

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

11.08.2025-20.08.2025

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In the period from 11 to 20 August 2025, based on information from media law enforcement agencies and security structures of CARICC member states seized **829.11 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 0.1 kg, opium – 29.46 kg, cannabis-based drugs – 695.98 kg, synthetic drugs – 103.21 kg, and potent substances – 0.36 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	0	0	0	0.1	0	0
Opium	3.2	0	0	0	0.01	26.25
Cocaine	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cannabis group drugs	160.93	235.75	0	193.16	0	106.14
Synthetic drugs	0.79	4.17	0	79.53	0.58	18.14
Potent substances	0.36	0	0	0	0	0
Total	165.28	239.92	0	272.79	0.59	150.53

During the same period, other countries seized **6 tons 733 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 50 kg, cocaine – 3 tons 54 kg, cannabis-type drugs – 1 ton 128 kg, synthetic drugs – 1 ton 883 kg, and potent substances – 618 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN

11.08.2025 A man who grew cannabis in a special tunnel on the banks of the Kura River was detained. Farrukh Imanov, who had previously been convicted, was detained for cultivating narcotic plants in the area of the village of Mughan Ganjali. Law enforcement officers discovered and seized **53 cannabis plants** and more than **8 kg of marijuana**. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/zaderzhan-muzhchina-vyrashivavshij-konoplyu-v-specialnom-tunnele-na-beregu-reaki-kura>

11.08.2025 A man was detained in the Garadagh district for drug trafficking recruited by an Iranian citizen via Instagram. **16.15 kg of marijuana** was seized from 33-year-old Mirza Mirzoev. According to the detainee, he purchased drugs for the purpose of sale. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/zaderzhan-muzhchina-privlechennyj-grazhdaninom-irana-k-narkokurerstvu>

13.08.2025 In the Khatai and Binagadi districts of Baku law enforcement agencies seized a large shipment of narcotics weighing a total of 15 kg. Officers from the Directorate General for Combating Drugs carried out a successful operation, resulting in the arrest of two 29-year-old citizens with previous convictions, Roial Mammadov and Javad Mammadov. During a search of the detainees' apartment and car, **15.46 kg of marijuana** with harmful substances added, electronic scales used for packaging and selling drugs, were found. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-baku-v-hode-specoperacii-izyali-bolee-15-kg-narkotikov>

15.08.2025 During an operation carried out by officers from the Yasamal District Police Department, 31-year-old Yusif Aliyev, who had previous convictions, and his 33-year-old brother Ilkin Aliyev were detained. During a search of their car and apartments they found over **6 kg of marijuana**. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-baku-arestovany-bratya-podozrevaemye-v-narkokurerstve>

15.08.2025 Tunnels used for growing cannabis were discovered in the Saatli district. During inspection, **71 cannabis plants** grown in accordance with special agricultural rules were found and seized in various locations. R. Aliverdiev stated that he used four specially prepared tunnels to care for the plants. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-saatlinskom-rajone-obnaruzheny-tunneli-ispolzuemye-dlya-vyrashivaniya-konopli>

16.08.2025 In the area of responsibility of the Lankaran border guard detachment of the Border Troops of the State Border Service, an attempt to violate the state border from the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the direction of the Republic of Azerbaijan was prevented. As a result of border search and operational activities carried out in the service area, **narcotics** with a total weight of **12.27 kg** were found and seized, as well as **1970 tablets of methadone "M-40"** with narcotic content. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/predotvrashen-vvoz-krupnoj-partii-narkotikov-iz-irana-v-azerbajdzhan>

18.08.2025 As a result of comprehensive operational search and customs control measures, officers of the Astara Customs Administration once again discovered and seized a large shipment of marijuana. At the Astara customs post, a vehicle transporting a shipment of lettuce from the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Russian Federation in transit through our country was inspected. During the inspection, with the help of a service dog from the canine service, 34 packages of **marijuana**, weighing a total of **30.6 kg**, were found hidden from customs control in the bottom of salad boxes on one of the pallets. <https://oxu.az/ru/obshestvo/azerbajdzhanskie-tamozhenniki-presekli-kontrabandu-narkotikov-iz-irana-v-rossiyu>

18.08.2025 Law enforcement agencies in the Yasamal district of Baku conducted a series of operations, resulting in the seizure of approximately 27 kg of narcotic substances. The operations were carried out over several days. The largest shipment of illegal substances was found in the possession of 64-year-old Ilham Guliyev, who had previously been convicted of a criminal offense, and his 33-year-old accomplice, Ilkin Bagiyev. During a search, **11.47 kg of marijuana**, divided into 18 separate packages, was seized from them. Another detainee was 36-year-old Rizvan Abiev, who also has a criminal record. Law enforcement officers confiscated **5.38 kg of marijuana and 3.2 kg of opium** from him.

<https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/policiya-v-baku-izyala-iz-nezakonnogo-oborota-okolo-27-kg-narkotikov>

19.08.2025 In the Binagadi district of Baku and the Yardymli district, a total of more than 18 kg of drugs were found and four people were arrested. As a result of the operations, members of an organized group with previous convictions, Malik Rasulov, Shahin Huseynzade, Aykhan Rustamzade, and Suraj Mammadli, were detained. In their apartment and car, **18.5 kg of marijuana** with impurities and **1435 tablets** of the potent drug **gabapentin**, recently imported into the country, were found.
<https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/mvd-provelo-operaciyu-chetyre-cheloveka-arestovany>

KAZAKHSTAN

12.08.2025 As part of Operation Karasora-2025, officers from the regional police department's anti-drug crime unit, coordinated by the prosecutor's office, carried out measures to detect and combat illicit drug trafficking. A search was conducted in a garage of a private house in the village of Kengir, near Zhezkazgan. Police found six bags and one package of dried **marijuana**. Total weight of drugs seized was **103 kg**. A large shipment of drugs, a Vepr hunting rifle with 32 rounds of ammunition, and electronic scales were found in the garage. A cannabis plant was found and seized on the property.
<https://polisia.kz/ru/103-kg-marihuany-ulov-politsii-v-oblasti-ulytau/>

13.08.2025 Drugs worth 40 million tenge were seized from a taxi driver-drug dealer in the Akmola region. The 32-year-old resident of capital had been working as a private taxi driver and drug dealer for several months, but was detained with a large shipment of synthetic drugs. Police detained the dealer in Arshaly district. During the arrest, officers from the department for combating drug crime found **2.2 kg of mephedrone** in the car.
<https://www.inform.kz/ru/narkotiki-na-40mln-tenge-izyali-utaksista-zakladchika-vakmolinskoy-oblasti-5e5ec2>

14.08.2025 As part of the Karasora operational and preventive measure, officers from the East Kazakhstan Regional Police Department's Office for Combating Drug Crime, together with colleagues from the Abai region, detained a 40-year-old resident of a neighboring region. During a sanctioned search of his residence, as well as adjacent areas and outbuildings, narcotics were seized: dried **marijuana**, **hashish**, and a substance containing the psychoactive component of cannabis. Total weight of the seized drugs was more than **8 kg**.
<https://polisia.kz/ru/politsiya-presekla-krupnyj-kanal-rasprostraneniya-narkotikov-v-vko/>

15.08.2025 Police in Uralsk foiled a major synthetic drug distribution channel. As part of the "Karasora-2025" operational and preventive measure, officers from the Department for Combating Drug Crime detained two girls born in 1999 who were suspected of distributing illegal substances using the "dead drop" method. During a personal search, 30 packages of powdery substance wrapped in electrical tape were seized from them. Later, during a search of a rented apartment, another 125 packages with similar contents were found, as well as five containers with white and red powder, one container with a dark gray rock-like substance, electronic scales, ZIP bags, and electrical tape. According to expert report, the following was seized: **817 g of alpha-PVP**, **782 g of mephedrone**, and **192 g of**

hashish. Total weight was 1 kg 599 g, equivalent to approximately 15 000 single doses. <https://polisia.kz/ru/15-tsyach-doz-sintetiki-iz-yato-v-zko/>

17.08.2025 As part of the “Karasora-2025” operational and preventive measure, officers from the Almaty Region Department for Combating Drug Crime, together with DKNB, conducted a special operation in the Enbekshikazakh district. As a result, a 36-year-old local resident was detained. During a search of a 4.5-hectare farm, police discovered a drug plantation: 233 **cannabis** plants were growing among corn crops. In addition, 58 test tubes containing marijuana seeds were recovered from a hut. According to police, the seized plants were sent for forensic chemical analysis. It was found that their total weight exceeded **49 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/50-kg-konopli-obnaruzhili-sredi-kukuruzy-v-almatinskoj-oblasti/>

18.08.2025 During Operation Karasora-2025, operatives from the Kyzylorda Region Police Department's Office for Combating Drug Crime discovered a large drug plantation in the village of Besaryk in the Syrdarya District. A total of 1156 **drug-containing plants** were seized, weighing approximately **58 kg**. In addition, police officers found **1.61 kg of dried marijuana** at the scene. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-likvidirovali-krupnyj-narkoposev-v-kyzylordinskoj-oblasti/>

18.08.2025 During the Karasora-2025 operational and preventive measures, officers from the Zhetysu Regional Police Department's Office for Combating Drug Crime, in cooperation with the regional Prosecutor's Office, detained a 28-year-old resident of Almaty who was attempting to transport a large shipment of drugs by taxi. The operational search measures were carried out using a controlled delivery method along the Almaty-Taldykorgan route, on the Almaty-Ust-Kamenogorsk highway. During an inspection of a Lexus 350 driven by a taxi driver, a white bag was found in the luggage compartment. Inside was a black plastic bag wrapped in tape containing a green powdery herbal substance. The seized substance proved to be **5.95 kg of hashish**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsiya-presekla-popytku-perevozki-krupnoj-partii-gashisha/>

19.08.2025 In Almaty, during the preventive operation “Karasora-2025,” police officers detained a suspect in illegal possession of psychotropic substances. During a search of vehicle, 46 packets of powdery substance were found and seized. According to results of examination, the seized substance is **mephedrone** with a total weight of more than **369 g**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/krupnyyu-partiyu-psihotropov-obnaruzhili-u-almatintsa-v-mashine/>

20.08.2025 Officers from the Karaganda Region Police Department's Office for Combating Drug Crime struck another blow to drug trafficking. As part of the “Karasora-2025” operational and preventive measures, a 30-year-old man involved in distributing drugs through a network of dead drops was detained. The perpetrator was caught red-handed while stashing shipments of illegal substances. During a personal search, 30 packets of **hashish** were seized from him. During a search of the detainee's rented apartment, police discovered a complete warehouse. There were about **7 kg** of a powdery substance with a pungent odor, packaged in plastic containers. Electronic scales, packaging materials, and other devices used to prepare drugs for sale were also confiscated. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-nakryli-narkobiznes-v-karagande-zaderzhan-sbytchik/>

20.08.2025 In the southern capital, police, together with KNB RK, conducts operational and preventive measures "Karasora." During this OPM, they discovered a guest of the republic who flew in from Phuket airport with suspicious luggage contents. An examination showed that the six bags contained over **3 kg** of dried **marijuana**. According to the 42-year-old foreigner, he was unaware of contents and had only agreed to deliver the package, which he had received in Bangkok from people he did not know, in exchange for a reward. <https://ustinka.kz/kazakhstan/112525.html>

RUSSIA

11.08.2025 A car carrying three elderly residents of Bryansk suspected of drug trafficking was stopped by traffic police officers on a highway in the Bryansk region. Frightened by the police, the young men threw a bag containing illegal substances out of the car. During an inspection of the scene, officers from the Drug Control Department of UMVD Russia in the Bryansk region found a package containing **80 grams of marijuana** near the suspects' car. In addition, during a personal search of the 27-year-old dealer's underwear, law enforcement officers seized **120 grams of mephedrone** prepared for sale. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/68508699>

12.08.2025 In the Tyumen region, a traffic police crew on duty in the evening on the Chelyabinsk-Kurgan-Omsk administrative road stopped a Renault Logan car to check documents. During conversation with the police, he became noticeably nervous. In the presence of witnesses, police officers found four packages containing **N-methylephedrone** with a total weight of more than **3 kg** in the trunk under the spare tire, which was later confirmed by analysis. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/68543664>

12.08.2025 During operational search activities, officers of the Drug Control Department of MVD in the Republic of Bashkortostan detained a 45-year-old woman from Ufa on suspicion of selling narcotics. During a personal search and inspection of her apartment, police found about 100 ready-made dead drops containing a powdery substance. An examination showed that it was **a-PVP** ("speed") with a total weight of more than **75 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/68538965>

14.08.2025 During the course of operational search activities, officers from the Drug Control Department of MVD in the Kabardino-Balkarian Republic detained a 26-year-old native of a neighboring country after receiving a parcel from a bus. During a personal search of the young man, operatives discovered and seized a plastic bag containing 245 packages wrapped in blue tape with a powdery substance inside. Analysis showed that the seized substance was **heroin** with a total weight of **99 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/68654668>

14.08.2025 An attempt to transport a large shipment of narcotics was thwarted in the Rostov region by officers from the Drug Control Department of GU MVD of Russia in the Rostov region. On the M4 Don highway near the village of Samara, operatives detained a 34-year-old resident of Sevastopol who, according to preliminary data, was working as an interregional drug courier, transporting prohibited substances along the route Moscow - Voronezh - Rostov-on-Don - Sevastopol. The police's attention was drawn to a car in whose luggage compartment, in a specially equipped hiding place, they found two plastic bags containing a powdery substance with a total weight of about 2 kilograms. Expert analysis

showed that the substances in the plastic bags contained **a-PVP**, with a total weight of **1950 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/68653011>

14.08.2025 Officers of UNK GU MVD Russia in the Moscow Region and OMVD Russia "Istrinsky" detained a 38-year-old Moscow resident suspected of illegal drug trafficking. As a result of operational search measures, police established that the perpetrator had set up a drug laboratory in a private house in the village of Ivanovskoye, Istra. During a search of the premises, operatives found a plastic tray with a powdery substance, three glass containers with a crystalline substance weighing a total of about **3 kilograms**, along with chemicals, glass flasks, scales, and protective equipment. According to expert conclusion, the seized powder weighing more than one kilogram contains **mephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/68627726>

15.08.2025 Officers on duty at Norilsk Airport received a report from airport security personnel about a suspicious visitor. A transport police patrol detained the citizen on the Alykel-Norilsk highway. During a personal search, a package containing a powdery substance was found on the 18-year-old Moscow resident. According to experts, it contained **mephedrone**. Subsequently, operatives from the Taimyr Linear Department of MVD of Russia discovered two stashes equipped by the detainee with large quantities of similar prohibited substance. Total weight of mephedrone seized exceeded **200 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/68670177>

15.08.2025 During the course of operational activities, officers from the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in Khabarovsk detained a 57-year-old unemployed resident of the Zheleznodorozhny district who was illegally growing cannabis on his personal plot of land. Operatives discovered cannabis plants in a greenhouse among vegetables, as well as in the garden. As a result, police officers seized **491 cannabis plants**, over **160 grams of dried marijuana**, and a metal cup with traces of narcotics from the cottage. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/68669214>

19.08.2025 Officers from the patrol and post service of the Department of MVD of Russia in the city of Ufa detained a 30-year-old native of the Alsheevsky district on suspicion of illegal possession of narcotics. When questioned by law enforcement officers about prohibited substances, the detainee pointed to caches skillfully arranged in the forest wilderness. Expert analysis showed that the seized substance was a synthetic drug. During a search of the suspect's apartment, operatives found additional supplies of the deadly potion. A total of more than **1.2 kg of synthetic drugs** were seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/68814652>

19.08.2025 Officers of GUNK MVD of Russia, together with their colleagues from Moscow, detained two local residents. They are suspected of illicit trafficking in plant-based narcotic drugs. As a result of operational search measures, police identified suspects' illegal activities and detained them. During a search of the premises, they found **142 potted plants** and two bags of plant-based substances. During a search of another house located in the Moscow region, another **9 cannabis plants** were confiscated. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/68819865>

20.08.2025 Officers of the Directorate General for Drug Control of MVD of Russia, together with the OMVD of Russia in Solnechnogorsk, detained a 30-year-old resident of Krasnodar Krai suspected of attempting to sell more than 40 kilograms of drugs. As a result of

operational search measures, police officers identified and dismantled a drug laboratory and detained organizer. During a search of the house, operatives found various containers with an unknown substance, canisters with chemical liquids with a total volume of more than 400 liters, electronic scales, laboratory glassware, mixing and packaging equipment, as well as personal protective equipment. According to expert analysis, the seized substance is a derivative of **N-methylephedrone** with a total weight of more than **40 kilograms**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/68887231>

20.08.2025 At the 124 km mark of the Kurgan-Tyumen highway, a crew of traffic police officers of UMVD Russia in the Tyumen region stopped a Nissan car during their daytime shift to check documents. The traffic police officers suspected that the man might be transporting prohibited substances and decided to search the foreign-made car. In the presence of witnesses, police officers found a shovel in the trunk, as well as nine packages with powdery substance, which was identified as the drug **ephedrone** with a total weight of about **2 kg**, later confirmed by expert examination. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/68879077>

20.08.2025 Officers from the Drug Control Department of UMVD Russia in the Pskov Region dismantled a drug laboratory producing synthetic drugs in the Plyussky district. Illegal production of prohibited substances was organized by two brothers from St. Petersburg. In a residential building and the surrounding area, the men were producing mephedrone for subsequent illegal sale in the Russian Federation. Police officers detained them at the scene of crime. During investigation, it was found that the liquid contained the narcotic drug **mephedrone**, with a dry residue weight of **27.71 kilograms**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/68867457>

20.08.2025 According to operational information from the Drug Control Department of UMVD Russia in the Bryansk region, two previously convicted residents of Bryansk were detained. The suspects' car was stopped by traffic police officers in the Fokinsky district. During a personal search of the woman's underwear, police officers seized a package prepared for further sale. According to results of examination conducted by employees of the Expert-Criminalistics Center of the UMVD, it was discovered that these were **synthetic drugs** weighing about **50 grams**. In addition, using coordinates of dead drops that the drug dealers had already made, police found four more plastic packages with illegal substances. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/68874399>

20.08.2025 Drug control officers in Voronezh detained a 26-year-old local resident suspected of transporting and preparing to sell illegal substances. The operation took place on Nezavisimosti street in the regional center. Under the dashboard of a Mazda car, operatives found three bags containing **314 grams of hashish** and **216 grams** of the synthetic substance **clephedrone**. Total weight of the seized drugs exceeded half a kilogram. <https://novostivoronezha.ru/2025/08/20/325594>

TAJIKISTAN

18.08.2025 State Committee for National Security (GKNB) officials in Sughd Province reported that during a search of the home of teenager M.I., a resident of the Haidar Usmon jamoat, **505 grams** of the synthetic drug **methamphetamine** were found and seized. During investigation, it was found that the 505 grams of seized substance belonged to the

teenager's uncle, Isroiljon Makhkamov, nicknamed Kori, and that the schoolboy acted as an intermediary. Two other suspects in the case, Naimjon Kurbonov and Nasimjon Boltubaev, were also involved in the sale of drugs.

According to law enforcement officials, when Kurbonov was detained, **58 capsules of a psychotropic substance, 17 grams of methamphetamine crystals, 212 units of methamphetamine, and 7 grams of opium**, which he had received from Makhkamov, were found and seized in his clothing pockets and in a storage room in his home. <https://asiaplustj.info/tj/node/351906>

UZBEKISTAN

16.08.2025 Law enforcement officers conducted a special operation in the Yangikhayot district of Tashkent. During the operation, three men were searched and their homes were inspected. Various narcotic substances in particularly large amounts were found on their persons and in their homes. A total of **4.55 kg of narcotic substances** were seized from them. <https://upl.uz/incidents/54959-news.html>

18.08.2025 A special operation was carried out by law enforcement officers in conjunction with SGB employees. During the operation, the home of a 42-year-old resident of the Pstdargom district of the Samarkand region was searched. The inspection found that the perpetrator had been growing **112 cannabis plants** on 20 square meters of her garden plot. <https://upl.uz/incidents/55009-news.html>

20.08.2025 SGB officers, together with officers from other law enforcement agencies, carried out a series of operational activities in Uzbekistan. In particular, two citizens born in 2005 and 2006 were detained in the Uzun district of the Surkhandarya region for smuggling drugs from Tajikistan. A total of **20.37 kg of opium and 41.67 kg of hashish** were found and seized. In addition, based on their testimony, their criminal accomplice, born in 2004, was detained, as well as the recipient of narcotic substances, a resident of the Denau district, born in 2000. <https://upl.uz/incidents/55067-news.html>

20.08.2025 SGB officers, together with officers from other law enforcement agencies, carried out a series of operational measures in Uzbekistan. In the Tashkent region, a resident of the Tashlak district of the Fergana region, born in 1991, was detained while entering our country from Kazakhstan. During an additional check, it was found that he was trying to smuggle **7.9 kg** of the synthetic drug "**Mephedrone**," concealing it inside a marble tile. It was found that the perpetrator was transporting this marble tile from Moscow, having received an order from an unknown person via a Telegram bot. It is reported that the recipient of the order was a resident of the Bekabad district, born in 1985, who was also detained upon receiving narcotic substances in the Urtchirchik district. <https://upl.uz/incidents/55067-news.html>

20.08.2025 SGB officers, together with officers from other law enforcement agencies, carried out a series of operational measures in Uzbekistan. In the Fergana region, a pensioner from the city of Kokand, born in 1964, was detained, as well as her son, born in 1993, who had previously been prosecuted for involvement in illegal trafficking of narcotic substances. They managed to identify and seize **5.88 kg of opium and 3.92 kg of hashish**. During

investigation, it was found that these drugs had been brought in from Afghanistan through the Surkhandarya region. <https://upl.uz/incidents/55067-news.html>

20.08.2025 Based on operational information received, law enforcement officers in the Bukhara region discovered a drug laboratory in the Namangan region. It was discovered that three residents of the Yangikurgan district were producing synthetic drugs in a teahouse located on Namangan street. A total of **7.14 kg of mephedrone** was found and seized in their drug laboratory. In addition, another **3 liters of liquid mephedrone** and more than **100 g of solid mephedrone** were found in possession of a resident of the Vodyi mahalla in the same district, who was organizer of this criminal group. <https://upl.uz/incidents/55083-news.html>

OTHER COUNTRIES

GREECE

17.08.2025 At Eleftherios Venizelos Airport in Athens, customs officials seized **500 kg** of the narcotic substance **khat**, concealed in four containers of fabric. This is the largest shipment in recent years, with an estimated value of 1.5 million euros. Khat, also known as “natural cocaine,” is a psychotropic substance that causes addiction. It is obtained from the *Catha edulis* plant, which grows in Somalia, in the south of the Arabian Peninsula, and along the east coast of Africa. The banned substance was hidden in four containers. In customs documents, the cargo was declared as a shipment of curtains, sheets, and fabrics. It was transiting through Greece from Israel and was destined for delivery to the United States of America. A spot check by inspectors from the Athens Airport Customs Anti-Smuggling Department at a temporary storage warehouse detected hidden packages containing dried khat leaves. Total weight of the seized substance amounted to half a ton. <https://ru.euronews.com/2025/08/17/greek-police-stops-catha-traffic>

VIETNAM

16.08.2025 On 15 August, border guards detained two individuals in the Hai Van district of Da Nang for illegal drug trafficking. The seized evidence included 295.5 kg of various drugs (including **50 kg of heroin**, **80 kg of ketamine**, and **180 packages of methamphetamine**), two vehicles, as well as related evidence and documents. <https://www.vietnam.vn/ru/luc-luong-bien-phong-bat-giu-2-doi-tuong-van-chuyen-gan-300-kg-ma-tuy>

INDIA

18.08.2025 On Sunday morning, Sangareddy police seized **128 kg of dry ganja** being transported by a gang at the Pati junction, within the BDL-Bhanur police station area. Four dealers were arrested and two vehicles were confiscated. <https://telanganatoday.com/128-kg-of-ganja-seized-in-sangareddy-four-arrested-in-major-drug-bust>

SPAIN

13.08.2025 During a major security operation, Spanish authorities announced on Wednesday that they had seized a large shipment of cocaine weighing 3 tons from a ship off the coast of the Canary Islands. The interception of the Sky White was the result of active international cooperation, in which the Moroccan authorities played a decisive role. Joint forces succeeded in foiling an attempt to smuggle approximately **3000 kilograms of cocaine** destined for the European market. The operation was carried out by the Spanish Guardia Civil and Customs Surveillance Service, resulting in the arrest of five people on board the ship, which was flying the flag of Cameroon. <https://fesnews.media/310557/2025/08/13/>

USA

11.08.2025 The Cincinnati FBI and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office task force seized **38 kilograms of fentanyl**, other drugs, weapons, and cash from a large drug trafficking organization. No additional information about the arrest and circumstances leading up to it has been released. <https://www.wlwt.com/article/fbi-intercepts-84-pounds-of-fentanyl-in-massive-drug-bust/65648807>

11.08.2025 The South Dakota Highway Patrol made the largest methamphetamine seizure in history, discovering **94 kg** of crystal **methamphetamine** during a recent traffic stop, according to Republican Governor Larry Rhoden, who said in a statement Monday that the subject is not a U.S. citizen and "is currently in immigration proceedings." Estimated street value of drugs is 12 million dollars, the press release said. <https://southdakotasearchlight.com/briefs/south-dakota-highway-patrol-makes-record-meth-seizure-governor-says/>

14.08.2025 A routine traffic stop on Interstate 15 northeast of Las Vegas turned into one of the region's most significant drug seizures this week when Mesquite police discovered more than **30 kg of methamphetamine** worth 400 000 dollars during a traffic stop on Tuesday. <https://hoodline.com/2025/08/mesquite-police-seize-68-pounds-of-meth-worth-400k-on-i-15/>

19.08.2025 The Harrison County Sheriff's Office announced several arrests this week following two major drug seizures during traffic stops on Interstate 10, resulting in confiscation of more than **54 kg of cocaine** and the filing of felony drug charges against four suspects. <https://www.wvltv.com/article/news/local/gulfport-traffic-stop-cocaine-seizure-august-2025-arrests/289-c6afaf82-66db-41a2-8546-f81ca3f06cae>

THAILAND

17.08.2025 A major drug bust in Thailand resulted in the seizure of **900 kg** of crystal **methamphetamine** worth 135 million baht, which had been transported from central Thailand to Narathiwat. In addition, police confiscated related assets worth 20 million baht. <https://thethaiger.com/news/south/thailands-major-drug-bust-seizes-900-kg-of-crystal-meth>

18.08.2025 Anti-narcotics officers tracked down and stopped two suspects as they attempted to transport 1.6 million methamphetamine tablets from the Tham Luang Khun Nam Nang Non area to the city of Chiang Rai. One suspect rode ahead on a motorcycle to check the route, while the other followed in a pickup truck loaded with eight bags of drugs. During a search of the pickup truck, eight bags of rice were found in the back seat. Each bag contained about 200 000 tablets, for a total of about **1 600 000 methamphetamine tablets**. <https://www.chiangraitimes.com/crime/chiang-rai-police-seize-1-6-million-meth-pills/>

UKRAINE

20.08.2025 National Police of Ukraine dismantled a drug gang involved in the manufacture and sale of amphetamine and mephedrone throughout the country. The suspects' premises were searched and psychotropic substances sufficient for 8 million doses of drugs were seized. With the support of special police forces from GUNPin the Cherkasy region, police conducted searches of the suspects' homes and places of residence. As a result, they discovered and seized more than 10 400 liters of precursors, which could have been used to produce 2 000 kg of mephedrone. In addition, 250 kg of the precursor phenylnitropropene were seized, which is equivalent to **250 kg** of the psychotropic substance **amphetamine**, as well as **29 kg of mephedrone**, laboratory equipment, mobile phones, and "draft records," according to a report by the National Police. <https://www.obozrevatel.com/rozsliduvannya/shema-na-2-mlrd-grn-v-ukraine-razoblachili-narkogruppirovku-kotoraya-planirovala-sbyit-8-mln-doz-narkotikov-foto.htm>

JAPAN

15.08.2025 Japanese authorities seized approximately **1 ton** of dried **cannabis** smuggled into Japan on a ship from Vietnam—the largest seizure in history—worth about 5.2 billion yen (35.2 million dollars). This is the largest amount of illegal drugs seized in Japan in a single operation. The Kanto and Shinetsu Regional Bureaus of the Ministry of Health's Narcotics Control reported that a 51-year-old Vietnamese woman living in Chikusei, Ibaraki Prefecture, and two others were arrested for violating the Narcotics Control Law. The vessel in question left the port of Da Nang in Vietnam in May and arrived at the pier in Tokyo in June. When Tokyo Customs inspected the cargo, dried marijuana was found in 200 cardboard boxes. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2025/08/15/japan/crime-legal/cannabis-smuggling-vietnam/>