

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

**11.05.2025-20.05.2025**

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In the period from 11 to 20 May 2025, based on information from mass media law enforcement agencies and security structures of CARICC member states seized **663.95 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: opium - 212.3 kg, cocaine - 50 kg, cannabis group drugs - 265.09 kg, synthetic drugs - 136.56 kg and potent substances - 0 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Героин	0	0	0	0	0	0
Опий	10	0	0	0	0	202.3
Кокаин	0	0	0	50	0	0
Каннабисная группа	247.76	0	0	0	0	17.33
Синтетика	5.16	106	2	21.07	0.28	2.05
Сильнодействующие вещества	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Итого</b>	<b>262.92</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>71.07</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>221.68</b>

During the same period, other countries seized **6 tons 228.5 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 85.5 kg, cocaine - 3 tons 518 kg, cannabis-group drugs - 1 ton 393 kg, synthetic drugs - 1 ton 191 kg and potent substances - 41 kg.**

**CARICC MEMBER STATES**

**AZERBAIJAN**

**14.05.2025** Officers of the Directorate General for Combating Drugs continue operations to combat illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs. In the course of another operation in the Absheron district, 38-year-old Sayyad Khatamov, who had previously been convicted several times, was detained. During a search of his house they found **48 kg of marijuana, opium, 300 methadone tablets** and electronic scales used for selling drugs. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/operaciya-glavnogo-upravleniya-po-borbe-s-narkotikami-u-eks-zaklyuchennogo-obnaruzhenno-48-kg-marihuany>

**15.05.2025** On 11 May, border operative-search measures carried out in the service area of the "Lankaran" border guard detachment of the command of the GPS border troops resulted in detection and seizure of **10.32 kg of marijuana**. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/predotvrashena-kontrabanda-bolee-10-kg-marihuany-iz-irana-v-azerbajdzhan>

**16.05.2025** Officers of the Astara Customs Department foiled an attempt to smuggle a large consignment of drugs across the border, hidden in an unusual way - inside a cargo of vegetables. At

the customs post “Yug-Astara” was inspected the vehicle, which was in transit through the territory of our country from Iran to Russia and was carrying a cargo of broccoli and lettuce. It aroused suspicion when checked on a stationary X-ray machine. During a thorough inspection, a canine service dog reacted to 32 boxes on one of the pallets. In these boxes, in 32 foil-wrapped rolls, was found **marijuana** with a total weight of **118.44 kg** including packaging. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/narkotiki-v-brokkoli-118-kg-marihuany-izyaty-azerbajdzhanskoj-tamozhnej>

**19.05.2025** 11 kg of drugs and psychotropic substances were seized in Jalilabad district. Police officers detained Ramid Ibadov (39 years old) and Elnur Bashirov (33 years old), who were found in possession of a total of **11 kg of marijuana and methamphetamine and 99 methadone tablets**. <https://media.az/society/v-dzhalilabade-izyaty-11-kg-narkotikov-i-psihotropnyh-veshestv>

**20.05.2025** Officers of the Directorate General for Combating Organized Crime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs carried out a series of operations in the capital and regions against persons involved in drug trafficking. In the course of the operations, they detained previously convicted 45-year-old Ali Aliyev and his acquaintance Zamik Aliyev, 60-year-old Telman Mammadov, 34-year-old Tural Jafarov, 35-year-old Huseyn Mammadov, 32-year-old Hikmet Akhundov, 37-year-old Ravan Bakhishov, 28-year-old Arzu Askerov, 43-year-old Vusal Mammadov and previously convicted 24-year-old Ayaz Usubov. About **75 kg of marijuana** enriched with psychotropic substances, heroin and methamphetamine were seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/seriya-operacij-mvd-iz-oborota-izyato-75-kg-narkotikov>

## KAZAKHSTAN

**15.05.2025** Officers for combating drug crime together with the First Service of the General Prosecutor's Office dismantled an industrial scale drug laboratory in Almaty region. Drug production was organized on the territory of a farm located in Talgar district. During a search they seized more than **8 tons of precursors** and **100 kg** of finished products - **mephedrone**. Thereby, it prevented illicit trafficking of more than 200 thousand single doses of synthetic drugs with a total value of about 3 billion tenge. <https://polisia.kz/ru/100-kg-mefedrona-iz-yali-iz-nezakonnogo-oborota-v-almatinskoj-oblasti/>

**16.05.2025** Police officers detained a 35-year-old man in Kostanay and seized more than a kilogram of mephedrone during a search. Searches were conducted in his apartment, car, dacha plot, and personal search. According to preliminary data, about 2 thousand single doses of synthetic drugs intended for further sale were seized. Expert examination confirmed that the seized substance is **mephedrone**, with a total weight of over **1 kg**. A pre-trial investigation has been launched. At present, sources of receipt of such a large shipment are being investigated. <https://polisia.kz/ru/kilogramm-mefedrona-nashli-u-zhitelya-kostanajskoj-oblasti/>

**16.05.2025** A supply channel of synthetic drugs was dismantled in the capital of Kazakhstan. The operation was carried out by officers of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking under coordination of the Astana City Prosecutor's Office. In the course of operational activities were detained two residents of Almaty. They organized a clandestine laboratory for production of psychotropic substances in an apartment in the capital's Dostyk microdistrict.

As a result of searches, they seized chemical reagents and various equipment used to make drugs. Law enforcers also found over **5 kg of synthetic drugs** already prepared for distribution. <https://el.kz/ru/v-astane-presechyon-kanal-postavki-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov-izyato-bolee-5-kilogrammova-zapreschyonnyh-veschestv-400023940/>

## KYRGYZSTAN

**20.05.2025** An international supply channel of "salt" group synthetic drugs was discovered in Bishkek. It is reported that during an operation of special services were detained two citizens of Kyrgyzstan. They are suspected of organizing a so-called warehouse providing storage, packing and preparation for further transportation of drugs to neighboring countries. According to GKNB, **2 kg** of the drug "salt" (**mephedrone** - note by CARICC) were delivered from Russia using delivery services inside household appliances. Part of the shipment was intended for sale in Bishkek and some regions of the Kyrgyz Republic, the rest - for export to Uzbekistan. [https://kaktus.media/doc/524027\\_v\\_bishkeke\\_zaderjany\\_podozrevaemye\\_v\\_perepravke\\_narkotikov\\_v\\_sosednie\\_strany\\_foto.html](https://kaktus.media/doc/524027_v_bishkeke_zaderjany_podozrevaemye_v_perepravke_narkotikov_v_sosednie_strany_foto.html)

## RUSSIA

**14.05.2025 50 kg of cocaine** was found in the port of St. Petersburg in a ship arriving from Latin America. As reported, drugs were concealed in cargo with bananas. A total of 50 briquettes of one kilogram each were found. According to the channel, price of such a large shipment on the black market exceeds half a million rubles. <https://news.ru/incidents/krupnuyu-partiyu-kokaina-vnutri-gruza-s-bananami-nashli-v-peterburge>

**17.05.2025** A drug trafficker with a large shipment of mephedrone was detained in an attempt to import drugs into Khabarovsk. The arrest was carried out by officers of a separate battalion of DPS of the State Automobile Inspection of UMVD of Russia in Khabarovsk when checking a car coming from the Jewish Autonomous Region. On the passenger seat was a 21-year-old resident of Mineralnye Vody, Stavropol Krai. During inspection it was found that in the underwear of the detainee were two polyethylene rolls with white crystals. Expert analysis confirmed that the seized substance was **mephedrone** weighing **692 grams**. <https://livebir.ru/zakladchik-s-krupnoi-partiiei-miefiedrona-zadierzhan-pri-popytkie-vvoza-narkotikov-v-khabarovsk/>

**17.05.2025** At night crew of the State Automobile Inspectorate on Severnaya street (Central district) signaled a cab driver to stop. The passenger in the Lada cab became visibly nervous at the sight of police officers. The young resident of the Perm region was found to be carrying packages with a powdery substance weighing more than **2 kg**. Examination confirmed that the seized substance was a synthetic drug - **mephedrone**. Operatives found that the perpetrator intended to sell the drug in the city in a non-contact manner, placing it in dead drops. <https://dostup1.ru/accident/Permyakazaderzhali-v-Chelyabinske-s-2-kg-sinteticheskogo-narkotika-191019.html>

**18.05.2025** A female police officer of Belgorod police station and her former colleague were arrested with 6 kilograms of drugs. According to investigation, the young woman was

engaged in law enforcement in the morning, and in the evenings she was delivering meph and "salt". According to the "Base", the car, in which there was a 31-year-old female officer Diana K. and 30-year-old former officer Anton Z., was stopped on the highway M-2 in the evening of 14 May. During inspection of the car, drug control officers found six large polymer rolls and one smaller roll in subwoofer. Their combined weight was **6 kg**. The packages were sent for examination, which showed that the drugs inside were salt and **mephedrone**. <https://vestipk.ru/?id=62066>

**19.05.2025** Officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in Kaluga Region detained a local resident suspected of drug trafficking in the regional center. In the detainee's home, police seized **69.03 grams** of the psychotropic substance **amphetamine** packaged in plastic containers. <https://pressa40.ru/kaluzhskie-politseyskie-izyali-iz-nezakonnogo-oborota-okolo-70-grammov-narkotikov/>

**19.05.2025** Police officers of MVD of the Moscow region detained a 36-year-old resident of Pushkino suspected of drug trafficking. During a personal inspection and a search of the perpetrator's residence on 1 Serebryanskaya street police officers found and seized 365 drug rolls. Another 10 rolls, already placed by the woman in stash, were seized on the territory of the city district. According to results of analysis, it was found that the contents of the packages were **synthetic drugs** weighing more than **180 grams**. <https://regions.ru/pushkino/proisshestviya/politseyskie-zaderzhali-v-pushkino-zakladchitsu-s-365-svertkami-s-narkotikami>

**19.05.2025** Two residents of Vladikavkaz are suspected of attempting to sell narcotic drugs on a particularly large scale. During a search of the apartment rented by the criminals, police found about **2 kg of synthetic narcotic drugs** which the suspects planned to sell on the territory of the republic. As a result of further processing of operational information in the village of Arkhonskaya, police found and seized a large stash of narcotic drugs, which suspects were going to sell via dead drops. <https://www.ossetia.tv/2025/05/19/v-severnoi-osetii-presechen-nezakonnyi-sbyt-okolo-2-kg-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov/>

**20.05.2025** Officers of the regional FSB department in the Amur Region foiled an attempt to sell a large shipment of synthetic drugs. About **10 kg of synthetic drugs** worth more than 150 million rubles were seized. <https://ura.news/news/1052935750>

**20.05.2025** Police officers of UMVD of Russia for Odintsovo city district as a result of operative-search activities in the village of Mamonovo stopped a cab car with a 26-year-old passenger, a citizen of a neighboring country, suspected of drug trafficking. In the course of personal inspection in the bag of the criminal were found and seized 50 rolls with powdery substance. Also, during examination of the apartment in Vidnoye where he temporarily lived, were found another 105 rolls with similar contents, electronic scales, duct tape and magnets. During conversation with operatives the detainee reported about 8 dead drops with drugs, which he managed to place on the territory of the district. As a result of the visit to these places police seized 8 packages with substance. According to expert conclusion, part of the seized substance is a narcotic drug - **methadone** with a mass of more than **100 grams**. <https://odin.ru/news/?id=81152>

**20.05.2025** Police detained a 28-year-old woman and a 40-year-old man from Irkutsk with a large shipment of synthetic drugs in Ilansky district. According to police officers, the previously repeatedly convicted Irkutsk residents had with them three bundles with **33 grams** of the drug **carfentanil**. <https://gorodprima.ru/2025/05/20/v-krasnoyarskom-krae-zaderzhali-irkutyany-so-slonovim-trankvilizatorom/>

## TAJKISTAN

**19.05.2025** Officers of UMVD in Dushanbe detained two residents of Vakhdat - 49-year-old M. Menikulov and 37-year-old D. Naimov - for selling methamphetamine in large quantities. According to police, the two men were distributing methamphetamine in the capital. When they were arrested, police seized **275 grams** of the synthetic drug **methamphetamine**. <https://www.instagram.com/p/DJy4mHiI6WQ/>

## UZBEKISTAN

**13.05.2025** Officers of internal affairs bodies conducted a special operational activity as part of the preventive program "Safe and Healthy Country". During the event, the house of a man suspected of involvement in illicit trafficking of narcotic substances was checked in Altynkul district of Andijan province. During inspection of his house, they found **1926 bushes of opium poppy** on the garden plot. In addition, internal affairs officers found another **225 g of opium poppy** heads, which were stored in dried state. <https://upl.uz/incidents/51802-news.html>

**13.05.2025** Officers of internal affairs bodies, together with SGB officers, carried out special operational activities. During activities in Bektemir district, a car "Onix" was stopped and checked. When checking the car they discovered a black bag containing 81 bundles with narcotic substances, sold in the form of stones. It was found that in this way the criminals drove on the roads and scattered on the roadsides narcotic substances in bundles similar to stones. Also during examination of the rented place of residence of one of the perpetrators was found another 1114 drug deposits wrapped in duct tape of different colors, scales and various items necessary for packing narcotic substances. A total of almost **1.7 kg of narcotic substances** were seized from their possession. <https://upl.uz/incidents/51829-news.html>

**14.05.2025** Officers of internal affairs bodies carried out a special operational activity in the territory of Mirabad district. In the course of the event, a personal search was conducted of a citizen who had 3 bundles with narcotic substances in his backpack. According to conclusion of expert examination, they contained **2.07 g of narcotics**. In addition, inspection of his residence showed another **19.9 g** of similar narcotic substances. <https://upl.uz/incidents/51876-news.html>

**16.05.2025** Internal affairs officers stopped and checked a suspicious man in the Shaykhantakhur district of Tashkent. During inspection it was found that he had with him packages with narcotic substances, which he was distributing. The man's apartment was also inspected and drugs were found in it. A total of **330 g of narcotic substances** were detected and seized. <https://upl.uz/incidents/51914-news.html>

**19.05.2025** A major drug trafficking attempt was foiled on Uzbekistan's border with Tajikistan. Border Troops detained a 39-year-old citizen of Tajikistan who had illegally crossed state border. The man tried to pass unnoticed with an ordinary travel bag. However, when it was inspected, it contained **14.58 kg of hashish** neatly packed in 15 packages. The smuggled substance was seized. This was not the end of the special operation - operatives continued the operation in order to identify distribution channels and final recipient. In Bekabad district, a 56-year-old local resident who was supposed to receive this shipment of drugs was detained. Physical evidence confirming his involvement in the case was also found and seized. <https://vaib.uz/2025/05/19/grazhdanin-tadzhikistana-pytalsya-protashhit-v-sumke-cherez-graniczu-v-uzbekistan-bolee-14-kg-gashisha/>

**20.05.2025** A 33-year-old man was detained in Bekabad district, Tashkent region, trying to sell **9.47 kg of opium** smuggled from Tajikistan. According to preliminary investigation, the Tajik drug courier delivered drug to Surkhandarya region, where it was received and delivered to Tashkent region by a 30-year-old resident of Denau district. He was also detained. As part of a special operation in Kokand, a Lacetti car was also stopped in which a passenger born in 1967 was concealing **1.76 kg of hashish** on his body. A Zaporozhets car was detained in Fergana with **995 grams of hashish** in interior. <https://asiaplustj.info/ru/news/tajikistan/laworder/20250520/v-uzbekistane-izyali-bolee-26-kg-narkotikov-kontrabandno-vvezennih-iz-tadzhikistana>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### AUSTRALIA

**13.05.2025** More than **1 ton of cocaine** worth nearly half a billion dollars was seized from a boat off the coast of Australia. Detectives from the Organized Crime Unit in Australia charged five people after seizing drugs from a boat off the coast of New South Wales. The vessel was intercepted by Marine Area Command on Friday morning (9 May 2025) as it was returning to shore. Two men aged 24 and 26 were arrested and taken ashore. About 1110 blocks of cocaine weighing 1.04 tons were found on the vessel, police confirmed. <https://abcnews.go.com/International/ton-cocaine-worth-half-billion-dollars-seized-off/story?id=121739429>

### ALGERIA

**11.05.2025** During an operation to combat cross-border drug trafficking, operational units of the National Security successfully dismantled two organized criminal networks of eight individuals. Operations conducted last week resulted in the seizure of processed **cannabis** from Morocco totaling **279 kilograms**. The first operation was led by the anti-narcotics unit of the En Temouchen police department. The operation resulted in the seizure of 165 kilograms of cannabis that had been smuggled across the border from Morocco. The second operation, conducted by the Regional Anti-Narcotics Service in Tlemcen, resulted in the seizure of an additional 114 kilograms of Moroccan cannabis. <https://www.dzair-tube.dz/en/tlemcen-ain-temouchent-major-drug-trafficking-networks-dismantled-279-kg-of-moroccan-cannabis-seized/>

## BELARUS

**19.05.2025** A criminal group, which organized movement of **28 kg** of dangerous psychotropic substance **4-CMC** across border, was detained by operative customs officers and drug control units of Minsk region. A bag with a large shipment of the illegal substance 4-CMC was found in a forest belt near the customs post Molodechno. Expert examination confirmed that the substance was a dangerous psychotropic. The consignment of 4-CMC was intended for sale in Belarus and Russia by crushing it into small doses. <https://belta.by/regions/view/v-molodechno-nashli-sumku-s-28-kg-opasnogo-psihotropna-posobniki-narkodilerov-zaderzhany-715880-2025/>

## INDIA

**12.05.2025** A major drug syndicate was busted in Hyderabad with the seizure of **106 kg of marijuana**. Two persons were arrested and the main suspect, Rambabu, is still on the run. Drugs were brought to Hyderabad from Malkangiri and were meant to be distributed throughout the city. <https://www.thehansindia.com/news/cities/hyderabad/major-drug-seizure-in-hyderabad-106-kg-of-ganja-found-in-uppal-970454>

**16.05.2025** In a major operation, Punjab Police busted a cross-border drug smuggling module controlled by Pakistan-based ISI run by British drug trafficker Lalli by arresting its Indian operative and seizing **85 kg of heroin**. The arrested operative, identified as Amarjot Singh alias Jota Sandhu, was using his residence in Bhattewad village in Amritsar as the main stash house for the network. According to Attorney General Yadav, the accused Amarjot was working on behalf of his British drug courier Lalli and was receiving drug consignments from cross-border smugglers who used drones to transport the contraband. <https://yespunjab.com/punjab-police-seize-85-kg-heroin-term-it-biggest-seizure-this-year/>

**17.05.2025** In two separate anti-narcotics operations, Assam police seized large quantities of heroin and ganja in Golaghat and Kokrajhar districts. In Golaghat, police seized **513 grams of heroin** and arrested three persons. In another operation, Kokrajhar police seized **963 kilograms of marijuana**. <https://northeasttoday.in/2025/05/17/assam-police-conduct-major-drug-seizures-in-golaghat-and-kokrajhar/>

## INDONESIA

**17.05.2025** Indonesian navy intercepted a Thai-flagged vessel off the coast of Sumatra, seizing nearly 2 tons of drugs in one of the country's largest drug seizure operations. The vessel, carrying **1.2 tons of cocaine and 705 kilograms of methamphetamine**, was stopped after attempting to escape by turning off its lights in the Tanjung Balai Karimun area. Authorities arrested five crew members, including one Thai national and four Myanmar nationals. <https://www.bangkokpost.com/world/3027870/indonesia-seizes-thai-flagged-ship-with-record-drug-haul>

## ITALY

**11.05.2025** In recent days soldiers of the provincial command of Lecco have arrested a Moroccan citizen residing in Italy in possession of **24 kilograms of cocaine**, tools and

materials for packaging. <https://lamilano.it/en/lecco/maxi-drug-seizure-in-lecco-businessman-arrested-with-24-kg-of-cocaine/>

## MEXICO

**14.05.2025** On Monday, government said Operation Northern Border seized two drug warehouses in Sinaloa last weekend, confiscating **200 kilograms of methamphetamine and 20 kilograms of marijuana**, along with chemicals and other drug precursors. In other operations from 9 to 11 May, the SSPC seized nearly **116 kg of cocaine, 25 kg of marijuana and more than 3 kg of fentanyl**, and captured semi-automatic rifles, a dozen weapons, several magazines and ammunition. <https://mexiconewsdaily.com/news/operation-northern-border-drug-seizures/>

## USA

**15.05.2025** Arizona Department of Public Safety (AZDPS) police officers seized more than 900 pounds of illegal drugs in just one week. The seizures, which were made between 5 and 10 May 2025, included methamphetamine, cocaine, and fentanyl (**208 kg of cocaine, 171 kg of methamphetamine, 38 kg of fentanyl**). The first major seizure occurred on 5 May in southern Arizona, where police found 151 pounds of methamphetamine concealed in a flatbed trailer during a traffic stop. Later that day, a minivan in northern Arizona was found with 432 pounds of cocaine destined for Canada concealed in its compartment. On 8 May, nearly 150 pounds of methamphetamine and 60 pounds of suspected fentanyl pills were seized in various operations across the state. In the last major operation on 10 May in southern Arizona, 23 pounds of fentanyl pills, 28 pounds of cocaine and 76 pounds of methamphetamine were found in the trunk of a sedan. [https://www.kvoa.com/news/crime/major-drug-busts-in-arizona-over-900-pounds-seized-by-state-troopers/article\\_e8372872-2eef-4db3-bf6f-af02587313a7.html](https://www.kvoa.com/news/crime/major-drug-busts-in-arizona-over-900-pounds-seized-by-state-troopers/article_e8372872-2eef-4db3-bf6f-af02587313a7.html)

**15.05.2025** U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at the Port of Rio Grande seized methamphetamine totaling more than 1.7 million dollars. The seizure occurred on 13 May at the Rio Grande International Bridge when a CBP officer directed a 26-year-old Mexican national driving a Kia Sorrento for secondary inspection. After a canine and non-intrusive search system inspection, CBP officers discovered 83 bags containing a total of **87 kg of methamphetamine** concealed in the vehicle. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-more-17-million-methamphetamine-rio-grande-city>

## SWEDEN

**19.05.2025** Police in the Swedish city of Malmö found more than **250 kilograms of cocaine** during a robbery investigation - the shipment was one of the largest in the city's history. The incident took place on Saturday, 17 May, in the Kirseberg district. Law enforcers arrived at the call after an alarm went off while attempting to break into an apartment. During the search, police officers found more than 250 kg of cocaine. The seized drugs are estimated to have a market value of more than 23 million US dollars. <https://korrespondent.net/world/4782978-v-shvetsyy-vo-vremia-ohrableniya-obnaruzhyly-rekordnuui-partyui-kokayna>

## SOUTH KOREA

**14.05.2025** South Korean authorities seized **720 kg of cocaine** from a Maltese-flagged container ship docked at Busan New Port, the second major drug seizure operation in just over a month. The ship arrived on 10 May from South America. Acting on intelligence from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), customs officials discovered the drugs during an inspection of the container. Busan Regional Customs said the cargo had an estimated street value of 254 million US dollars. The vessel was detained and the crew questioned. <https://www.worldcargonews.com/shipping-logistics/2025/05/another-major-cocaine-seizure-at-south-korean-ports/?gdpr=accept>