

**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 11 to 20 February 2025, based on information from mass media law enforcement agencies and security structures of CARICC Member States seized **462.66 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 20.48 kg, opium - 26 kg, cannabis group drugs - 130.83 kg, synthetic drugs - 259.97 kg, potent substances - 25.38 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	8	0	0	12.48	0	0
Opium	26	0	0	0	0	0
Cocaine	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cannabis group drugs	36	74.5	9.93	7.1	0	3.3
Synthetic drugs	24	111.26	0.08	124.63	0	0
Potent substances	0	0	0	2	0	23.38
Total	94	185.76	10.01	146.21	0	26.68

During the same period, other countries seized **4 tons 324 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 32 kg, cocaine - 1 ton 60 kg, cannabis-group drugs - 2 tons 973 kg and synthetic drugs - 259 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN

12.02.2025 Officers of Yasamal District Police Department during conducted operations since the beginning of 2025 detected about 60 cases related to illicit trafficking and sale of narcotics. It is reported that during the last such operations **18 kg of heroin**, as well as **marijuana** enriched with psychotropic substances were found in possession of Natavan Bakhshieva, Jeyhun Mahmudov, Tural Najafzadeh and Gulali Sagiyeu. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-yasamalskom-rajone-policiya-izyala-25-kg-narkoticheskikh-sredstv>

13.02.2025 Ruslan Aliyev, a previously convicted resident of Ganja city who organized drug trafficking, was detained during measures carried out by officers of Zagatala district police department. It is reported that about **4 kg of marijuana and opium** were seized. The detainee planned to organize sale of the obtained drugs in the country. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/krupnaya-partiya-marihuany-i-opiuma-izyata-u-narkodilera-v-zagatalskom-rajone>

20.02.2025 Officers of the Directorate General for Combating Drugs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Azerbaijan received operational information that large amounts of illicit substances are brought into the country by illegal means and their sales. As a result of another special operation conducted on the territory of Sabunchu and Nizami districts of Baku, main members of the drug network - 40-year-old Alim Khalilov and 33-year-old Afgan Dunyamaliyev, previously convicted, were detained. During personal search and examination of the car they found and seized **72 kg of marijuana, opium and methamphetamine**. Investigation found that Mr. Khalilov and Mr. Dunyamalyev were among key members of a drug trafficking network. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-baku-arestovany-klyuchevye-chleny-narkogrupperovki>

KAZAKHSTAN

11.02.2025 Alleged producers of a popular drug were detained in Kazakhstan. The KNB Department for Almaty region under coordination of the prosecutor's office stopped the activity of a clandestine drug laboratory on 28 January. During the special operation a citizen of Kazakhstan, who was engaged in the manufacture of psychotropic substances, was detained. By court decision he was taken into custody. As a result of the search, more than **15 kg of narcotic drug "alpha-PVP", 70 liters of "alpha-PVP" at the crystallization stage, 200 liters of precursors**, laboratory equipment were confiscated. <https://ustinka.kz/kazakhstan/105911.html>

11.02.2025 As part of the implementation of the principle of "Law and Order", officers of the Committee for Combating Drug Crime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs prevented spread of synthetic drugs to regions of the republic. Two citizens suspected of organizing illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs were detained in Almaty region. During a search in the barn of the house of a 36-year-old man, more than **24 kg of mephedrone** were found in bags. This amount of the drug is equal to 72 thousand single doses. <https://polisia.kz/ru/bolee-24-kg-mefedrona-iz-yato-u-dvuh-podozrevaemyh-v-almatinskoj-oblasti/>

12.02.2025 More than 500 doses of drugs were seized in Atyrau from a resident of another region. Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Atyrau region detained a 30-year-old resident of Aktobe who was distributing drugs from his home. He was identified in the course of monitoring social networks. During the search, more than 500 doses (**165 g**) of synthetic drug **alpha-PVP** with a total value of 30 million tenge were seized from the suspect. <https://polisia.kz/ru/narkotiki-na-30-mln-tenge-iz-yali-u-muzhchiny-v-atyrau/>

13.02.2025 Criminal police officers of the Karasu district OP detained a resident of the district in January, from whom they seized **2.5 kg of marijuana**. During a search in the suspect's house, police officers found four bags and a box containing narcotic substances. Expert examination confirmed that the seized substances were marijuana, and their total weight was 2.5 kg, which is a particularly large size. <https://polisia.kz/ru/2-5-kg-marihuany-iz-yala-politsiya-u-zhitelya-kostanajskoj-oblasti/>

14.02.2025 Drug dealers were detained in Astana. The day before operatives identified two men aged 37 and 47 years old, suspected of possession and organization of sale of narcotic drugs. During a search in the rented apartment, where the detainees lived, in the kitchen under the sink police found 31 packaged bag with a substance of herbal origin. Another bag

with a similar substance was also found on the refrigerator. Total weight of the seized drugs amounted to more than **4 kg**. As a result of operative-search measures officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime seized narcotic substance **hashish**. The suspects confessed to the crime and explained that they had brought drugs from the southern region to distribute in the capital city. <https://polisia.kz/ru/narkodilery-gastrology-zaderzhany-v-astane/>

15.02.2025 Operatives seized a particularly large shipment of hashish oil in Astana. As part of conducted operational-search activities they detained a 36-year-old citizen who was engaged in distribution of narcotic substances on the territory of the city. During personal examination, and further during the search in the house were found a plastic bottle with a volume of 937 ml with a liquid light brown substance, 400 plastic ampoules intended for pouring oil, and paper rolls, inside of which there was a substance of gray-green color, presumably hashish. According to expert report, contents of the bottle and ampoules were cannabis resin. Almost **1 liter of hashish oil** was thus seized. <https://polisia.kz/ru/osobokrupnyu-partiyu-gashishnogo-masla-iz-yali-operativniki-v-astane/>

18.02.2025 Police in Abay region seized an unusual “arsenal” in the cosmetics bag of a 30-year-old female resident of Semey. In the course of operational activities police officers conducted a search in a rented apartment. In the kitchen among household garbage was found a bag with the remains of powdery substance of white color. In the hall on the floor was found a bag, inside which was “arsenal of a drug dealer”. Among the items were a cosmetic bag with five polymer rolls containing powder, along with scales, a spoon, a screwdriver, empty zip-lock bags, scissors and black duct tape. According to expert findings, the substance seized proved to be **mephedrone**. Total weight of the substance amounted to **384 grams**, which is equivalent to 1200 doses. <https://polisia.kz/ru/arsenal-narkotorgovtsa-obnaruzhili-v-odnoj-iz-kvartir-v-semee/>

18.02.2025 Police officers in Kostanai region prevented 2 thousand doses of synthetic drugs worth 40 million tenge from entering the black market. A 35-year-old man was detained on suspicion of possession and distribution of synthetic drugs. The operation, conducted with participation of a service search dog, was completed on a country road of Kievsky settlement in Kostanai. A large polyethylene roll with 20 packets of powdery substance of white color, each of which was wrapped with green colored tape, was found in the detainee's possession. During a search of the Hyundai Tucson car, and during a search of the suspect's apartment, they found more than a hundred small packages with a similar substance, electronic scales and measuring spoons. Expert analysis determined that the seized powder is **mephedrone** with a total mass of about **1 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/2-tysyachi-doz-sintetiki-ne-dopustili-v-oborot-politseyskie-v-kostanajskoj-oblasti/>

19.02.2025 Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime conducted a successful operation, which resulted in shutting down a drug supply channel to Shymkent. A 24-year-old foreigner who rented an apartment in Almaty was detained in the course of operational activities. To send synthetic drugs to the southern metropolis, he used household appliances, in which he concealed drugs packaged in doses. More than **650 g of “synthetics”** were seized from the detainee, which is equivalent to thousands of single doses worth about 16 million tenge. <https://polisia.kz/ru/kanal-postavki-narkotikov-presekla-politsiya-v-shymkente/>

19.02.2025 A drug dealer from a neighboring region was detained in Ust-Kamenogorsk. VKO police detained a 27-year-old man who came from a neighboring region to distribute drugs. During personal inspection they seized more than **30 grams** of synthetic drugs such as “**mephedrone**” and “**a-PVP**”. According to the detainee, he arrived in Ust-Kamenogorsk recently. <https://yk.kz/news/kriminal/v-ust-kamenogorske-zaderzhali-narkozakladchika-iz-sosednej-oblasti-397242.html>

20.02.2025 Officers of the police of Abay region dismantled a large drug channel by detaining a 20-year-old resident of Semey. The young man is suspected of possession and distribution of synthetic drugs. As a result of express search in the apartment of the detainee operatives found 25 zip-packs with powdery substance of white color, electronic scales for packing and scotch tape used for packing the illegal substance. Expert analysis showed that the seized substance was an analog of the psychotropic drug methcathinone (**ephedrone**), the total weight of which amounted to **26 grams**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/molodoj-narkotorgovets-arestovan-v-semee/>

20.02.2025 As part of the implementation of the Law and Order concept, the capital police carried out an operation which resulted in dismantling a major drug supply channel into the capital. Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime carrying out operational and investigative measures detained a resident of the city who had previously been convicted of a drug offense. At his personal examination and at his place of residence, 1.5 kg of hashish was found and about 5 million tenge was seized. In the course of establishing the supply channel and searching for other co-conspirators of the criminal chain involved in the sale of drugs, the next day the operatives managed to identify and detain a wholesaler who brought drugs from the southern regions for further sale. During a search at his residence, two plastic barrels containing about 45 bags of narcotic substance were found. The total weight of the seized **hashish** amounted to more than **67 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/67-kg-gashisha-iz-yali-politsejskie-v-astane/>

KYRGYZSTAN

14.02.2025 A 27-year-old man was detained in Bishkek with **18.7 grams of synthetic drugs**, which he said he received for distribution through online stores. According to the Bishkek GUVd, on 11 February police received a report of possible drug trafficking. In the course of operational and investigative measures, citizen E.J., born in 1997, was detained on Karagacheva street. During a search 11 bags with unknown substance with a specific odor were seized from the suspect. Seized drugs were sent for forensic examination. https://www.vb.kg/doc/442927_v_bishkeke_zaderjali_podozrevaemogo_v_hra_nenii_sinteticheskikh_narkotikov.html

17.02.2025 On 14 February, the “102” service of the Bishkek GUVd received a call about distribution of **synthetic substances** on Isanov street and near the GCC. In the course of operational and investigative measures, a suspect K. M., born in 2006, was detained. During a search, 20 units of unknown substances with a specific odor were seized from the detainee, the total weight of which amounted to **61 grams**. The detainee said that he had obtained substances through online stores. Currently, seized drugs are sent for forensic examination.

https://kaktus.media/doc/518132_v_bishkeke_zaderjan_podozrevaemyh_v_rasprostraneni_sinteticheskikh_narkotikov.html

18.02.2025 Activities of an international organized criminal group that created an international drug channel along the route Tajikistan - Kyrgyzstan - Uzbekistan were discovered and stopped in Osh. As a result of the special operation on 5 February they arrested Kyrgyz citizens J.H.H. and K.I.A. During the search of J.H.H.'s house they found ten briquettes of the narcotic drug **Afghan chars** weighing **9.8 kg** and a briquette of an unknown **synthetic substance** weighing **1 kg**. In the house of K. I. A. they found a **134 g** briquette of the narcotic drug **Afghan chars**.
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RUSSIA

11.02.2025 Three natives of a Central Asian state - a 44-year-old woman and two men aged 39 and 22 - intended to sell illicit substances. However, officers of the regional police department together with colleagues from GUNK MVD of Russia prevented the criminals from carrying out their criminal intentions - the criminal trio was detained by police officers separately in different parts of Novosibirsk. According to preliminary data, the suspects worked for the same underground drug market and did not know each other. At the same time, the woman acted as a so-called warehouse. More than **12 kg** of deadly poison were found in her rented apartment. She received large wholesale amounts of drugs, stored and packed them, and then placed them in dead drops in the regional center for small wholesale distributors. The role of the latter in the criminal scheme was performed by the detained men. During personal inspection, **150 g and 330 g of heroin** were seized from them, respectively. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/61220493/>

11.02.2025 Officers of the Directorate General for Drug Control of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs detained a 38-year-old local resident suspected of trafficking in narcotic drugs. It was found that the criminal organized production of mephedrone on the balcony of an apartment located in a house on Moskovskaya street in Protvino. During inspection police found and seized 7 glass containers with powdery and crystal-like substances, 11 canisters with various liquids, electronic scales, a vacuum pump, and packaging material. According to expert report, the powder seized in one of the glass containers included the narcotic drug **mephedrone** with a total mass of more than **1 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/61205332/>

11.02.2025 Last week officers of a separate battalion of police patrol and checkpoint service of UMVD of Russia in Kurgan spotted two men coming out of the forest and stopped them for inspection. They were two residents of the Perm region, who explained that together with three other compatriots arrived in the Trans-Urals region with the purpose of selling narcotic drugs. Arriving at the scene, officers found two hundred wraps of substance with a total mass of about **200 grams** in the car of the suspects. According to expert conclusion, the seized substance is the narcotic drug **mephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/61217139/>

12.02.2025 Officers of the Drug Control Department of OMVD of Russia for Anzhero-Sudzhensky Urban District received operational information that a 53-year-old local resident with a previous conviction was involved in possession of narcotic drugs. As a result of a set

of operative-search measures, police conducted an inspection of the man's place of residence. In the house of the citizen police officers found and seized bags of cannabis leaves. Expert examination showed that the weight of **marijuana** amounted to **5 kilograms**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/61272345/>

12.02.2025 A young married couple set up a business of organizing mephedrone dead drops. The first to come to the attention of operatives of the regional Drug Control Department was a 22-year-old Kostromich man. The police detained him red-handed at the time of organizing the dead drops. During a personal search of the criminal 17 packages were seized, which, according to the conclusion of experts, contained **55 grams of mephedrone**. Subsequently, operatives searched the apartment of the cohabitant of the detainee, during which they found 14 more rolls with **mephedrone**, weighing more than **48g**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/61266019/>

13.02.2025 In the course of operational activities, officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia for the city of Bryansk stopped illegal activities of a 23-year-old resident of the Krasnodar Krai suspected of distributing illegal substances. During a search in the apartment rented by the criminal, the police seized 925 polymer rolls with synthetic drug **methadone** prepared for sale. In addition, law enforcers found in the cell phone of the detainee coordinates of places with made hiding places and found 40 "dead drops". Total weight of the seized amounted to almost **200 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/61315010/>

13.02.2025 Officers of the Drug Control Unit of the Russian Interior Ministry's Novoaltaisk department in Altai Krai foiled a plan by two local residents to sell synthetic drugs on a particularly large scale. According to the available information, in October last year, a 28-year-old man began working for an online store selling illegal substances. Having received instructions from the curator, he traveled to the Irkutsk region, where he found a cache according to the coordinates sent and took from it a wholesale batch of N-methylephedrone derivative, and on the way he packaged the criminal goods and hid some of them in caches in the Tomsk and Kemerovo regions. Some time later, an employee of the illegal online store told about the stash of "synthetics" to a 24-year-old fellow countryman, and the latter offered to take its contents and then independently sell it to mutual friends at a low price, bypassing the drug store. The buddies made an agreement, traveled by rented car to the Kemerovo region, dug up illegal substance and brought it back to their hometown. Immediately after the accomplices returned, Novoaltaisk police officers detained them. At the place of residence of the youngest of the accomplices, operatives found and seized **2 kilograms** of **N-methylephedrone** derivative. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/61303617/>

14.02.2025 Officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in the Ryazan region in the course of operational activities came on the trail of a man who arrived in Ryazan to distribute illegal substances through "dead drops". Drug police officers together with colleagues from the department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Sovetsky district of Ryazan detained the newcomer on Svobody street. The operatives seized more than 175 grams of **N-methylephedrone** derivative in the dwelling where the intruder stayed, and also in dead drops arranged in the streets of Ryazan. In the course of work with the detainee, police established that he kept the main stock of "synthetics" in Moscow. After arriving in the capital, the task force opened a mailbox in the entrance of the house where the man lived and seized a package of N-methylephedrone derivative weighing 165 grams.

The police also checked a storage room rented by the perpetrator and found there more than 1.7 kilograms of synthetic drugs of three types. In total, as a result of all operational activities, police officers seized **2.08 kilograms** of potion. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/61377496/>

14.02.2025 Officers of the Drug Control Department of the Russian Interior Ministry's Directorate of Internal Affairs in Voronezh Region stopped transportation and distribution of a consignment of drugs on a particularly large scale. On 8 February of the current year at the 473rd km of the M-4 "Don" highway in the direction of the city of Rostov-on-Don, inspectors of the State Automobile Inspection Department of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Voronezh region stopped a Kia Rio car. During inspection of the car, it was found that eight polymer bottles with a beige-colored substance were being transported in the car's gas tank. Two seized plastic containers with their contents were sent for examination. It was found that the bottles contained a narcotic drug of synthetic origin, a derivative of **methylephedrone** with a total mass of 947 g. Total mass of the transported narcotic drugs will be determined during forensic examination. However, it is estimated that about **4 kilograms** of illicit substances were seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/61353981/>

14.02.2025 Officers of the Drug Control Department of the Directorate General of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Novosibirsk Region stopped activities of an online store. The criminal was detained by police officers when he was making a dead drops near a house on Kurchatova street. During a personal search police officers found and seized from the man 7 polymer rolls with a substance of unknown origin. According to results of examination, it was found that the seized substance contains the narcotic drug **carfentanil and methadone** with a total mass of more than **3 grams**. During an inspection of the suspect's residence, police officers found and seized a bag with a similar narcotic substance weighing more than 100 grams. In total, more than **110 grams** of narcotic drugs were seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/61349254/>

15.02.2025 At night officers of the State Automobile Inspectorate of OMVD of Russia for Krapivinsky Municipal District in the course of their work to supervise traffic on the highway Sheveli - Sarapki noticed a car "Lada Priora". When inspecting the interior of the "Priora" police officers found several hiding spaces. In the armrest, in the glove compartment and under the driver's seat were concealed rolls with mephedrone. The traffic policemen called an investigative-operative team to the place. In the course of investigation it was established that the total mass of **mephedrone** seized amounted to more than **1 kilogram**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/61359347/>

17.02.2025 Police officers at the Malka checkpoint stopped a minibus traveling from Kislovodsk. One of the passengers was visibly anxious and reluctant to answer the law enforcers' questions. He was a 43-year-old resident of Stavropol. In the course of further checks, law enforcement officers found a polymer bag with powdery contents in the passenger compartment of the vehicle belonging to this citizen. Research showed that the seized substance contained the narcotic drug **methylephedrone** with a total mass of more than **328 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/61496449/>

17.02.2025 On 14 February while working on operational information officers of UNK MVD of the Republic of Mordovia stopped two young men and a girl near the entrance of the house

on Veselovsky street in Saransk. In the course of personal search police found 165 packages with substance wrapped with insulating tape in possession of foreign citizens. Research confirmed that the seized substance was **mephedrone** with a total mass of **312 g**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/61490007/>

17.02.2025 In the course of operational activities, officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in the Tambov region detained a local resident on suspicion of illegal sale of narcotic drugs. During search operations at the rented accommodation of the detained citizen, operatives found prepared drug parcels, scales and packing materials. According to examination results, it was found that the packages contained **mephedrone** with a total mass of **995 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/61468162/>

17.02.2025 In the course of operational and investigative measures, officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in Ryazan region stopped activities of a 31-year-old resident of the regional center, who was engaged in illegal drug trafficking. Operatives received information that the man brought a shipment of illicit substances from Moscow to Ryazan and was engaged in distribution. The perpetrator was detained in the village of Borki. During a personal search police seized 99 grams of mephedrone. Also, in the Ryazan city limits a package with a drug weighing about 100 grams was found in a dead drop. Also during search operations operatives additionally seized three small dead drops. In total, police seized **202 grams of mephedrone**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/61465415/>

17.02.2025 In mid-February, in the course of operational activities officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in Vladimir region received information that a 26-year-old local resident may be involved in drug trafficking. The suspect was detained on the territory of the city of Vladimir when he was traveling by car. In the cabin of the car, police officers found a sports bag with a briquette wrapped with duct tape. Inside it was a powdery white substance. According to examination results, the powder found was **mephedrone** weighing **9.9 kg**. Operatives found more than **190 grams** of a similar substance, electronic scales and packaging material of evidentiary value in the man's garage. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/61470936/>

18.02.2025 Investigation data indicate that the perpetrator organized a laboratory in a residential premises for the illegal production of psychotropic substances, which were subsequently sold on the territory of Moscow and the Moscow region. During a search at the residence of the detainee, a 35-year-old man, police officers found and seized two bags with an unknown substance inside. Research showed that the seized substance was **amphetamine** with a total mass of more than **1.6 kilograms**. Specialized laboratory equipment, chemical reagents, electronic scales and packaging materials used for production and packaging of narcotic drugs were seized there as well. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/61498075/>

19.02.2025 Officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in Penza Region received operational information about involvement of a 43-year-old resident of Yekaterinburg in drug trafficking. In order to verify the information received, an action was taken to detain this citizen while he was driving his car on the federal highway "Ural". The car was stopped by police officers on the highway near the village of Chemodanovka in the Penza region. During examination of the interior of the vehicle under the lining of the front

passenger seat operatives found and seized 2 black plastic bags with parchment paper wrappers with a white substance inside. Research showed that the substance inside was **N-methylephedrone** weighing about **5 kilograms**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/61599056/>

19.02.2025 Implementing operational information, officers of the Drug Control Department of GU MVD of Russia in Rostov region detained suspects in an attempt to sell drugs. Police officers found that two residents of Kirovskaya village intended to distribute a prohibited substance on the territory of the Oktyabrsky district of Rostov region. During personal search of the perpetrators, police found and seized a black bag with a prohibited substance. According to examination report, the seized substance is a derivative of the narcotic drug **N-methylephedrone** with a mass of **987 grams**. In the course of further measures, operatives stopped a 53-year-old resident of Tatarstan, who had a previous conviction. During personal search of the man, police officers found and seized a transparent polymer bag with a powdery substance of light beige color. Expert analysis showed that the seized substance was a derivative of the narcotic drug **N-methylephedrone** with a mass of over **982 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/61571732/>

19.02.2025 Police officers stopped a local car in which a 23-year-old resident of Pyatigorsk, who had a previous conviction, including for drug trafficking, was traveling as a passenger. As a result of personal search in the clothes of the citizen law enforcers found a package with powdery contents. In the course of further checks in the passenger compartment of the vehicle a polymer bag containing more than forty rolls with powdery substance, also belonging to the girl, was found. Research showed that the seized substance contained narcotic drugs of **synthetic origin** with a total mass of more than **187 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/61593116/>

19.02.2025 Officers of OMVD of Russia in Borovsky district of Kaluga region received operational information about the possible involvement of a local resident in the illegal distribution of drugs. As a result of operational and search measures, this information was confirmed. The police detained a man born in 1992 on the territory of the district. In the course of his personal examination, detectives seized a cell phone, which contained information about the coordinates of the previously equipped dead drop. During inspection of the marked area of terrain, law enforcement officers found a dead drop of black garbage bags, inside of which there were ten tightly packed polymer wrappers with a powdery substance. Research showed that it was a synthetic drug **N-methylephedrone**. The total weight of the seized substance exceeded **90 kilograms**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/61568831/>

19.02.2025 On the night of 14 February in Ruzaevsky district in the course of the ongoing activities by the UNK MVD of the Republic of Mordovia was stopped the car "Lada Granta" under the control of a 35-year-old local resident. His 26-year-old acquaintance was also traveling in the car as a passenger. During personal examination of the latter in the pocket of his sweater and on the front panel in the cabin of the vehicle operatives found two bags and a package with substances. Research showed that the seized substances were the narcotic drug **mephedrone** weighing **183 grams** and **N-methylephedrone** with a total mass of **38 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/61569571/>

19.02.2025 Officers of the Drug Control Department of GU MVD of Russia in Moscow region together with colleagues from UMVD of Russia in Voskresensk detained a 45-year-old local resident suspected of drug trafficking. The perpetrator organized a drug laboratory in her dacha house. She purchased precursors and equipment for drug production via the Internet. In the future, she sold the finished product to drug addicts. In the course of personal search, police found a plastic bag and **1 package** with a powdery substance in the offender's possession. During inspection of the detainee's home, the operatives seized **10 rolls** with similar contents, flasks, various containers with chemical reagents, packaging materials and laboratory equipment. According to examination report, the powder in one of the packages contained the psychotropic substance **amphetamine**.
<https://мвд.рф/news/item/61564779/>

20.02.2025 In the course of monitoring media and the Internet, police officers discovered information posted on a news site that unknown persons were periodically looking for drug dead drops on Pavlovsky street in Novokuznetsk. Officers of the Drug Control Department of GU MVD of Russia for the Kemerovo Region - Kuzbass carried out operational and search activities, as a result of which the perpetrators were detained red-handed. They were two 21-year-old residents of Kiselevsk. In the pockets of the detainees' clothes, in their rented apartment, and also in the hiding places, which the drug dealers had managed to equip, police officers found **methylephedrone** with a total mass of more than **240 grams**. In addition, electronic scales and materials for packaging narcotic drugs were seized.
<https://мвд.рф/news/item/61634129/>

20.02.2025 During implementation of operational materials, drug control officers of UMVD of Russia in Tver region detained a 49-year-old resident of St. Petersburg suspected of drug trafficking. According to operatives, the interregional drug courier was traveling from the northern capital to the Republic of Tatarstan in a Toyota car and was detained at night by drug control officers at the 141st kilometer of the M-11 "Neva" federal highway in Konakovo district. During examination of the vehicle, police officers found and seized 19 wraps with a substance of herbal origin. As a result of the examination of two randomly selected wrappers by the Expert-Criminalistic Center of UMVD, the presence of the narcotic drug **hashish** with a mass of 192 grams was confirmed, which is a large size. Total weight of the seized amounted to about **2 kilograms**.
<https://мвд.рф/news/item/61620097/>

20.02.2025 Investigation of UMVD of Russia for the city of Astrakhan initiated a criminal case against an Astrakhan man born in 2005. It was preliminarily established that the defendant had previously purchased pregabalin for himself, and then "got a job" as an assistant administrator of an online drug store. When he received the next order, the Astrakhan went to receive the parcel, but was not able to realize what he had planned - he was detained by officers of the Drug Control Department and the Center of Canine Service of UMVD of Russia in the Astrakhan region. Regional police experts found that the contents of the parcel were **2 kilograms of pregabalin**.
<https://мвд.рф/news/item/61633310/>

20.02.2025 Officers of the Drug Control Units of MVD for the Republic of Kalmykia and the Elista Department of the Russian MVD detained suspects in drug trafficking. Two residents of Moscow were selling narcotic drugs in Elista by means of making dead drops. In the course of proceedings police found that one of the detainees acted as an interregional wholesale courier. The second defendant played the role of an interregional courier and organized dead

drops intended directly for the consumer. To transport drugs from Moscow, the defendants rolled them in tins disguised as stew products. Operatives seized cell phones, bank cards, electronic scales, duct tape, packaging material, and more than **200 grams of mephedrone and hashish**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/61626101/>

UZBEKISTAN

13.02.2025 Law enforcement officers conducted a special operational activity in the territory of Zangiata district of Tashkent region. During the event, a Nexia car with a 47-year-old resident of Surkhandarya region and a 54-year-old resident of Tashkent city was stopped. When checking the interior of the car, a sock in which **300 g** of the narcotic substance “**hashish**” was hidden was discovered. <https://upl.uz/incidents/48953-news.html>

15.02.2025 On 5 February of the current year, officers of internal affairs bodies, in cooperation with other agencies, carried out a special operational activity in the territory of Termez city of Surkhandarya region. In the course of the event, the place of residence of a native of Denau district, born in 1981, suspected of drug trafficking, was inspected. According to results of the inspection, matchboxes containing the narcotic substance “marijuana” were found in the house of the perpetrator. A total of 321 matchboxes with **3 kg of marijuana** inside were seized. <https://upl.uz/incidents/49006-news.html>

15.02.2025 A drug laboratory has been detected, the press service of the State Customs Committee reports. Officers of the State Customs Committee's anti-smuggling department, together with the State Security Service and internal affairs officers, conducted a special operation. During the event, a resident of the Yunusabad district of Tashkent city, who was suspected of distributing narcotic and psychotropic substances, was taken under surveillance. An inspection of his residence revealed that he had organized a drug laboratory there. In addition, in two other apartments, in Uchtepinsky district of Tashkent city and in Tashkent district of Tashkent region, the attacker organized a warehouse with prohibited substances. Altogether **19.22 kg of Pregabalin, 2.96 kg of Tropicamide, 1.2 kg of the potent substance Trilon, 20 liters of precursors**, 19 pieces of laboratory equipment and 1,746 different devices were seized from the perpetrator. <https://upl.uz/incidents/49012-news.html>

OTHER COUNTRIES

INDIA

14.02.2025 In a major operation to dismantle drug supply channels in 2025, Amritsar police in Punjab seized **30 kg of heroin** believed to have been dropped by a Pakistani drone in Garinda district. The operation was intelligence-driven and resulted in the arrest of one suspect. The development was confirmed by Punjab's Attorney General of Police Gaurav Yadav. The consignment was reportedly dropped from a drone from Pakistan to Garinda region. https://www.ptcnews.tv/punjab-2/punjab-police-seize-30-kg-heroin-dropped-by-pakistani-drone-in-amritsar-largest-drug-seizure-of-2025-so-far-4405769#google_vignette

IRAQ

16.02.2025 The Kurdistan Anti-Narcotics Directorate arrested 35 drug traffickers in a major operation. Security forces seized significant quantities of illicit substances, including **49 kilograms** of crystal **methamphetamine** and **2 kilograms of heroin**. According to the directorate, the operation was the result of several weeks of careful intelligence gathering and thorough investigative work conducted with proper judicial authorization from the security agencies. <https://www.kurdistan24.net/en/story/825132/kurdistan-regions-anti-narcotics-directorate-arrests-35-drug-traffickers-in-major-operation>

IRELAND

12.02.2025 A previously unknown Dublin gang is suspected of being involved in a large shipment of cocaine that was seized in County Kildare. Detectives from the Garda National Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau (DOCB) discovered **72 kg of cocaine** during a search of a car and house in the Allenwood area on Tuesday afternoon. Officers believe a gang from Tull, southwest of Dublin, is behind the shipment. <https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/courtandcrime/arid-41572993.html>

ITALY

18.02.2025 Regional Command of the Carabinieri of Reggio di Calabria, in close collaboration and cooperation with officers of the Customs and Monopoly Agency, seized a large amount of pure **cocaine** totaling **788 kilograms** in weight. The entire operation consisted of the preparation of a detailed plan of action developed throughout the port of Gioia through a targeted intensification of checks to intercept, among the thousands of containers, those used to conceal drugs and to identify the various methods of concealment used by the criminal networks. The checks revealed that some blocks of cocaine were cleverly hidden inside hundreds of bags of pellets, while others were carefully concealed in a cavity created in the engine compartment of a refrigerated container carrying frozen fish. <https://www.agenzianova.com/ru/news/В-ходе-масштабной-операции-в-порту-Джоя-Тауро-было-изъято-более-780-кг-кокаина/>

20.02.2025 Carabinieri of the Investigation Department of Naples, as part of the integrated activities of the Judicial Police, carried out the largest drug seizure operation in recent years, dealing a serious blow to trafficking in the provinces of Naples and Caserta. During the

operation, carried out with great professionalism and discretion, four people, three men and a woman, were arrested at the scene. During the search of the house, the pro-avoyance officers found an impressive amount of drugs: **745 kilograms of hashish and 5 kilograms of marijuana**. <https://www.lamilano.it/en/Naples/maxi-drug-seizure-in-naples-a-very-hard-blow-to-organized-crime/>

MEXICO

18.02.2025 Mexican authorities announced Monday the seizure of **200 kilograms of methamphetamine** at the heart of the cartel. The seizure was made during an operation to dismantle illegal drug labs in the northwestern state of Sinaloa, the government said in a statement. The value of the seized drugs amounted to nearly 40 million dollars. More than **12000 liters** (3170 gallons) of chemical **precursors** used to manufacture methamphetamine were also seized. Since 5 February, Mexican authorities have seized 4.9 tons of methamphetamine, 453 kilograms of cocaine, 55 kilograms of fentanyl and 489 firearms, according to government data. According to U.S. authorities, Mexico is a major trafficking route for the drug and the chemicals used to produce it, most of which originate in China. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/mexico-meth-seizure-cartels-pressure-trump-drug-trafficking/>

MOLDOVA

11.02.2025 Three people suspected of drug trafficking were detained in Chisinau. During searches, law enforcers found more than 10 kg of drugs worth 6.5 million lei. According to the investigation, the 22-year-old suspect, together with his 18-year-old cohabitant, received large batches of drugs, packed them into 1 gram doses and placed them in dead drops on the territory of the capital. After payment, the end users took the goods. Police officers found out that suspects came from Edinet district and, on the instructions of the group's leader, rented an apartment in Chisinau to store drugs. The suspects were detained when they tried to lay drugs. At the search they were found in possession of bags with cocaine. In a rented apartment police found **1 kg of marijuana**, dozens of e-cigarettes with cannabis oil, 110 doses of cocaine of 1 gram each, 81 doses of marijuana of 2 grams each. Later, law enforcers detained alleged leader of the group, a 26-year-old man. During a search of his temporary residence, law enforcers found mephedrone, cocaine, cell phones, vacuum packing machines and other items used for packing drugs. Also, in the forest belt of Ialoveni district, police officers found five caches with **10 kilograms of amphetamine**. According to the law enforcers, the value of the seized drugs exceeds 6.5 million lei. <https://newsmaker.md/ru/video-bolee-10-kg-narkotikov-na-6-5-mln-leev-v-kishineve-zaderzhali-treh-chelovek>

NEW ZEALAND

17.02.2025 New Zealand customs officials seized more than **100 kilograms of cocaine** from a Hawaiian Airlines flight arriving at Auckland International Airport. Multiple sources confirm that this is the largest cocaine seizure in the history of this airport. Official reports do not indicate any involvement of Hawaiian Airlines or its employees in the incident. The illegal substances were discovered during routine customs inspections. During standard enforcement procedures, customs officials identified several suspicious bags from the flight.



Upon closer inspection, they found 85 bricks wrapped in black film and clear plastic. Tests confirmed the substance to be cocaine, with an estimated street value of 35.4 million New Zealand dollars, or 20 million dollars. <https://beatofhawaii.com/hawaiian-airlines-flight-at-center-of-20m-record-drug-bust/>

POLAND

20.02.2025 A cargo of **cocaine** weighing more than **100 kilograms** and worth 14 million euros was found at the bottom of the Baltic Sea in Poland. Officers of the Maritime Department of the Polish Border Service detained a criminal group engaged in maritime smuggling of drugs in large quantities. How the cocaine shipment got to the seabed is not reported. Seven people were detained on suspicion of committing the crime. An additional shipment of drugs was also seized. https://www.grani.lv/accidents/149000-na-dne-baltiyskogo-morya-naydena-krupnaya-partiya-kokaina.html#google_vignette

USA

13.02.2025 Arkansas Highway Police seized nearly 5000 pounds of marijuana, one of the five largest drug seizures in history, according to the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT). ARDOT said the seizure was made during a safety inspection along I-40 in Crawford County, Arkansas. Inside the commercial vehicle, traffic police found seven pallets of **marijuana** weighing a total of **2222 kilograms** (4900 pounds). As a reminder, earlier on 3 February Arkansas State Police seized 2872 pounds of marijuana in the same county along I-40. <https://www.newsbreak.com/fox-13-memphis-whbq-523010/3803508813410-16m-worth-of-marijuana-seized-in-arkansas-ardot-says>