB foiled an attempt to sell narcotic drugs on a particularly large scale. A 41-year-old native of the

Tula region is suspected of illegal activity, who performed the function of interregional drug courier for transportation and distribution of illegal substances. Law enforcers detained the defendant in a hotel room in Smolensk, where they conducted a search. Operatives found and seized 21 polymer bags with white-colored substance inside, electronic scales, a device for sealing bags, items for packing, bank cards and a smartphone. It is found that the perpetrator in the regional center and in the city of Ivanovo had time to equip 4 wholesale dead drops with drugs. The location of the caches was identified, contents were seized. Study confirmed that a drug - a mixture containing **mephedrone**, with a total mass of about **5 kg**, was confiscated. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/64678606/>

**06.05.2025** Officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in Kaluga region as a result of an operational information check detected a laboratory for production of synthetic drugs in a private house in Ferzikovsky district and detained its organizer - the 41-year-old owner of the dwelling. During a search of the premises, police officers found a metal pot with **mephedrone** weighing over **1.6 kg** on one of the cabinets. In addition to illegal substance, operatives seized glass flasks, measuring devices and other equipment used for production of "synthetics" from the drug laboratory. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/64673477/>

**06.05.2025** As a result of operative-search activities, officers of UKON UMVD of the Oryol region established involvement of an Oryol resident in illegal act. In the apartment, which the young man born in 2006 rented in the Zheleznodorozhny district of Oryol, operatives found several containers with a substance, presumably narcotic. According to investigation, the Oryol resident kept **454 grams of methylephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/64634588/>

**07.05.2025** 30 rolls with psychoactive substances were found in the pockets of a 24-year-old drug dealer operating in Murmansk. In six of them police found more than **15 grams of clephedrone**. When reviewing contents of the detainee's cell phone, it was found out that he was in charge of several city stashes, in which law enforcement officers found five dead drops. <https://nord-news.ru/news/2025/05/07/?newsid=188174>

**07.05.2025** Police officers in Chelyabinsk detained a couple who were selling **carfentanil**. When detained, they were found to have **49 grams** of the drug, along with scales and packaging materials. It is known that the detainees are from the same ethnic group. The man was previously tried for selling drugs. It was found out that he was addicted to dangerous substances, but he was not going to receive treatment. <https://31tv.ru/novosti/359644/>

## UZBEKISTAN

**02.05.2025** On 28 April, officers of internal affairs bodies carried out special operational activities in the Danghara district. During the events, the house of a male resident, who was suspected of illegal trafficking of narcotic substances, was checked. During inspection it was found that on his homestead plot the perpetrator had organized a whole plantation of drug-containing plants. A total of **55000 opium poppy plants** and more than **40 cannabis plants** were found. In addition, **600 grams of marijuana** were found in the house. <https://upl.uz/incidents/51463-news.html>

**02.05.2025** On April 23 this year, officers of the internal affairs bodies, together with other law enforcement agencies, conducted a special operational activity. During the event, two residents of Baghdad district were detained who tried to sell **500 g** of the narcotic substance **hashish** for 4500 US dollars. <https://upl.uz/incidents/51488-news.html>

**03.05.2025** It is reported that over the past 7 days, 78 criminal cases related to the distribution of narcotic and psychotropic substances in the territory of Tashkent region have been initiated by officers of internal affairs bodies. In total, in the course of operative measures, **16.3 kg of narcotic substances and 1852 units of psychotropic preparations** were detected and seized. In particular, a man born in 1975 was detained in Pskent who was trying to sell 50 units of psychotropic drugs to another customer. Upon inspection of his residence, another 911 units of similar drugs were found, with a total value of about 100 million soums. <https://upl.uz/incidents/51500-news.html>

**04.05.2025** Officers of internal affairs bodies carried out a special operational activity in the city of Kokand, Fergana region. During the event, two residents of the city, born in 2004 and 2000, were detained at the moment of transferring **560 g** of narcotic substance “**hashish**” to another buyer. It is reported that the criminals promised to sell him 1 kg of hashish for 18 thousand US dollars in total. <https://upl.uz/incidents/51522-news.html>

**08.05.2025** Officers of internal affairs bodies conducted a special operational activity in Shakhrikhan district. In the course of the event, a resident of the district was identified as a grower of drug-containing plants. **Two cannabis plants and 1330 opium poppy plants** were found on his garden plot. In addition, during an inspection of his house, marijuana and cannabis plants were found in the attic, which were in the process of drying. A total of **6.33 kg of marijuana** ready for sale was seized. <https://upl.uz/incidents/51652-news.html>

**08.05.2025** Officers of internal affairs bodies, together with SGB and customs officers, carried out special operational activities. In particular, in Syrdarya district, two citizens were detained who were digging a cache in the field with a huge amount of narcotic substances, the total weight of which amounted to 77.41 kg (**26.41 kg of opium, 52 kg of hashish**). Similarly, in Uchkurgan district of Namangan province, two men dug a cache of **5 kg of hashish** narcotic substances in a field. Also in Pakhtaabad district of Andijan province, citizens were transporting **5 kg of synthetic drugs**. During inspection of their residence they found another 364 g of drugs and a large number of items for making daed drops with drugs. In total, 26.41 kg of opium, 56 kg of hashish and 5.36 kg of synthetic drugs were seized from the criminals. Total value of these drugs is 35.5 billion soums. <https://upl.uz/incidents/51673-news.html>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### INDIA

**05.05.2025** Authorities seized more than 20 kilograms of methamphetamine in a dense forest in Cuthbert Bay in North and Mid Andaman District on Sunday. In a continuing follow-up to recent methamphetamine seizure, a police team conducted an early morning operation in the jungle. Deep in the forest, the team found a white plastic bag concealed under dense plants. In the presence of a witness, the bag was opened and 20 sachets labeled “Purified

Chinese Gyaninwan Tea” were found inside. Each bag contained a white crystalline substance with a strong odor. A field drug test confirmed that the substance was **methamphetamine**. Total weight of the seizure amounted to **20.94 kg**. <https://nicobartimes.com/local-news/over-20-kg-meth-seized-from-remote-jungle-in-north-middle-andamans-cutbert-bay/>

## IRELAND

**04.05.2025** Police officers found **21 kilograms of heroin** when they stopped and searched a car in Coolock, north Dublin, on Friday. Heroin was in blocks of 1 kg each. Police suspect the seizure may be linked to a Dublin-based organized crime group known as The Family, but say they are still trying to establish its origins and owners. Drugs have been handed over to Forensic Science Ireland for examination. <https://www.nova.ie/major-drugs-seizure-in-dublin-2-266254/>

**08.05.2025** Two men were arrested and questioned by police in Clare and Limerick following a large seizure of drugs earlier this week. Police confirmed that around **500 kg of cannabis** worth around €10 million was seized from a house in County Clare. It is believed that the drugs were hidden on several large pallets in a residential property in rural Clare. <https://www.clarelive.ie/news/crime---courts/1796813/two-arrested-following-major-drugs-seizure-during-intelligence-led-operation-in-clare.html>

## MALAYSIA

**05.05.2025** On 23 April, police dismantled a global drug trafficking syndicate worth 25 million ringgit in Trengganu. The syndicate smuggled drugs from neighboring countries and used Malaysia as a transit point before shipping them overseas. Seized drugs included **479.27 kg of methamphetamine and 109.89 kg of heroin**. Two Malaysians, aged 32 and 39, allegedly members of the syndicate, were arrested. <https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2025/05/1211789/rm25mil-drug-seizure-terengganu-waters-deals-major-blow>

## NEW ZEALAND

**06.05.2025** Canterbury Police, in conjunction with New Zealand Customs and the New Zealand Police National Organized Crime Group (NOCG), seized more than **25 kg of cocaine**. On 29 March, Police and Customs received information about a significant importation of cocaine that was passing through the Port of Lyttelton. Further operational action led to the seizure of more than 25 kg of the controlled Class A drug, which has a street value of more than NZ\$9 million. <https://auckland.scoop.co.nz/2025/05/significant-cocaine-seizure-leads-to-arrests-across-nz/>

**09.05.2025** Customs officers, joined by police and navy colleagues, made seizures from three separate cargo containers. On 4 May, authorities searched a container ship arriving in Tauranga from Balboa, Panama, carrying “an assortment of containerized cargo.” Several shipping containers were assessed as “suspicious.” X-rays and a thorough inspection led to the discovery of 129 cocaine briquettes, each weighing 1 kg, concealed in duffel bags in two containers. This event occurred just four days after a separate search of the ship, also from

Panama, discovered 28 cocaine briquettes, also weighing 1 kg each. The packets were found in refrigerated compartment of the container.

Total recoveries from both searches amounted to **157 kg of cocaine** worth up to 60.9 million dollars. <https://www.1news.co.nz/2025/05/09/more-than-150kg-of-cocaine-worth-609m-seized-at-port-of-tauranga/>

## SYRIA

**06.05.2025** Anti-Narcotics Department in Daraa province foiled an attempt to smuggle more than **80000 Captagon tablets**. A special operation resulted in the seizure of the shipment before it reached its destination. <https://www.sana.sy/ru/?p=384583>

## USA

**06.05.2025** In a special law enforcement operation during the last week of April, agents from the DEA Albuquerque District Office seized 2.7 million fentanyl pills in New Mexico's largest city. The seizure was part of an ongoing, months-long investigation in which federal authorities also arrested 16 people and seized drugs, cash, firearms and luxury vehicles in several states and dismantled one of the largest and most dangerous drug trafficking organizations in U.S. history. In total, the DEA seized more than **420 kg of fentanyl, 9 kilograms of cocaine, 5 kilograms of heroin, and 36 kilograms of methamphetamine**. <https://www.dea.gov/press-releases/2025/05/06/dea-seizes-record-breaking-27-million-fentanyl-pills>

## THAILAND

**07.05.2025** A major member of a drug trafficking gang was arrested after months of investigation. Police seized nearly **500000 methamphetamine pills, 1 kilogram of amphetamine and 1 kilogram of ketamine**. Arrest of the suspect, nicknamed Bunyaraksa, took place at 6am today, 7 May, in the Klong Sam Wa area of Bangkok. <https://thethaiger.com/news/bangkok/bangkok-drug-gang-busted-major-arrest-and-drug-seizure>