

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

21.03.2025-31.03.2025

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In the period from 21 to 31 March 2025, based on information from mass media law enforcement agencies and security structures of CARICC member states seized **460.29 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 29.18 kg, opium - 86.48 kg, cocaine - 0.7 kg, cannabis group drugs - 104.23 kg, synthetic drugs - 154.33 kg, and potent substances - 85.37 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	13.63	0	0	0.55	15	0
Opium	4	0	0	0	0	82.48
Cocaine	0	0.7	0	0	0	0
Cannabis group drugs	41.98	40.83	3.08	12.79	0	5.55
Synthetic drugs	16.42	79	4.8	36.76	0	17.35
Potent substances	0	0	0	80	0	5.37
Total	76.03	120.53	7.88	130.1	15	110.75

During the same period, other countries seized **16 tons 10 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: cocaine - 10 tons 113 kg, cannabis-group drugs - 3 tons 219 kg, synthetic drugs - 1 ton 266 kg and potent substances - 1 ton 412 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN

21.03.2025 As a result of operational activities carried out by officers of Barda district police department, Sarvan Magerramov, previously convicted, was detained. It is reported that **4 kg of marijuana** was found and seized. In his testimony he stated that he intended to organize sale of drugs smuggled from Iran. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-bardinskom-rajone-obnaruzheny-narkotiki-vvezennye-iz-irana>

23.03.2025 Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Penitentiary Service of the Ministry of Justice conducted a joint operation and seized narcotic substances. As a result of operative-search activities, **528 g of heroin, 31 g of marijuana and 317 g of methamphetamine** were found and seized from Dilaver Agayev at the address: Baku, Sabunchu district, Mashtaga settlement, 210 M. Shafai Street. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/u-zhitelya-baku-izyali-geroin-marihuani-i-metamfetamin>

24.03.2025 Persons attempting to pick up drugs dropped from Iranian territory by means of an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) were detained. Thanks to vigilance of border guard unit, two unknown persons driving a car near the border line were spotted in the service territory of the "Lankaran" border detachment of the SBS Border Troops Command. As a result of the measures taken, movement of the vehicle was restricted and residents of Saray settlement of Absheron region Ilgar Gurbanov (born in 2000) and Nemat Magerramov (born in 1985) were detained as suspects. During inspection of the vehicle, they found and seized a total of **6.35 kg of marijuana**. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/zaderzhany-lica-pytavshiesya-zabrat-sbroshennye-s-territorii-irana-pri-pomoshi-bpla-narkotiki>

25.03.2025 A man suspected of illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs was detained in Nasimi district of Baku. During personal search about **13 kg of marijuana and hashish** enriched with psychotropic substances were seized from 48-year-old previously convicted Jeyhun Kuhi. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-baku-zaderzhan-podozrevaemyj-v-nezakonnom-oborote-narkotikov>

28.03.2025 Suspected drug traffickers were detained in the Yasamal district of Baku. Officers of district police department detained J.Huseynali, and found and seized more than **1 kg of heroin, marijuana, methamphetamine and 500 g of opium**. During another operation conducted by officers of the 27th branch of RUP, G. Abbasov, suspected of drug trafficking on the territory of the district, was detained. More than **1 kg of heroin, marijuana, methamphetamine and 500 g of opium** were also found and seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-yasamale-zaderzhany-dva-cheloveka-s-3-kg-narkotikov>

30.03.2025 Drug couriers Rovshan Aliyev and Valeh Valehov were detained as a result of operative measures carried out by officers of Gazakh district police department. According to information, about **2 kg of marijuana, methamphetamine and heroin** were seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-gazahskom-rajone-zaderzhany-narkokurery>

30.03.2025 Officers of Bilasuvar District Police Department detained 38-year-old Eldar Mammadov, who was engaged in illicit trafficking of narcotic substances. In the course of operational activities, they seized **11 kg of marijuana, opium, methamphetamine** and a night vision device. <https://media.az/society/v-bilyasuvare-izyato-ognestrelnoe-oruzhie-i-svyshe-10-kg-narkotikov>

31.03.2025 Police officers carried out an operation to catch members of a transnational organized criminal group involved in smuggling drugs from Iran to Azerbaijan. Officers of Yardimli District Police Department detained 26-year-old Hadi Fasihi and 29-year-old Rzu Atai. **Marijuana** enriched with psychotropic substances, **heroin and methamphetamine** with a total weight of **36 kg** were found in their possession. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/geroinovyj-put-iz-irana-v-azerbajdzhan-perekryt-prestupniki-zaderzhany-s-polichnym>

KAZAKHSTAN

26.03.2025 As a result of operative-search measures, officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Turkestan Region Police Department stopped a case of illegal possession of narcotic drugs. In Ordabasy district police officers stopped a Lada Granta car

driven by a previously convicted resident of Shymkent. During inspection of the car operatives found a bag with narcotic substance of herbal origin. Total weight of the seizure amounted to more than **1 kg of poppy straw** (koknar). <https://polisia.kz/ru/ranee-sudimogo-shymkenttsa-zaderzhali-s-meshkom-narkotikov/>

27.03.2025 Officers of anti-drug crime units in Shymkent detained a 25-year-old man who was searched and found to be in possession of about one kilogram of narcotic substances. During the search, they seized prohibited substances, as well as all the necessary accessories for packaging and packing drugs. The suspect was detained as a result of operational measures aimed at combating distribution of **synthetic drugs**. Total weight of seized substances amounted to about **1 kg**. Law enforcement agencies also found equipment for packaging drugs. https://el.kz/ru/v-shymkente-zaderzhan-narkokurer-s-kilogrammom-narkotikov_400017952/

28.03.2025 Drugs in a particularly large amount were seized from a villager in East Kazakhstan region. Police officers under coordination of the regional prosecutor's office detected a case of illegal possession of narcotic substances by a resident of a village in the region. During immediate search in his house and outbuildings were found items used for processing psychotropic substances, as well as seven packages with substance of herbal origin. In addition, a blue-colored polymer tank with similar contents was found. According to expert conclusion, the seized substance was dried **marijuana** with a total weight of over **4.8 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/narkotiki-v-osobo-krupnom-razmere-iz-yali-u-sel-chanina-vko/>

28.03.2025 Officers of Institution No. 18 in East Kazakhstan region together with National Guard officers prevented an attempt to transfer prohibited items to the territory of the colony. At night, a 28-year-old man was detained on the adjacent territory of institution, who tried to transfer more than 10 packages. During personal search, they found 12 rolls with a green-colored substance of herbal origin. According to results of the examination, the substance is a drug - dried **marijuana** with a total weight of about **2 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/pochti-2-kg-marihuany-pytalis-dostavit-osuzhdennym-v-vko/>

28.03.2025 As part of operational and investigative measures, officers of the criminal police department of Yesil district stopped illegal drug trafficking. Police officers stopped a local resident to check his documents during an OPM "Law and Order". During a personal search of the criminal in the left pocket of his jacket they found 50 rolls (**25 g** - CARICC comment) with doses of narcotic substances. Expert analysis determined that it was **hashish**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/gashish-rasprostranyal-astanchanin-muzhchinu-zaderzhali/>

29.03.2025 Major arrests were made in several cities and regions of Kazakhstan over the past week. In Almaty, a 26-year-old man was detained while transporting **2.5 kg of mephedrone, 50 g of cocaine and 30 g of synthetic "ecstasy"** in his car. Two citizens were also detained while transporting almost **1 kg of mephedrone and 20 g of cocaine** in their car. A 27-year-old man was detained in the Abay region for attempting to smuggle **2 kg of hashish** packaged in six packages into a correctional facility. In Astana, a 27-year-old detainee kept more than **10 kg of hashish and 265 g of marijuana** in his refrigerator. He purchased it through Telegram channels. As a result, 29 people were taken to isolation cells during the week, more than 110 kg of drugs were seized, including more than 78 kg of

synthetics, 9 kg of hashish, 22 kg of marijuana and 68 g of cocaine. <https://polisia.kz/ru/mvd-iz-yalo-bolee-110-kg-narkotikov-za-nedelyu/>

KYRGYZSTAN

27.03.2025 Law enforcers detained a 20-year-old boy on suspicion of drug distribution. During a search in the house of the detainee they found more drugs and a drone, with the help of which the suspect sent illegal substances to prison. Total weight of the seized **hashish** amounted to **3.08 kg**.

https://24.kg/proisshestvija/324079_pri_pomoschi_drona_otpravlyal_narkotiki_vtyurmu_za_derjan_podozrevaemyiy/

31.03.2025 A suspect in drug trafficking on a large scale was detained in Bishkek. On 28 March, the Counter Narcotics Service of GUV D of Bishkek received information that unknown persons were involved in the sale of narcotic drugs. In the course of investigative and operational measures, police officers detained suspect A. Z., born in 1991, at intersection of Toktonaliev and Tash-Kumyr streets. During a search at the place of residence of the detainee, police found various types of narcotic and **synthetic** substances with a total weight of **4.8 kg**.

https://kaktus.media/doc/520848_v_bishkeke_zaderjan_podozrevaemyy_v_sbyte_narkotiko_v_na_symmy_bolee_10_millionov_somov.html

RUSSIA

21.03.2025 According to preliminary information, suspects ordered shipments of potent substances in the shadow segment of the Internet, after which they picked up the parcels delivered from abroad at order points in Moscow and Odintsovo. As a result of operative-search measures, police officers together with officers of the Federal Customs Service detained two citizens on Vasily Petushkov street. During a search at the place of residence of one of the detainees, they found and seized four boxes, with 24 packets of unknown substance inside. According to a study of part of the seized substance, it contains a **potent substance** with a total mass of about **20 kg**. Operatives also seized a box with a substance with a total mass of **60 kg**, which was sent for examination.

<https://мвд.пф/news/item/62963704/>

21.03.2025 Officers of the Drug Control Department of GU MVD of Russia in Voronezh region as a result of operational and investigative measures detained two local residents aged 26 and 28 suspected of trafficking in illegal substances in the Sovetsky district of the regional center. During a search of the suspects' residences, in apartments located on Minskaya and Perevertkin streets, drug police officers found and seized **525 grams** of the narcotic drug **mephedrone** and **73 grams** of the narcotic drug **MDMA**.

<https://мвд.пф/news/item/63004461/>

22.03.2025 Officers of MU MVD of Russia "Shchyolkovo" as a result of operative-search measures detained a 42-year-old resident of Balashikha suspected of illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs in the district. In the course of personal inspection of the detainee they found a polymeric package with an unknown substance. According to conclusion of the EKC, the

seized substance was **heroin** weighing about **300 grams**.
<https://мвд.рф/news/item/63019886/>

24.03.2025 In the course of operational and preventive measures, officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia for Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug - Yugra stopped a Kia Sportage car driven by a 43-year-old resident of St. Petersburg at the 13th km of the highway "access to Surgut". During inspection of the car in the trunk of the vehicle law enforcers found a mock-up of a gas cylinder, with 22 briquettes of herbal substance inside. According to expert examination, the seized substance is a narcotic drug - **hashish**. Total mass of the seized substance amounted to **9569 g**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/63120677/>

24.03.2025 Officers of the Drug Control Directorate of UMVD of Russia in the Novgorod region took measures to detain a drug courier - a 34-year-old resident of the Republic of Tatarstan. A Ravon Gentra SX car driven by the perpetrator was stopped on the Novgorod section of the M-11 "Neva" highway near the Trubichinsky rural settlement. During a thorough inspection, operatives found a sealed bag with the narcotic drug **clephedrone** weighing about **1 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/63121340/>

24.03.2025 Drug control operatives of MO MVD of Russia "Kansky" with the assistance of colleagues from the State Automobile Inspectorate detained a 38-year-old drug dealer from Boguchansky district traveling through the city by cab, who was carrying more than **110 grams of heroin**. Police found that the man was returning to his native village from Krasnoyarsk, where he had gone to pick up a prepared package with 297 doses from a stash house. In order to safely transport the commodity from the regional center, he used cab services. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/63121123/>

25.03.2025 Officers of UNK GU MVD of Russia in Voronezh region as a result of successful implementation of operational information detained members of a criminal group suspected of attempting to sell a large shipment of drugs. In the course of operative-search measures on 20 March of the current year at the 468th km of the M-4 "Don" highway police officers stopped a Chevrolet Epica car driven by a 23-year-old resident of the Kaluga region, and a 24-year-old resident of the Tambov region was a passenger in the foreign car. During inspection of the vehicle in the trunk of the car in the hand luggage they found two bags with powdery substance of white color. According to report on examination by the EKC, the substance seized in the packages was **a-PVP** with a mass of **2867 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/63170609/>

25.03.2025 In the course of operational and investigative measures, drug control officers of UMVD of Russia in Tver region detained an interregional drug dealer who was planning to distribute a large shipment of a prohibited substance. Audi passenger car was stopped by traffic patrol inspectors on the M-10 highway in the Kalininsky district. During examination of the vehicle, they found 2 sealed transparent polymer bags with powdery substance, which, according to research of the regional EKC, is **a-PVP** narcotic drug with a total mass of **1995 grams** in the interior of the car. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/63179956/>

25.03.2025 Officers of UKN UMVD of Russia in the Ryazan region stopped activities of two 22-year-old residents of Ryazan, engaged in distribution of bulk shipments of illicit substances. The police operatively came on the trail of two representatives of illegal Internet

store for sale of drugs and detained them on the street Selskikh Stroiteli in an attempt to plant drugs in a stash. One of the girls was found in possession of 74 rolls of synthetic drugs weighing **76 grams**. As it was found, 22-year-old female criminals, students of a university in Ryazan, stored criminal goods in a rented apartment on Tatarskaya street. During inspection of the dwelling operatives seized numerous rolls with “**synthetics**” of four types weighing more than **300 grams**, as well as **14 grams of hashish**. During search activities in the streets of Ryazan police officers additionally found two deposits with drugs, which had previously made by classmates. In total, as a result of operational-search activities, police seized **422 grams** of drugs. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/63188153/>

25.03.2025 Officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia for the city of Syktyvkar detained a 54-year-old Syktyvkar resident red-handed in the course of operational and investigative measures. Two rolls with prohibited substances with a total mass of **200 grams** were found in caches in a forest area in the city of Syktyvkar, equipped by the suspect. During a search in the apartment of the detainee, they seized a wholesale shipment of drugs with a total mass of **812 grams** prepared for sale. According to results of the examination it was found that the found packages contained a narcotic drug - **ephedrone** derivative. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/63143766/>

25.03.2025 Operatives of UNK GU MVD of Russia in Moscow detained foreign nationals on suspicion of attempting to sell narcotics. As a result of operational and search measures, police officers stopped the car in which the suspects were traveling. During a personal search each of the detainees they found and seized 5 rolls of substance. It was found that contents of the packages were **heroin**, with a total mass of more than **20 grams**. During inspection of the vehicle, police officers found and seized more than 180 rolls of substance. Experts determined that the seized substance was **heroin** with a total mass of more than **80 grams** and **ephedrone** with a total mass of about **55 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/63148477/>

26.03.2025 Officers of UMVD of Russia in the Naro-Fominsk district detained a 32-year-old native of the Smolensk region on suspicion of drug trafficking as a result of operational and investigative measures. In the course of working out received operational information, police found that the perpetrator rented a house in a SNT near the village of Poryadino to set up a laboratory for production of N-methylephedrone. In it operatives found and seized various containers with precursors, laboratory equipment, reagents, protective equipment, and a container with a substance in the form of powder and lumps weighing about **11 kg**. According to research report of the EKC, contents of the container is a derivative of **N-methylephedrone**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/63210993/>

28.03.2025 Officers of UKON GU MVD of Russia in Nizhny Novgorod region based on operational information detained citizens engaged in manufacture of narcotic drugs not far from illegal laboratory organized by the defendants. It was found that a resident of Moscow and her accomplice from the Moscow region in Lukoyanov organized a drug laboratory and a warehouse with substances for production of synthetic drugs. As a result of a search in a private house, police found and seized five vacuum bags with a crystal-like substance inside, 3 plastic buckets with a liquid volume of 30 liters each with crystals, 25 canisters and 66 barrels containing reagents and necessary equipment and devices. In the course of

investigation it was discovered that 5 polymeric vacuum bags contained the narcotic drug **N-methylephedrone** with a total mass of **1749 g**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/63301621/>

28.03.2025 Operatives of the Drug Control Department of MVD of the Republic of Kalmykia together with colleagues from the regional FSB in the course of implementation of operational information detained a 45-year-old resident of Elista at the time of equipping a cache with a prohibited substance. Inside the package were rolls with powdery substance, which, according to expert conclusion, is **ephedrone**. In addition, police found caches made by the perpetrator earlier. By the time of detention, the suspect had managed to make 15 deposits. In total, more than 30 packages with a total weight of more than **100 grams** of illicit substance were seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/63314776/>

28.03.2025 Officers of UNK of UMVD of Russia for Kaluga region in the course of operative-search measures detained a 25-year-old local resident on a street in Obninsk. During personal search of the citizen they found 4 wrapped packages with the narcotic substance **mephedrone** with a total mass of **12 grams**. In the course of a search at his place of residence, they found a bag containing the drug substance **mephedrone** with a mass of **680 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/63307155/>

28.03.2025 In Voronezh near a house located on 45 Strelkovoy Division street, officers of the Drug Control Department of MVD of Russia in Voronezh region detained a 41-year-old local resident on suspicion of illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs. During inspection of the vehicle "Lada Granta", on which the intruder was traveling, police officers found in the cabin a box with a microwave oven, inside which there were 500 retail "balls" with narcotic drugs, 400 pieces with **methadone** and 100 with **heroin**. Total mass of the seized amounted to about **200 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/63322088/>

28.03.2025 Police officers from the Yaroslavsky district of the capital and Metrogorodok district of Moscow detained a man on suspicion of attempting to sell N-methylephedrone on a particularly large scale. According to available data, at the exit from the park "Losiny Ostrov" police detained a 19-year-old young man on suspicion of drug trafficking. According to coordinates from the detainee's cell phone, operatives of OMVD of Russia for Metrogorodok district found and seized 8 packages with substances inside. According to research, it was found that they contained **N-methylephedrone** with a total mass of more than **3.2 kilograms**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/63278095/>

29.03.2025 Officers of the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in Zabaikalsky Krai discovered a case of illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs. During inspection of the apartment of the suspected citizen, operatives found a jar, a plastic bag and a polymer bag with powdery substance of white color. In addition, during a personal search of the girl they found four rolls, which she intended to sell in the form of stash. She had managed to equip five. Operatives identified their location and seized drugs. Expert examination showed that the seized substance was a narcotic drug - **mephedrone** with a total mass of over **540 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/63330316/>

31.03.2025 During a patrol in a city district, a suspicious man attracted the attention of police patrol officers of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the city of Rostov-on-Don, who tried to flee at the sight of law enforcers. In the course of personal

search police officers found and seized one package with a white powdery substance. According to expert report, the seized substance contains **α-PVP** with a mass of **401 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/63385554/>

31.03.2025 While checking information received from officers of the FSB of Russia in Krasnodar Krai, operatives of the ONK OMVD of Russia in Krymsk district stopped a car driven by a 40-year-old resident of Temryuk on the highway "Slavyansk-on-Kubani-Krymsk". As a result of inspection of the vehicle in the luggage compartment, law enforcers found a container and a bag containing a crystal-like substance of light color. According to expert conclusion, the seized substance is a narcotic drug - **ephedrone** derivative with a total mass of about **1 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/63377639/>

31.03.2025 Officers of OKN of UMVD of Russia in Podolsk as a result of operational-search activities near the village of Matveevskoye detained a 33-year-old resident of Odintsovo. In the course of personal examination, police found and seized 6 packages with crystal-like substance. After that, the detainee reported coordinates of two dead drops, which he had made earlier. In there police officers found 14 more packages with similar contents. According to conclusion of the EKC specialist, the seized substance contains **mephedrone** with a total mass of about **10 kilograms**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/63378100/>

31.03.2025 Yakutian police officers foiled an attempt to sell more than 3 kilograms of hashish. The car in which the perpetrators were traveling was stopped by police officers on Solnechnaya street in Yakutsk. During personal examination of the passenger under the lining of his pants they found 7 rolls with pressed substance of dark color. Later, during examination of the second man's apartment, a polyethylene bag was found, as well as a container with herbal matter. Research showed that the seized substance was **hashish** with a total mass of more than **3.2 kg**. <https://ysia.ru/v-yakutske-zaderzhali-dvuh-molodyh-lyudej-s-3-kg-narkotikov/>

TURKMENISTAN

27.03.2025 A shepherd from Tagtabazar district of Mary province was grazing his cattle near the Turkmen-Afghan border. Not far from the control and trace strip, a border guard from the 11th outpost found a small package tightly wrapped in plastic film. It later transpired that the shepherd's accomplices had thrown drug packages over the fences to the agreed-upon locations. MNS officers found who the drug packages were intended for. On 13 March, investigators found the same packages weighing 400-500 grams under the feed prepared for cattle. A total of **15 kilograms of heroin** was seized from the shepherd. The arrested confessed that he was supposed to transport drugs to Akhal and Dashoguz provinces. <https://www.hronikatm.com/2025/03/15-kilograms-of-heroin-from-afghanistan-found-in-a-shepherd-in-mary-province/>

UZBEKISTAN

21.03.2025 Officers of internal affairs bodies, together with SGB officers, carried out a special operational activity in Davlatabad district. During the event, four members of a criminal group related to illicit trafficking of narcotic substances were detained. The detention

of the perpetrators took place at the time of sale of more than **562 g** of the narcotic substance **hashish**. <https://upl.uz/incidents/50006-news.html>

24.03.2025 Officers of the Fergana Regional Office of the Department under the General Prosecutor's Office, together with officers of other law enforcement agencies, conducted a special operational activity. During the event, a man was detained on the territory of Altyaryk district who was transporting a large consignment of smuggled psychotropic drugs. A total of **21481 units** of the psychotropic drug **Zardex** were identified and seized. <https://upl.uz/incidents/50112-news.html>

25.03.2025 SGB officers, together with OVD officers, conducted a special operational activity in Kasansay district of Namangan province. During the event, a citizen, born in 2001, was detained, who was engaged in distribution of narcotic substances by means of caches. It was also found that the detainee organized a drug laboratory in the house of his mother-in-law, where he manufactured synthetic drug "mephedrone". In total, **9.45 kg** of the drug were identified and seized. In addition, another **595 grams** of mephedrone were found in the places where the perpetrator had left deposits. <https://upl.uz/incidents/50133-news.html>

25.03.2025 On the territory of Uzun district, a resident of Sariasi district, born in 1977, dug up a master stash with **82.48 kg** of narcotic substance "opium", which had been left earlier by drug couriers from Tajikistan. The perpetrator was to transport narcotic substances to another cache located in a non-residential building of a local farm, but was apprehended by SGB officers. <https://upl.uz/incidents/50134-news.html>

25.03.2025 Officers of the State Security Service of Uzbekistan (SGB) in Tashkent detained two natives of the Kashkadarya region (born in 2001 and 2002) while receiving **7.3 kg** of the narcotic substance **5-Fluoro-ADB**, a synthetic cannabinoid of high toxicity. Drug was sent from Russia in a plastic container under the guise of other goods through international postal service. The operation continued in the Samarkand region. Two more people of the same age, residents of Pstdargom district, were detained while receiving this shipment of drugs. A clandestine laboratory for manufacture of synthetic drugs was found in the house of one of them. <https://www.gazeta.uz/ru/2025/03/25/drug-courier/>

27.03.2025 Officers of internal affairs bodies, together with SGB officers, conducted a special operational activity. During the event, a resident of Fergana region was detained who came to Tashkent to sell narcotic substances. During a search of the man and his hotel room located in Yakkasaray district, they found **400 g of narcotic substances**, electronic scales and cash in the amount of 1080 USD. <https://upl.uz/incidents/50231-news.html>

28.03.2025 Officers of internal affairs bodies stopped and checked a Spark car at the stationary checkpoint "Yangiobod" in Khatyrchi district of Navoi region. One of the passengers was found to be carrying a bag of **57 g** of the drug "marijuana". Based on the testimony obtained, he supplier of drug was also detained. He was a resident of Nurata district of Navoi region, who was also detained at the moment of receiving 250 US dollars and 1000000 soums for **71 g of "marijuana"** narcotic substance. **1.1 kg of marijuana, 3.26 kg of poppy straw and 85 g of cannabis plants** were found in his house. <https://upl.uz/incidents/50283-news.html>

OTHER COUNTRIES

VIETNAM

26.03.2025 Police Department for Investigation of Narcotics Crimes held a conference to present information on the results of the fight against and dismantling of a criminal organization illegally producing synthetic drugs in Khanh Hoa. On 22 March, about 200 officers and soldiers simultaneously attacked and arrested individuals who were illegally producing drugs. At the production site they seized 118 kg of finished ketamine, 160 liters of ketamine solution, 17 tons of chemicals, as well as production lines and drug manufacturing equipment. At one warehouse, they seized about 90 kg of ketamine, 270 liters of ketamine solution, as well as production lines and equipment for drug manufacturing. To date, investigating authority has seized **1.4 tons** of high purity **ketamine**, along with about 80 tons of chemicals. <https://www.vietnam.vn/ru/pha-cong-xuong-san-xuat-ma-tuy-tong-hop-lon-nhat-tu-truoc-den-nay-thu-1-4-tan-ketamin>

GHANA

27.03.2025 During an operation in Cape Coast on 4 March 2025, 143 bags of cocaine were discovered hidden under sand in a tipper truck traveling from Takoradi in the Western Region to Weija in Accra. Field tests conducted by the Narcotics Control Commission (NACOC) confirmed that the substance was raw cocaine. The seized consignment initially weighed 2974 kilograms. Subsequent operations on 8 March led NIB officers to the suspect's residence where 13 more bags and one bag of suspected cocaine weighing 345 kilograms were recovered. Laboratory tests conducted by NACOC and the Ghana Standards Authority again confirmed that the total shipment of **cocaine, 3320 kilograms**, was of high purity, with purity ranging from 50% to 70%. https://3news.com/news/nib-intercepts-350m-worth-of-cocaine-en-route-to-accra-from-western-region/#google_vignette

IRELAND

21.03.2025 Revenue officers made a major drug seizure at Shannon Airport. Around **40 kg of cannabis** was discovered at the airport on Friday morning. The seizure is believed to be valued at 800000 euros. Drugs were discovered through risk profiling and with the help of a Brodie detection dog in vacuum bags that were unloaded from a flight that departed from Toronto, Canada. <https://www.irisheaminer.com/news/arid-41598046.html>

24.03.2025 A 61-year-old man appeared before a special session of Gorey County Court in Ireland on Sunday night charged with possession of 10.6 million euros worth of cocaine. Michael Murphy, a resident of County Waterford, appeared in court following a large-scale drug seizure. Charges relate to the discovery of around **150 kg of cocaine**, which was seized during a police operation. <https://www.deccanchronicle.com/world/irish-man-charged-over-106-million-cocaine-seizure-1868644>

ITALY

26.03.2025 On 18 March, state police arrested an Italian national at the scene for possession of a large quantity of a narcotic substance. Specifically, Flying Squad operatives

learned from information and investigative actions that the man was in possession of narcotics in a garage located in the Orbassano complex. During the search, they found **64 kg of hashish and 45 kg of marijuana**. <https://www.lamilano.it/en/turin/orbassano/orbassano-maxi-drug-seizure-state-police-found-over-110-kg-of-marijuana-and-hashish/>

26.03.2025 Guardia di Finanza recently completed a major operation in the Savona area to dismantle a criminal organization that was operating under false pretenses. The operation resulted in the seizure of **3 tons** of drugs worth more than 9 million euros. The seizure revealed a well-organized system capable of producing and distributing large quantities of **hashish and marijuana**, eluding control of the authorities. Drugs were produced in a farmhouse located in the lower Piedmont. A luxury villa in the Savona area served as a warehouse for the storage of the illicit substance, illustrating how the gang invested heavily in concealing its activities. In addition, the use of a medical vehicle to transport drugs highlighted the unscrupulousness and ingenuity of those involved, who sought to confuse authorities and make their operations difficult to trace. https://www.notizie.it/en/Major-drug-seizure-in-Savona--criminal-network-dismantled/?refresh_ce

CANADA

25.03.2025 Canadian border officials in Montreal said Tuesday they seized **142 kilograms of cocaine** concealed in a rail container with new vehicles after a joint inspection with CN police at the CN Taschereau shipyard. The seizure was made on 19 March when CN police reported an alleged violation involving a customs rail container. It had arrived from Mexico and was transiting the United States. Border Patrol agents were then called to inspect the container and other cargo. Officers discovered 119 cocaine briquettes hidden under the vehicle's carpets. <https://www.montrealgazette.com/news/local-crime/article836023.html>

UAE

27.03.2025 Dubai Customs foiled a drug smuggling attempt by intercepting **147.4 kilograms** of illicit **psychotropic substances** at a strategic seaport. The operation was carried out using advanced scanning systems that detected anomalies in the composition of the cargo. A team of inspectors, supported by canine units, conducted an inspection that revealed the carefully hidden narcotic substances. <https://russianemirates.com/news/uae-news/tamozhnya-dubaya-presekla-popytku-kontrabandy-ogromnoy-partii-narkotikov/>

POLAND

28.03.2025 Near Warsaw police detained a 30-year-old citizen of Belarus with a stolen car and a large supply of drugs. According to police, the man was driving a Mercedes car stolen in Spain. During a search in the apartment of the detainee and in another car, which belonged to him, police found a total of 92 kilograms of narcotic substances. In particular, they found more than **53.5 kg of marijuana**, almost **15.5 kg of amphetamine** and about **2.7 kg of MDMA tablets** in a Mercedes in the town of Żąbki near Warsaw. In the apartment where the man lived, they found more than **20 kg of hashish**. In addition, weapons and cash in euros and zloty were found in the car he was traveling in. <https://nashaniva.com/ru/364747>

PORTUGAL

26.03.2025 Portuguese police intercepted a semi-submersible ship carrying **6.5 tons of cocaine** bound for Europe. According to information, the ship was stopped in the Atlantic Ocean, about 500 nautical miles from the Azores, and five crew members were also detained. Police believe they are members of an international criminal organization. In addition to the police, the Portuguese Air Force and Navy, as well as the Spanish Guardia Civil participated in the operation. They were assisted by the US Drug Enforcement Administration and British authorities. <https://oxu.az/ru/v-mire/portugalskaya-policiya-perehvatila-sudno-s-6-5-t-kokaina>

USA

25.03.2025 Detectives from the Manatee County (Florida) Sheriff's Office issued a press release Tuesday announcing the arrest of a local drug trafficker and the seizure of more than 1.7 million dollars worth of dangerous drugs and weapons. Sheriff Rick Wells said the seized fentanyl is enough to kill more than 6 million people, more than the population of the Tampa Bay area. A total of **12.3 kg of fentanyl** (including pharmaceutical grade liquid citrate), **1 kg of cocaine**, **1 kg of MDMA**, also several weapons and ammunition were recovered during the operation. <https://www.mysuncoast.com/2025/03/25/mcso-makes-major-fentanyl-bust-one-suspect-large/>

29.03.2025 A major drug operation in Madera County resulted in the seizure of **36 kg of methamphetamine**. The seizure led to the arrest of two men from Southern California. This fact occurred during a vehicle search conducted by the Madera County Narcotics Enforcement Team (MADNET). The team includes personnel from the Madera County Sheriff's Office, Probation and District Attorney's Office, as well as the California Department of Justice and the Fresno County Investigative Team (HIIT). <https://sierranewsonline.com/massive-methamphetamine-bust-leads-to-two-arrests/>

25.03.2025 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) made two large methamphetamine seizures on consecutive days in Calexico, California. The drug seizures occurred on 12 and 13 March at the Calexico cargo facility. Over the two days, during truck searches while entering the U.S. from Mexico, a combined total of more than **750 kg of methamphetamine** was recovered from the truck's fuel tank and from caches in the cab, as confirmed by forensic testing. <https://cdllife.com/2025/over-1300-pounds-of-meth-seized-from-tractor-trailers-at-california-cargo-facility/>

RSA

26.03.25 Police dealt a major blow to drug traffickers by arresting a 31-year-old driver and seizing a truck carrying R50 million worth of crystal methamphetamine. According to the South African Police Services, a task force conducted a successful operation to interdict a large drug shipment on 25 March. A suspect truck was stopped during the operation. During a detailed search, they found 12 large bags of crystal methamphetamine. **Drugs** weighed **313,5 kg** and were valued at R50 million. <https://www.thesouthafrican.com/news/major-drug-bust-police-seize-r50-million-worth-of-crystal-meth/>