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

**11.03.2025-20.03.2025**

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In the period from 11 to 20 March 2025, based on information from mass media law enforcement agencies and security structures of CARICC Member States seized **1 ton 513.62 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 13.57 kg, opium - 1.01 kg, cocaine - 1.2 kg, cannabis group drugs - 1 ton 293.29 kg, synthetic drugs - 183.11 kg and potent substances - 21.44 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	12.3	0	0	1.27	0	0
Opium	1.01	0	0	0	0	0
Cocaine	1	0	0	0.2	0	0
Cannabis group drugs	301.46	947.32	3.05	29.75	0	11.71
Synthetic drugs	5.22	0.5	1.24	162.89	0	13.26
Potent substances	0	0	0.86	0	0	20.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>320.99</b>	<b>947.82</b>	<b>5.15</b>	<b>194.11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45.55</b>

During the same period, other countries seized **31 tons 327.4 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 0.42 kg, cocaine - 29 tons 482 kg, cannabis-group drugs - 547 kg, synthetic drugs - 1 ton 248 kg and potent substances - 49.98 kg.**

**CARICC MEMBER STATES**

**AZERBAIJAN**

**11.03.2025** Azerbaijan Border Service detained fishermen suspected of attempting to smuggle more than 10 kg of drugs across the Caspian Sea. The incident occurred in territorial waters of Azerbaijan, which are under the control of Coast Guard of the State Border Service. While inspecting a fishing boat of residents of Lankaran district - Mustafayev Dayanat Aladdin oglu (born in 1979) and Agaoglu Elshan Alish oglu (born in 1980), border guard found **marijuana** with a total weight of **10.39 kg**. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/beregovaya-ohrana-azerbajdzhana-presekla-popytku-provoza-bolee-10-kg-narkotikov-po-kaspiyu>

**11.03.2025** Iranian smugglers were detained while trying to smuggle a large shipment of drugs to Azerbaijan. On 9 March in the service territory of the border guard detachment "Goitepe" border guard noticed violation of state border by two unknown persons in the direction from Iran to Azerbaijan. As a result of conducted border search and operational measures, Iranian citizens Javadi Mammadreza Mohammed (born in 1999) and Mirzadeh

Milad Jalal (born in 2001) were detained, trying to smuggle narcotic substances with total weight of 9 kg 69 g (**9.06 kg of marijuana and 9 g of opium**) to the country. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/iranskie-kontrabandisty-zaderzhany-pri-popytke-provezti-krupnuyu-partiyu-narkotikov-v-azerbajdzhan>

**12.03.2025** In the course of a regular operation to combat drug trafficking and sales, officers of the Directorate General for Combating Drugs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs seized **32 kg of marijuana**. As a result of the operation carried out in the Narimanov district of the capital on the basis of information received, 37-year-old Kyanan Salmanov, previously convicted of robbery, car theft and drug-related offenses, was detained. Drugs were found in the vehicle he was driving. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/operaciya-glavnogo-upravleniya-po-borbe-s-narkotikami-obnaruzheno-32-kg-marihuany>

**14.03.2025** Smuggling of **25.9 kg of marijuana** from Iran to Azerbaijan was prevented in the service territory of border detachment "Goitepe" of Border Troops Command of the State Border Service. <https://oxu.az/ru/proisshestviya/predotvrashena-kontrabanda-v-azerbajdzhan-krupnoj-partii-narkotikov>

**15.03.2025** Police officers seized narcotic drugs as a result of operational activities. According to information, more than **4.3 kg of heroin, over 34.1 kg of marijuana, about 5 kg of methamphetamine, 19 psychotropic pills** were seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/mvd-azerbajdzhana-za-sutki-izyato-bolee-43-kg-narkotikov>

**16.03.2025** State Customs Committee of Azerbaijan foiled an attempt to smuggle a large shipment of narcotic drugs through the territory of the country. Marijuana packaged as lettuce was found in a cargo vehicle in transit from Iran to Russia at the Astarra customs checkpoint. During an inspection at the import control line, customs officers noticed suspicious outlines on the X-ray scanner. A service dog was brought in for a detailed inspection, after which 264 packages of drugs were found in the cargo hold. Total weight of seized **marijuana** amounted to **101.73 kg**. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/salat-s-syurprizom-na-tamozhne-v-astare-izyali-krupnuyu-partiyu-narkotikov>

**17.03.2025** Last week, one of the most high-profile police operations took place in the Baku village of Sabunchi. During a special operation to stop cocaine trafficking, a drug trafficker who posed as a foreign citizen was detained. Officers of Sabunchi Drug Control Department of Sabunchi RUP detained Huseyn Huseynov, a 38-year-old resident of the capital. They seized about **1 kg of cocaine** in crystal form, **329 ecstasy and methadone pills**, and **178 grams of marijuana**. Huseynov was the main organizer of cocaine sales in Baku. To avoid being exposed, he posed as a foreigner to his customers and communicated in foreign languages. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/kokainovyj-baron-baku-pod-maskoj-inostranca-detali-gromkoj-specoperacii-v-sabunchi>

**18.03.2025** As a result of operational activities carried out by officers of the Astarra district police department, sale of a large consignment of narcotic drugs smuggled into the country was stopped. During the operation, 48-year-old Ilgar Babayev and 46-year-old Asiman Azimov, previously convicted, were detained. The detainees were found to have **15 kg of marijuana**. In addition, a package with **10 kg of marijuana** attached to a drone was found and seized during inspection of pasture area in the village of Senjeredi.

<https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/presechena-kontrabanda-narkotikov-v-azerbajdzhan-s-ispolzovanem-drona>

**18.03.2025** On 12 March, as a result of border search and operational activities carried out in the service territory of the border detachment "Goradiz" of the command of border troops of the State Border Service, smuggling of **marijuana** with a total weight of **46.1 kg** from Iran to Azerbaijan was prevented. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/pogranichni-azerbajdzhana-presekli-kontrabandu-46-kg-narkotikov-iz-irana>

**18.03.2025** During an operation conducted by officers of Nizami District Police Department, Sadir Aliyev, a 45-year-old resident of the capital, was detained for organizing drug trafficking. It was reported that about **3 kg of heroin, opium, marijuana and 359 tablets of methadone** were found in the man's possession. S.Aliyev was one of the main members of the drug network that organized sale of drugs on the territory of the capital city. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-baku-zaderzhan-odin-iz-glavnyh-chlenov-narkoseti>

**19.03.2025** During a special operation conducted by officers of the Khatai District Police Department's Anti-Narcotics Unit, Orhan Bayramli, 35, a resident of the capital, and Fuad Aliyev, 31, were detained for organizing drug trafficking. A total of **17 kg of heroin and marijuana** was found in their possession. The detainees were to deliver drugs to a specified address for sale. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-hataiskom-rajone-obnaruzhen-17-kg-narkoticheskikh-sredstv>

**20.03.2025** Police received information that drugs were stored in a man's car in Absheron district. During inspection of the Opel car belonging to the previously convicted 32-year-old E. Ismayilov, **6 kg of marijuana** was found and seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-absheronskom-rajone-v-avtomobile-obnaruzhen-6-kg-narkotikov>

## KAZAKHSTAN

**11.03.2025** Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crimes of the East Kazakhstan Region Police under coordination of the regional prosecutor's office detained a resident of Ust-Kamenogorsk, who organized a large channel of supply of narcotic drugs of cannabis group. According to results of operatively-search measures it was established that the citizen was engaged in the sale of prohibited substances in the city. In the course of measures taken, over **20 kg** of dried **marijuana**, which is equivalent to more than 5000 single doses, were seized. <https://polisia.kz/ru/krupnogo-postavshhika-kannabisa-zaderzhala-politsiya-vko/>

**12.03.2025** Police detained a 37-year-old man suspected of selling synthetic drugs in Almaty. During a search of his Mitsubishi car, a bag with packaged powdery substance was found. Forensic chemical examination confirmed that it was **mephedrone** with a total weight of about **500 grams**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/polkilo-sintetiki-iz-yato-politsiej-v-almaty/>

**12.03.2025** Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime in Almaty region stopped activities of a criminal group engaged in illegal cultivation of narcotic plants. During the special operation 3 persons were detained. As a result of the search conducted on the territory of their rented house, they found a greenhouse with the area of 10 hectares, equipped for growing **cannabis**. Total weight of the seized drugs that did not reach drug

users amounted to **900 kg**. <https://kaztag.kz/ru/news/gruppu-s-krupnoy-partiey-narkotikov-zaderzhali-v-almatinskoy-oblasti->

**14.03.2025** Drugs, weapons and ammunition were found by police officers in the possession of two residents of Pavlodar region. The suspected drug dealers were detained by officers of the UBOP under coordination of prosecutors. During a search they seized about **700 grams** of narcotic substances **marijuana**, jewelry electronic scales, a stun gun, a pneumatic pistol, two shotguns and ammunition. <https://pavon.kz/post/view/90113>

**17.03.2025** As part of the operational and preventive measure "Darmek", officers of the Department for Combating Extremism of the Turkestan Region Police Department prevented sale of narcotic drugs on the territory of Zhetysai district. In the course of operative-search measures in one of the settlements police detained a resident of Turkestan region. During search the suspect was found with 24 rolls with the contents of narcotic substance of herbal origin. Total weight of the seized substance amounted to more than **1 kg of marijuana**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/bol-she-1-kg-marihuany-iz-yali-u-zhitelya-turkestanskoj-oblasti/>

**19.03.2025** Officers of DP Zhambyl region in the course of operational-search activities at 340 km of the highway Almaty - Yekaterinburg stopped a Land Rover car. During examination of the interior with the help of a service dog in a cache under the rear passenger seats they found 11 plastic bags with powdery substance of dark green color of herbal origin. According to conclusion of forensic chemical examination, the seized substance was **hashish**, total weight of which amounted to **11.12 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/bolee-11-kg-gashisha-iz-yala-politsiya-u-zhitelya-zhambylskoj-oblasti/>

**19.03.2025** Police officers of Aktobe region in the course of carrying out a set of operational measures to stop drug supply channels in Aktobe detained two residents of the regional center. In the process of inspection of the area in front of main door of a multi-storey building, as well as inspection of the car and search in the dwelling of one of the defendants in the case, they found and seized bags with green-colored substance. In the course of the examination it was found that the seized substances were "**marijuana**" with a total weight of more than **14.5 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/mezhregional-nyj-narkotrafik-likvidirovan-v-aktobe/>

## KYRGYZSTAN

**11.03.2025** On the night of 8 March, during patrolling at the intersection of Ozernaya street and Belorusskaya street, police officers of the patrol-post service noticed two guys who were making dead drops of drugs. The guys were detained, an investigative-operative group arrived on the scene and seized 17 drug parcels from the suspects. Total weight amounted to **75 grams of synthetic drugs**. [https://24.kg/proisshestvija/322369\\_vbishkeke\\_zaderjanyi\\_molodyie\\_zakladchiki\\_izyyato\\_1\\_7svertkov\\_snarkotikami/](https://24.kg/proisshestvija/322369_vbishkeke_zaderjanyi_molodyie_zakladchiki_izyyato_1_7svertkov_snarkotikami/)

**13.03.2025** Law enforcers detained a 27-year-old man on suspicion of distribution of synthetic drugs. On 13 February, law enforcers received information that an unknown person was distributing synthetic drugs in Bishkek and Chui region. Drug enforcers identified the suspect. He was 27-year-old M.B., who received orders through a Telegram channel from a

so-called handler. He was caught red-handed while burying a dead drop in the Alameda district of Chui region. Four rolls of synthetic drugs were seized from the suspect, and 15 bags of **synthetic drug** briquettes were confiscated at home, total weight of the recovered substance was **646 grams**.  
[https://24.kg/proisshestvija/322673\\_pod\\_bishkekom\\_zaderjan\\_zakladchik\\_sboleem\\_chem\\_60\\_0\\_grammami\\_narkotikov/](https://24.kg/proisshestvija/322673_pod_bishkekom_zaderjan_zakladchik_sboleem_chem_60_0_grammami_narkotikov/)

**15.03.2025** On 12 March, officers of the CNS of MVD seized a large shipment of a potent drug from a citizen. In the course of operative measures on the territory of Alameda market, a box with 490 packages of drug was found in possession of citizen O.B.A., born in 1987. Later, as part of the operative-search measures, the woman voluntarily handed over another 81 packages stored at her home. Total volume of the seized **potent drug** amounted to **571 packages**. As part of further investigative actions, forensic chemical examinations were scheduled for the seized drugs.  
<https://svodka.akipress.org/news:2244396/?from=kqnews&place=maincats>

**18.03.2025** As a result of operational measures, an active member of an international drug group was detained on 10 March this year. It was found that the Uzbekistani organized a stable channel of drug trafficking from Kyrgyzstan to the territory of Uzbekistan through poorly guarded areas of state borders. So, during an attempt to transfer **1 kg** of narcotic drug "**hashish**" the latter was detained. <https://knews.kg/2025/03/18/gknb-kyrgyzstana-zaderzhan-uzbekistanets-perebrasyval-narkotiki-cherez-gosgranitsu-v-uzbekistan/>

**18.03.2025** A suspected drug dealer was detained in Issyk-Kul. The suspect's car was stopped on the Balykchy-Karakol highway, near the village of Chon-Oruktu. The driver was a native of Issyk-Kul district B. A., born in 1992. During personal search of the detainee, they found 76 matchboxes (**1140 g** - CARICC comment) with **hashish**, which was confirmed by forensic chemical examination.  
[https://kaktus.media/doc/519927\\_na\\_issyk\\_kyle\\_zaderjan\\_myjchina\\_s\\_76\\_korobami\\_gashi\\_sha\\_foto\\_video.html](https://kaktus.media/doc/519927_na_issyk_kyle_zaderjan_myjchina_s_76_korobami_gashi_sha_foto_video.html)

**19.03.2025** Officers of the Counter Narcotics Service of the Bishkek Police Department detained a student on suspicion of selling synthetic drugs. On 13 January 2025, the Counter Narcotics Service received information that unknown persons were involved in the sale of synthetic drugs. The suspect M. A., born in 2007, was detained in one of the capital's new buildings. In the course of search, the suspect was found in possession of 110 rolls of unknown substances weighing **508 grams**. In addition, according to the suspect, the unknown substance called "**Alpha PVP**" was distributed through her social networking site.  
[https://kaktus.media/doc/520028\\_v\\_bishkeke\\_styidentky\\_zaderjali\\_s\\_sinteticheskimi\\_narkotikami\\_foto.html](https://kaktus.media/doc/520028_v_bishkeke_styidentky_zaderjali_s_sinteticheskimi_narkotikami_foto.html)

**20.03.2025** A suspect in a drug crime was detained, the press service of the CNS of MVD reported on 20 March. During a search of Zh.u.N., born in 1992, 54 briquettes with **hashish** were found. The total weight amounted to **900 grams**. The man hid drugs under the bed at home. A criminal case has been initiated on this fact. As noted in the CNS, the suspect was previously convicted of robbery. He was detained and taken into custody.  
<https://svodka.akipress.org/news:2246729/?from=kqnews&place=maincats>

**11.03.2025** At the stationary checkpoint “Kushchevsky” state traffic police officers together with officers of the FSB of Russia in Krasnodar Krai stopped a Skoda Octavia car driven by a 30-year-old resident of Crimea to check documents. During inspection of the vehicle in the cabin under the glasses case between the roof and the headliner law enforcers found and seized six packages with a white crystalline substance. According to expert conclusion, the seized substance is **ephedrone** with a total mass of about **1 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62442992/>

**11.03.2025** Within the framework of the operational and preventive operation “Clean Generation-2025” officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia for the Ryazan region together with colleagues from OMVD of Russia for the Moskovsky district of Ryazan detained a 27-year-old man and a woman suspected of selling illicit substances by setting up dead drops. During search of the man operatives seized 3 rolls of unknown substance. In the apartment rented by the couple were found a lot of similar rolls, electronic scales and materials used in packaging drugs. Laboratory test results showed that the seized substance was a narcotic drug of **synthetic origin** weighing **135 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62452202/>

**11.03.2025** Officers of Drug Control Group of OMVD of Russia “Aleksandrovsky” detected a case of illegal possession of narcotic drugs. A 57-year-old resident of Essentuki prepared an outbuilding for growing cannabis on the territory of a residential plot. As a result of search operations police officers found bags and bags with parts of plants of gray-green color. Expert examination showed that the seized material was **marijuana** with a total mass of more than **4 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62443137/>

**11.03.2025** Operatives of the Criminal Investigation Department and OKON OMVD of Russia for the city of Cherkessk detained a 38-year-old foreign citizen suspected of illegal distribution of drugs on the territory of a gardening community. In the course of her personal search, as well as during inspection of dacha area, police found and seized 46 polymeric rolls wrapped with insulating tape, which were in her possession and in 11 dead drops. Research showed that contents of the rolls contained the narcotic drug **heroin** with a total mass of more than **205 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62456377/>

**12.03.2025** Police officers of MU MVD of Russia “Ramenskoye” detained two residents of the Stavropol Krai, suspected of drug trafficking, as a result of operative-search activities. They had set up a drug laboratory in their rented dacha house. During a search of the crime scene, police seized 15 canisters of liquid, equipment for the manufacture of drugs and a bag of powdery substance. According to expert report, contents of the package were **mephedrone** weighing more than **250 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62502585/>

**12.03.2025** Officers of the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Ingushetia in the course of operational and investigative measures stopped illegal drug trafficking in the region. A 41-year-old resident of the village of Sagopshi, who had previously been convicted several times, came under suspicion of operatives. Police officers found and seized more than **1 kg of heroin** in his house, which was confirmed by expert analysis. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62504732/>

**12.03.2025** A representative of an illegal online store, who sold bulk quantities of illegal substances, was detained by officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in the Ryazan region. During operational activities, police officers stopped a previously convicted resident of Ryazan on the street. During personal search in her bag they found several small rolls and a large package with crystalline contents, as well as filling materials, a measuring spoon and electronic scales. According to expert conclusion, the substance submitted for examination was a derivative of **N-methylephedrone** with a total mass of **125 grams**. In the course of work with the detainee, operatives found out location of a cache with criminal commodity she had set up. In the yards, they seized a package with **42 grams** of N-methylephedrone derivative. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62491407/>

**12.03.2025** Officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in Magadan region received operational information about possible involvement of a 41-year-old resident of Magadan city in illegal production and distribution of synthetic drugs. As a result of operative-search measures police detained the man and conducted an examination in his garage box. There law enforcement officers found chemical liquids, laboratory equipment designed for manufacture of narcotic drugs, as well as ready-made powdery substance. Research showed that it was **mephedrone** weighing about **1.5 kg**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62488511/>

**13.03.2025** Officers of the patrol and checkpoint service of the police of UMVD of Russia in Korolev stopped a 20-year-old local resident with outward signs of intoxication near a house on 1st Valentinovskaya street. In the course of personal inspection of the young man in his backpack they found 454 rolls of powdery substance with a total weight of more than **400 grams**. According to expert reports, contents of three rolls were found to be **mephedrone**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62530884/>

**13.03.2025** Officers of the Drug Control Department of GU MVD of Russia for St. Petersburg and the Leningrad region as a result of the implementation of operational information stopped the illegal activities of a 33-year-old resident of the village of Lisiy Nos, who had no previous convictions and was planning to sell a large shipment of handmade plant-based narcotics. Operatives detained the man in the gardening community "Nika" in Vsevolozhsky district in a hangar, which he rented for growing cannabis. In this warehouse, police found and seized **110 cannabis bushes**, which grew in containers with soil, as well as equipment used for its cultivation. In addition, police officers found and seized a bag containing about **6 kg** of parts of a drug-containing plant (**marijuana**) collected by the detainee. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62564474/>

**13.03.2025** In the course of operative-search activities, officers of MO MVD of Russia "Bryansky" detained a 37-year-old resident of Bryansk involved in illegal drug trafficking. During personal search police seized a polymer bag with a substance inside. During inspection of the young man's home several polymer bags with similar contents were found. Expert examination showed that the seized substance was a **synthetic drug** with a total mass of **395 grams**. During inspection of areas with geographical coordinates indicated in the cell phone of the detainee, law enforcement officers found and confiscated **311 grams** of drugs. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62551814/>

**13.03.2025** In the course of working out operational information, officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia for Primorsky Krai identified citizens involved in sale of narcotic drugs on the territory of Primorsky Krai. Three newcomers from Central Asia planned to distribute by contactless method a shipment of narcotic mixture - diacetylmorphine (**heroin**) with a total mass of more than **60 grams**. In the course of operational and investigative measures, officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in Primorsky Krai detained three suspects in the town of Arsenyev. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62538916/>

**13.03.2025** Officers of the patrol and checkpoint service of the transport police detected a 45-year-old native of the Komi Republic with signs of intoxication on the station square of Moskovsky railway station. During personal search in the presence of witnesses, they found and seized a white cloth belt with ten plastic bags with a brown substance inside. According to expert opinion, the substance found is a narcotic drug of plant origin - **hashish** with a total mass of **1 kg**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62535509/>

**14.03.2025** During implementation of operational materials, drug control officers of UMVD of Russia for the city of Tver foiled an attempt to distribute a large shipment of a prohibited substance. Operatives detained a 34-year-old unemployed, previously convicted resident of the Perm region near a house on Ilyina street in Tver. During examination of the apartment rented by the suspect, drug police found and seized electronic scales, two packages of zip-lock bags, bank cards, a laptop and 41 packages with powdery substance inside. Contents of five randomly selected bundles were sent to the EKC of UMVD. Research confirmed the presence of the narcotic drug **clephedrone** with a mass of 703 grams, which is a particularly large size. Total weight of the seized "synthetics" amounted to **3040 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62602856/>

**15.03.2025** In Togliatti, being on a patrol route on Khryashchevskoye Shosse street, officers of the State Automobile Inspection stopped a driver driving a BMW car to check his documents. During inspection of the car in the presence of witnesses, they found and seized 3 briquettes with substances in the glove compartment of the vehicle. From the pocket of the detainee's jacket police seized a polyethylene bag with powdery substance. Seized substances were sent for examination to the expert-criminalistic department, according to the results of which the substances in the bag and briquettes were narcotic drugs **mephedrone and hashish** with a total mass of more than **328 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62453624/>

**17.03.2025** As a result of operative-search measures, officers of UNK UMVD of Russia for Tambov region stopped a car driven by a citizen born in 1979 on suspicion of committing a crime on 14 March. Some time later on the same day police officers stopped another vehicle driven by a citizen born in 1987. During search measures in the trunk of the suspected woman in the car in the child car seat operatives found four polymeric bags with a substance of light color. At the man also in the trunk of the car police found three bags with a substance of light color, as well as filling materials and scales. It was found that the woman was transporting a narcotic drug - **ephedrone** with a total mass of **4116 grams**. The man, on the other hand, was carrying **N-methylephedrone** with a total mass of **1558 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/62758241/>

**17.03.2025** Police officers from the Drug Control Unit together with representatives of the regional FSB in the course of implementation of operational information stopped activity of a clandestine mini-plant for production of synthetic drugs. Law enforcers conducted the operation on the territory of the city of Rezh and the surrounding area. Initially they found and seized 65 packages with criminal goods among transported cargo in the form of buckets with mastic. On the same day, they investigated the locality, where the goods were received, and in the hot spot found relevant equipment and a large amount of chemicals. According to experts, the confiscated goods are derivatives of **N-methylephedrone** with a total mass of **81.5 kg. Precursors** of narcotic drugs with a total mass of more than **150 liters** were seized there as well. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62812099/>

**17.03.2025** In the Penza region on the federal highway M-5 "Ural" near the working village of Mokshan, as a result of implementation of operational information, officers of the Drug Control Department of the regional UMVD of Russia stopped a car "Geely Monjaro" and detained a resident of Saratov, born in 1988, who was driving it. According to information received in advance, during inspection of his vehicle in the under-hood space operatives found three bags, in which there were packages with different substances. According to results of examination it was found that the criminal was carrying more than **2 kg of mephedrone**, more than **1 kg of hashish** and about **200 grams of cocaine**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62743638/>

**17.03.2025** While on duty at the 766th km of the M-12 "Vostok" highway, officers of the Road Traffic Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Tatarstan stopped a Geely car to check documents. The car was driven by a 37-year-old resident of Magadan. As a result of search in the cabin behind the passenger seat on the mat was found and seized a package with an unknown substance inside, which was sent for examination. Results of examination showed that the contents of the package was a narcotic drug of **synthetic origin** weighing **1030 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62736100/>

**17.03.2025** While verifying information received operationally, officers of UNK GU MVD of Russia in Krasnodar Krai together with officers of ONK OMVD of Russia in Tikhoretsky district detained a 27-year-old visitor from a neighboring region, suspected of trafficking in "synthetics". It was found that the man received information on the Internet about location of a stash of **mephedrone** weighing more than **2 kg** and took the drug in the village of Fastovetskaya for further illicit sales. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62749066/>

**17.03.2025** On 13 March, while on duty, officers of the OB PPSP of UMVD of Russia in Saransk stopped a 31-year-old resident of the Arkhangelsk region in a forest area. In the course of personal search in the presence of witnesses in the pocket of his pants and backpack, police found 80 rolls of substance wrapped with insulating tape. Research showed that the seized substance was a narcotic drug - **mephedrone** with a total mass of more than **120 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62747479/>

**17.03.2025** Operatives of the Drug Trafficking Control Department of UMVD of Russia in Khanty-Mansiysk-Yugra detained a 26-year-old resident of Tomsk with a large shipment of mephedrone. The special operation took place on the 696th km of the Tyumen - Khanty-Mansiysk highway in Nefteyugansk district. Operatives together with officers of the State Automobile Inspectorate stopped a Subaru Legacy car. The driver tried to escape, but was

detained. During personal search of the detainee, law enforcement officers found a cell phone with information indicating illegal activity. During a search of the car under one of the seats they found and seized three transparent polymer bags with a light-colored substance. According to tests, the seized substance contained **a-PVP** with a total mass of about **3 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62611068/>

**18.03.2025** Officers of the Drug Control Department of UT MVD of Russia in the Far Eastern Federal District, in the course of operational and investigative measures, identified and blocked a drug supply channel from the Novosibirsk Region to the Far East. Two 23-year-old residents of Primorsky Krai, who were in the Novosibirsk region, took two parcels of narcotics from stash houses with a total weight of about 5 kg. Following operator's instructions, they left "dead drops" with drugs in various settlements located along the federal highway from Novosibirsk to Vladivostok. When approaching Blagoveshchensk in the Amur region, they placed about 1 kg of drugs in a stash, and hid the rest in caches in the car. However, the young men did not manage to bring illegal substances to Vladivostok, as on the approach to Khabarovsk they were detained by traffic police officers of the Department of Internal Affairs of Russia in Khabarovsk and Far Eastern Transport Police, and the drugs weighing about **3 kg** were seized. According to expert opinion, the seized narcotic substances are **mephedrone** and **a-PVP**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62786904/>

**18.03.2025** Officers of the Drug Control Unit of the Line Department of MVD of Russia at the Kavkazskaya station detained a 39-year-old resident of Elizavetinskaya village in a forest belt while setting up a dead drop. When police inspected personal car of the detainee, 9 packages with powdery substance were found and seized in the trunk. During further investigative actions and operational activities, the suspect pointed to places of caches already made by him on the territory of the Krasnodar Krai, where similar substances were found. Experts determined that the seized substance was **methylephedrone**, with a total weight exceeding **1 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62830032/>

**18.03.2025** Officers of UNK GU MVD of Russia in Voronezh region in the course of implementation of operational materials detained two citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan suspected of selling synthetic drugs in a particularly large amount. As a result of search in the car rented by the perpetrators they found and seized prohibited substances. According to results of examination it was found that packages contained a narcotic drug - **methadone**. Total mass of the transported narcotic substances will be determined during forensic examination. According to preliminary data, about **500 grams** of prohibited substances were seized. It was found that the suspects rented an apartment in the city of Voronezh. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62832347/>

**18.03.2025** According to available data, four defendants conspired to traffic in illicit substances. They manufactured, stored and distributed the narcotic drug mephedrone through caches on the territory of the capital and nearby regions, and for production of the drug they equipped two drug laboratories in Bogorodskiy and Noginskiy districts of the Moscow region. In the course of a set of operational-search activities and investigative actions, as a result of which four malefactors were detained at their places of residence in Moscow and the Moscow region. In the village of Bogoslovo, police officers discovered a place where illicit substances were produced. As a result of a search there, they seized canisters, containers, bottles with liquids, flasks with residues of substances, gas cylinders,

chemical additives and other items used for the production of narcotic drugs. In total, about **2 kg** of the narcotic drug **mephedrone** were seized and 2 drug laboratories were dismantled in the course. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62803272/>

**18.03.2025** Officers of the Drug Control Directorate of GU MVD of Russia in Moscow Region detained a 37-year-old resident of Moscow suspected of drug trafficking. It was found that the perpetrator organized production of mephedrone in the premises of a bathhouse located on a rented plot of land in one of the SNTs in Bogorodskoye district. During inspection of the laboratory premises, police found and seized: canisters with chemical liquids, a gas mask, glass trays with powdery substance, packaging material, a compressor, electronic scales, as well as flasks, reagents and reactors for the production of narcotic drugs. According to expert opinion, part of the seized substance weighing about **1 kg** contains the narcotic drug **mephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62799283/>

**18.03.2025** As a result of operational and investigative measures, officers of the Drug Control Department of GU MVD of Russia for Nizhny Novgorod Region detained a resident of Nizhny Novgorod who had stored a large shipment of narcotic substances that he intended to sell. During inspection of the vehicle of the 32-year-old suspect, they found and seized more than **990 grams** of narcotic substance containing **mephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62806642/>

**18.03.2025** Officers of the Drug Control Department of OMVD of Russia "Izobilnensky" received information that a 26-year-old local resident may be involved in the sale of drugs. At the place of residence of the citizen and in caches made by her on the outskirts of the city of Izobilnoye operatives found 123 rolls of different volume with loose crystalline substance. According to results of research, the seized substance was recognized as the narcotic drug **clephedrone** with a total mass of more than **150 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62796718/>

**18.03.2025** Officers of UNK UMVD of Russia in Kaluga Region received operational information about possible involvement of a resident of Obninsk in drug trafficking in the region. The woman was stopped on the M-3 highway while driving her car. During inspection of her vehicle, and further in the garage they found rolls with an unknown substance, as well as various measuring devices. Research showed that the seized substances were psychotropic substance **amphetamine** with a mass of **31 g** and narcotic drug **mephedrone** with a mass of **288 g**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62800296/>

**18.03.2025** Officers of GUT MVD of Russia, together with colleagues from the Drug Control Department of UT MVD of Russia for the Far Eastern Federal District and other territorial police departments, have dismantled a large supply channel of synthetic drugs in the Far East. According to preliminary information, an employee of an illegal online store selling illegal substances received parcels with multicookers in the branch of a logistics company in the city of Khabarovsk, in which his accomplices hid drugs. In the course of investigation were identified and detained three alleged co-conspirators of the criminal scheme. In total, transport police seized about **9 kg of mephedrone**, **5 kg of N-methylephedrone** and over 5000 tablets of the narcotic drug **MDMA** weighing over **2.5 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62769058/>

**19.03.2025** In the course of operational and investigative measures, officers of UNK MVD in the Udmurt Republic detained a 30-year-old unemployed, previously convicted resident of Izhevsk on suspicion of drug trafficking. During a personal search of the suspect operatives found in the inner pocket of his jacket a package containing a drug of **synthetic origin** weighing **467 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62889537/>

**19.03.2025** Transportation police officers in the course of operational and investigative measures at the railway station "Zanevsky Post-2" in St. Petersburg stopped a car carrying a 41-year-old resident of the Leningrad region suspected of trafficking in narcotic drugs. During inspection of the car in the trunk of the car they found and seized a package, inside of which there were four rolls with a prohibited substance. According to expert examination, the seized substance contained **mephedrone** weighing about **200 grams**. In the course of further investigative and operational activities, in the forest area in the Leningrad region they found narcotic drugs **mephedrone** with a mass of **1148 grams** and **hashish** with a total mass of **147 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62862088/>

**19.03.2025** In the course of operational activities, officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in Bryansk region detained a 40-year-old resident of the regional center. During a personal search of the detainee, as well as during an inspection of his home, law enforcement officers found more than **130 grams of mephedrone** and **170 grams of marijuana**. In addition, police seized the criminal's car and money received for the sale of illegal substances - more than one million rubles. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62866907/>

**19.03.2025** While on duty on the Entuziastov highway, officers of the Moscow State Automobile Inspectorate stopped a cab car for a document check. While talking to the driver, police officers noticed a passenger who was behaving suspiciously. During personal inspection of the citizen in the pocket of his jacket they found a package with an unknown substance. According to conducted research, the seized substance, weighing about **900 grams**, contains the narcotic drug **hashish**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62837913/>

**19.03.2025** Officers of UNK GU MVD of Russia for St. Petersburg and the Leningrad region detained suspects in trafficking of synthetic drugs. It was preliminarily established that two intruders from the Smolensk region rented a house in one of the villages of the Lomonosovsky district of the Leningrad region. There they equipped a laboratory for production of prohibited substances. As a result of operative-search measures suspects were detained. In the rented house were found 23 bags of white substance with a total mass of more than **28 kg**, canisters with chemical reagents and precursors, laboratory equipment and other items. As a result of examination of two bags of substance, it was found that they contained a mixture containing the narcotic drug **methadone** weighing more than 1.5 kg. The rest will be examined as part of expert analysis. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62828371/>

**20.03.2025** Officers of UNK GU MVD of Russia in Krasnodar Krai, while verifying information received operationally, detained a 39-year-old resident of Korenevsky district, suspected of illegal trafficking in psychotropic substances. As a result of inspection of the car on which the woman was traveling, in the gas tank operatives found four plastic bottles with pills. According to expert opinion, the seized pills were **MDMA** with a total mass of about **1.5 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62932679/>

**20.03.2025** As a result of operative-search activities, officers of the patrol and checkpoint service of the Dolgoprudny police department of the Mytishchi MIA of Russia detained a native of an Arab republic suspected of trafficking in narcotic drugs. During a personal search of the man, police found and seized several paper bags, inside which there were 90 rolls with powdery substance of white color. According to expert opinion, the contents of two packages were **mephedrone** with a total weight of about **200 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62955616/>

**20.03.2025** Officers of UKON UMVD of Russia in the Vologda region as a result of a set of operational-search activities the other day in the evening at the entrance to Vologda stopped a foreign car driven by a 40-year-old resident of the Moscow region. During a search in the cabin of the car police found two packages with powdery substance. Chemical examination of the seized items showed that contents of the packages were **synthetic narcotic drugs** weighing **1951 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62935755/>

**20.03.2025** In the course of operational and preventive measures, district police commissioners of OMVD of Russia for Nazranovsky district of the Republic of Ingushetia stopped illegal activities of a 24-year-old resident of Grozny, suspected of trafficking in illegal substances, who had no previous convictions. Law enforcers detained the perpetrator on the outskirts of the village of Plievo. During a personal search of the girl, they seized a package containing, as established by an expert, **501 grams** of the narcotic substance **mephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62938502/>

**20.03.2025** District commissioners of MO MVD of Russia "Khabezsky" of the Karachay-Cherkess Republic and officers of the regional FSB of Russia detained a 33-year-old resident of Stavropol suspected of attempting to sell drugs without contact on the northern outskirts of Psyzh village. Four caches of unknown powder were found at the scene. According to conclusion of expert forensic unit, the seized substance is synthetic narcotic drug **clephedrone** with a total mass of more than **500 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/62898002/>

## UZBEKISTAN

**12.03.2025** Officers of the State Security Service in the territory of Mindanobod MSG of Fergana district detected a house where synthetic narcotic substances were being manufactured and stopped activity of a drug laboratory. It was organized by three residents of Margilan city. They rented the house and engaged in criminal activity. During inspection of the house they found **8.18 kg** of synthetic drug "Alpha-PVP", **4.21 kg of "Spice"** and **427 g of "Mephedrone"**. In addition, **12.33 kg of precursors** necessary for manufacture of synthetic drugs were also identified. <https://upl.uz/incidents/49708-news.html>

**12.03.2025** A suspicious man was stopped and checked in the Chilanzar district of Tashkent. During inspection he was found to be in possession of 25 rolls containing psychotropic substances. His rented apartment was also checked, where he kept **985 psychotropic pills** and **90 g of narcotic substances**. <https://upl.uz/incidents/49720-news.html>

**14.03.2025** Officers of the internal affairs bodies conducted a special operational activity in the territory of Jizzak city. During the event, a resident of the Mirzo-Ulugbek district of

Tashkent was detained for attempting to sell **300 units of psychotropic drugs** for 690000 sums. It was found that the perpetrator purchased psychotropic drugs from a resident of the Yunusabad district of Tashkent, born in 1999, who works in a store in the Mirzo-Ulugbek district. He was also detained while selling **500 units of psychotropic drugs** for 1500000 soums. <https://upl.uz/incidents/49769-news.html>

**15.03.2025** Two drug dealers with a large shipment of psychotropic substances were caught in Tashkent region. According to law enforcers, the detention took place during an operational raid in Bostanlyk district. The guys had **20 kg of psychotropic substances** with them. They planned to sell to a client, with whom they had agreed on Telegram. They requested 250 dollars for each kilogram. <https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/narkodilerov-s-20-kilogrammami-zapreshchennykh-preparatov-poymali-v-tashoblasti-video/>

**17.03.2025** Officers of the Uchtepinsk District Office of the Department under the General Prosecutor's Office, together with OVD officers, conducted a special operational activity. During the event, a man was detained who tried to sell **30 packages of "Keto coffee mix"** for 6 million soums. It is stated that this coffee product contains prohibited potent substances. <https://upl.uz/incidents/49849-news.html>

**17.03.2025** A case of cultivation and storage of drug-containing plants was identified - reports the press service of the Department of Internal Affairs of Jizzak region. Officers of internal affairs bodies conducted a search in the house of a resident of MSG "Oktosh", Gallyaaral district, born in 1982. During a search they found **42 cannabis bushes**, which he was growing in pots. In addition, **1.21 kg** of narcotic substance "marijuana" stored in two polyethylene bags were identified and seized. <https://upl.uz/incidents/49875-news.html>

**18.03.2025** Law enforcement officers conducted a special operational activity. During the event, a Gentra car was stopped on Temur Malik street in Mirzo-Ulugbek district of Tashkent with a man as a passenger who had been previously taken under surveillance. The man was suspected of distributing narcotic substances. During inspection of the man, two large bundles of narcotic substances in the form of tubes were found in his possession, which he had concealed in the sleeves of his jacket. Total amount of the seized **narcotic substances** amounted to **350 g**. <https://upl.uz/incidents/49925-news.html>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### GUYANA

**16.03.2025** Four Guyanese nationals were among six people arrested following the discovery of **6.3 tons of cocaine** aboard a Guyana-flagged vessel operating off the coast of West Africa in an operation coordinated with French authorities. A statement from Guyana's Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed the detention of the four, as well as a Colombian and a Dominican who were on board the vessel. <https://www.jamaicaobserver.com/2025/03/16/four-guyanese-among-six-arrested-major-cocaine-seizure-off-west-african-coast/>

### GHANA

**19.03.2025** Narcotics Control Commission (NACOC) says it has arrested longtime suspected drug trafficker Uchechukwu Chima in a successful operation in Oyarifa, a suburb of Accra. The 56-year-old Nigerian national was apprehended on Tuesday, the 18th of March, following a search of his hideout which the Commission said uncovered **192 kg of cocaine and 0.42 kg of heroin**. Forensics confirmed that the substances were narcotics and their value was estimated at 2.1 million dollars. <https://www.myjoyonline.com/nacoc-arrests-notorious-drug-trafficker-in-accra/>

## INDIA

**16.03.2025** In one of the largest drug seizures in the history of Karnataka state, Mangalore police seized nearly **38 kg of MDMA** worth Rs 75 crore and arrested two South African women suspected to be involved in larger drug smuggling operations. <https://www.timesnownews.com/bengaluru/bengaluru-news-how-mangaluru-police-busted-one-of-karnatakas-biggest-drug-smuggling-racket-in-history-article-119071436>

## IRAQ

**16.03.2025** The Ministry of Interior announced on Sunday the seizure of **1100 kg of Captagon** tablets and the arrest of a large transnational drug trafficking network. This success was the result of intelligence provided by the Saudi Arabian Anti-Narcotics Authority, which played a crucial role in identifying smuggling network responsible for bringing huge quantities of Captagon into Iraq. The General Directorate of Narcotics Control, in cooperation with the counter-narcotics directorates in Erbil and Sulaymaniyah, tracked a truck that entered Iraq from Syria via Turkey. Law enforcement officials intercepted the vehicle, which was found to contain 1.1 tons of Captagon tablets, one of the largest drug seizures in Iraq history. <https://www.kurdistan24.net/en/story/830035/iraq-seizes-11-tons-of-captagon-in-major-crackdown-on-drug-trafficking-network>

## IRELAND

**19.03.2025** A major transporter suspected of transporting huge amounts of drugs over decades has been caught in a police operation targeting the country's largest drug ring. The man in his 60s was arrested after police seized **152 kg of cocaine** concealed in a truck stash intercepted during the operation. <https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/arid-41596285.html>

## CANADA

**20.03.2025** The Canadian Border Services Agency has made another major drug bust at the Canada-U.S. border crossing in Coutts, Alberta. According to CBSA officials, a 26-year-old man from Calgary was arrested 8 March after border agents seized **108 kg of cocaine** that was concealed in a commercial vehicle that had arrived from the United States. <https://nashvancouver.com/bolee-100-kg-kokaina-krupnaya-partiya-narkotikov-obnaruzhena-na-kanadsko-amerikanskoj-granitse/>

## NIGERIA

**16.03.2025** The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) has intensified its relentless war on drug trafficking, striking at the heart of illicit networks in many states in a massive operation over the past week that resulted in major arrests and staggering drug seizures. A total of **141600 tramadol 225mg tablets, 68 kg** of high quality **cannabis** and other types of drugs were seized. <https://pmnewsnigeria.com/2025/03/16/ndlea-strikes-fear-in-drug-rings-uncovers-shocking-stashes-across-nigeria/>

**16.03.2025** In a series of intensive operations, operatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) have foiled desperate attempts by drug trafficking syndicates to flood international markets with illicit substances. From cocaine and tramadol to Laud and Molly, traffickers have resorted to extreme measures - hiding contraband in rosary beads, board games and even women's clothing - in the hope of smuggling it into the United States, Saudi Arabia, Italy, Poland and the United Arab Emirates. But their carefully planned plots met a brutal end. Among the many seizures, the largest seizures were **479 kg** of pressed **cannabis** packaged in 727 blocks and **58300 tramadol tablets**. [https://pmnewsnigeria.com/2025/03/16/ndlea-unleashes-terror-on-drug-barons-seizes-deadly-shipments-enroute-u-s-others/?utm\\_source=auto-read-also&utm\\_medium=web](https://pmnewsnigeria.com/2025/03/16/ndlea-unleashes-terror-on-drug-barons-seizes-deadly-shipments-enroute-u-s-others/?utm_source=auto-read-also&utm_medium=web)

## NEW ZEALAND

**20.03.2025** Three staff at Auckland International Airport have been arrested after smuggling **58 kg of methamphetamine** worth 21.7 million New Zealand dollars from Malaysia. Customs authorities, working closely with industry partners, identified suspicious activity at the airport. The investigation discovered that three workers had moved a container from a flight from Malaysia at Auckland International Airport on 12 March 2025. The men were arrested and appeared in Manukau District Court the same day. <https://kanivatonga.co.nz/2025/03/customs-busts-airport-workers-in-major-meth-seizure-58kg-of-drugs-intercepted-at-auckland-airport/>

## USA

**11.03.2025** On 6 March, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) foiled a massive drug smuggling attempt that resulted in the seizure of approximately **230 kg of cocaine** valued at 6.8 million dollars. DPS special agents discovered 150 bundles of cocaine hidden in a semi-trailer driven by 33-year-old Mario Robledo, a Mexican national. Drugs were concealed inside a shipment that appeared legitimate at first glance, but was later identified during a routine inspection and investigation. <https://foxrgv.tv/6-8-million-cocaine-bust-at-texas-border-500-pounds-of-cocaine-seized-in-major-smuggling-operation/>

**20.03.2025** Two Coast Guard cutters returning from a raid south of the southern U.S. border unloaded 517 million dollars worth of cocaine seized from smuggled vessels Thursday in Fort Everglades, Florida. In total, more than **22.5 tons** or 45000 pounds of **cocaine** and 50 pounds of marijuana were seized. These seizures were made off the coasts of Mexico, Central America, and South America in 14 different vessels by crews from the U.S. Coast Guard cutters Cutter Stone and Mohawk. <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/policy/national-security/3353757/kristi-noem-coast-guard-cocaine-seizure-border/>



**20.03.2025** Officers assigned to patrol in Shelby and Haywood counties stopped a vehicle traveling eastbound on I-40 in Haywood County for a traffic violation. During the agents' crash investigation, the private vehicle was suspicious and a special narcotics dog was deployed. After the dog alerted to a narcotic odor emanating from the vehicle, it was searched and a compartment built into the natural hollow of the vehicle was discovered. Agents broke into the compartment and discovered more than 50 bags of **methamphetamine** weighing approximately **52 kg**. Drugs were valued at approximately 313 000 dollars wholesale with a street value of over 500 000 dollars. <https://www.localmemphis.com/article/news/local/west-tn-drug-task-force-seizes-meth/522-f04fe479-335f-4947-bedf-372e9009076b>