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

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In the period from 21 to 31 August 2025, based on information from mass media law enforcement agencies and security structures of CARICC member states seized **1 ton 986.08 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 1.2 kg, opium – 22 kg, cannabis-based drugs – 1,8029.33 kg, synthetic drugs – 159.22 kg, and potent substances – 1.33 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	1	0	0	0.2	0	0
Opium	22	0	0	0	0	0
Cocaine	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cannabis group drugs	260.25	642.27	0	899.81	0	0
Synthetic drugs	1.01	2.22	0	151.69	0	4.3
Potent substances	0	0	0.63	0.7	0	0
Total	284.26	644.49	0.63	1052.4	0	4.3

During the same period, other countries seized **1 ton 687 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: cocaine – 100.07 kg, cannabis-based drugs – 2,359.37 kg, synthetic drugs – 517.45 kg, and potent substances – 0.92 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN

21.08.2025 State Border Service of Azerbaijan stopped the smuggling of over 13 kg of drugs from Iran to Azerbaijan. The incident occurred on the service territory of the Lankaran border guard detachment. A total of **13.1 kg of marijuana** was seized as a result of operational measures. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/gps-presekla-kontrabandu-svyshe-13-kg-narkotikov-iz-irana>

22.08.2025 Officers from the Sheki City Police Department conducted an operation against illegal drug trafficking, resulting in the arrest of 32-year-old Parvin Maherramzade, a native of the Agdam district. It was found that he was growing narcotic plants in the forest area of the village of Cholakly. During inspection of the territory, 33 **cannabis** bushes with a total weight of **50 kg** and **8 kg of marijuana** were found, which were stored there for sale. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-shekinskom-rajone-policiya-presekla-lesnoj-narkobiznes>

22.08.2025 Police in Azerbaijan seized a large shipment of drugs in the Sabunchi district of Baku and the city of Mingachevir. During the operation, previously convicted criminals Bahruz Mustafayev, Neiman Amirov, and Nadig Abbasov were detained, and **33 kg of marijuana** were found and seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/policiya-izyala-krupnyuyu-partiyu-narkotikov-v-baku-i-mingyachevire>

23.08.2025 During a special operation to combat drug trafficking, officers from the Sabail District Police Department detained 31-year-old Elnur Mammadov, who had previously been convicted. **10.05 kg of marijuana** were found in the detainee's car. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-baku-zaderzhan-narkokurer-s-partiej-marihuany>

25.08.2025 As a result of an operation carried out by officers from the Gabala District Police Department, 50-year-old Najaf Alkhasov was detained. In his hazelnut orchard, **107 cannabis plants** were discovered, which the man had grown using cultivation methods. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/kannabis-vmesto-oreshkov-zhitel-gabalinskogo-rajona-kultiviroval-konoplyu-v-fundukovom-sadu>

26.08.2025 Officers from the Nariman RUP and the 16th, 17th, and 18th police departments conducted operations against illicit drug trafficking. During the operations, eight people suspected of committing this crime were detained. A total of 44.45 kg of drugs were seized from them, including **1 kg of heroin**, about **2 kg of opium**, **1 kg of methamphetamine**, **25 methadone tablets**, and other types of tablets. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-baku-obnaruzhenno-44-kg-narkotikov-zaderzhany-8-chelovek>

26.08.2025 An attempt to violate state border from Iran towards Azerbaijan was prevented on 22 August on the service territory of the Götepe border guard detachment of the State Border Service. As a result of border search and operational measures, **6.1 kg of marijuana** was found and seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/predotvrashena-kontrabanda-6-kg-narkotikov-iz-irana-v-azerbajdzhan>

27.08.2025 As a result of a special operation by Azerbaijani law enforcement agencies, an attempt to smuggle a large consignment of narcotic substances into the country was prevented. Officers from the Directorate General for Combating Drugs continue to carry out operations in border areas with the aim of preventing smuggling of narcotic substances into the country. During a recent operation in the Lankaran district, a 44-year-old resident of the Lerik district, Nazim Farajov, was detained. The detainee was found in possession of **62 kg of marijuana and opium** mixed with harmful substances. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/semya-kak-prikrytie-v-azerbajdzhane-perehvachena-krupnaya-partiya-narkotikov>

30.08.2025 Officers from the Lerik District Police Department arrested 43-year-old Sardar Bakhshiev, who is suspected of growing narcotic plants. In the forest near the village of Lermerud, where Bakhshiev lives, **33 cannabis plants** were found, which he had cultivated with special care, as well as marijuana, which he kept in an unfinished building in the courtyard of his house. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-leriskom-rajone-zaderzhan-podozrevaemyj-v-kultivirovanii-konopli>

21.08.2025 As a result of operational search measures carried out over the past week in various regions of the country, the following facts were discovered. Akmola region. A courier traveling along the Kokshetau–Atbasar–Stepnogorsk route was detained on a highway. **2.2 kg of mephedrone** were seized from him. He maintained contact with organizers via messenger. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-presekli-kanaly-nezakonnogo-oborota-narkotikov/>

21.08.2025 As a result of operational search measures carried out over the past week in various regions of the country, the following facts were identified. In the Ulytau region, bags of narcotics and unregistered firearms were found during a search of a garage. A suspect was detained in the courtyard of a residential building, from whom **20 kg of cannabis** were seized. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-presekli-kanaly-nezakonnogo-oborota-narkotikov/>

21.08.2025 As a result of operational search measures carried out over the past week in various regions of the country, the following facts were found. In the Zhambyl region, in the Shu Valley, during a nighttime special operation involving servicemen of the National Guard of MVD RK, a man was detained with **32 kg** of freshly cut **marijuana**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-presekli-kanaly-nezakonnogo-oborota-narkotikov/>

21.08.2025 As a result of operational search measures carried out over the past week in various regions of the country, the following facts were revealed. In the Atyrau region, thanks to the coordinated work of canine service and a service search dog, more than 1,000 bushes of wild **cannabis** were discovered. Total weight of seized cannabis was **123 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-presekli-kanaly-nezakonnogo-oborota-narkotikov/>

21.08.2025 As a result of operational search measures carried out over the past week in various regions of the country, the following facts were revealed. In the Kyzylorda region, aerial reconnaissance detected a plantation with hundreds of cannabis plants, equipped with pumps, hoses, and a power supply system. In another case, 73 **cannabis** plants were found in the yard of a private house. Total weight of seized plants was about **300 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-presekli-kanaly-nezakonnogo-oborota-narkotikov/>

21.08.2025 As a result of operational search measures carried out over the past week in various regions of the country, the following facts were revealed. In the Almaty region, a field with **cannabis** crops covering a total area of 4.5 hectares was discovered on the territory of a peasant farm. **332 bushes** were seized, as well as packages of seeds. All suspects were placed in temporary detention. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-presekli-kanaly-nezakonnogo-oborota-narkotikov/>

25.08.2025 Police officers in Astana detained a 40-year-old man suspected of storing and selling narcotics. During a personal search, four packages containing a plant-based substance were seized from the suspect's vest pocket. During a subsequent search of his apartment, investigators found another 90 packages containing a similar substance on the balcony. According to expert conclusion, the seized substance is a narcotic drug called "**hashish**" with a total weight of about **1 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsiya-iz-yala-u-stolichnogo-sbyтчika-kilogramm-gashisha/>

25.08.2025 Officers from the Temirtau Department for Combating Drug Crime detained a 35-year-old resident of Karaganda as part of the “Karasora” operational and preventive measure. During a transaction, he attempted to sell a plastic bag containing 5 g of hashish. During a subsequent search of the suspect's residence, operatives discovered over **1 kg of hashish**. Items indicating preparation for sale were also seized. <https://polisia.kz/ru/muzhchina-popalsya-na-sbyte-gashisha-v-karagandinskoj-oblasti/>

25.08.2025 During the Karasora-2025 operation, police officers near an entrance on Imanbayeva street noticed a young man hiding something in the bushes. When he saw law enforcement officers, he tried to run away. After a short chase, law enforcement officers detained the 23-year-old man. During a personal search, **27 packets** of plant-based substance were found in the suspect's pockets. Another bag with similar contents was found at a stash site. An examination confirmed that it was **hashish**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/pogonya-v-astane-politsejskie-skrutili-zakladchika-s-gashishem/>

27.08.2025 As part of the Karasora-2025 special operation, capital police officers stopped a suspicious VAZ 2109 car on Turkestan street. Officers from the Esil district criminal police detained two men aged 36 and 30 who are suspected of drug possession. During a search of the car, operatives found and seized **4 packages** containing a white-beige powdery substance. According to expert conclusion, the contents are the narcotic drug “**mephedrone**.” <https://polisia.kz/ru/pravoohraniteli-zaderzhali-dvuh-druzej-s-partiej-mefedrona-v-astane/>

KYRGYZSTAN

25.08.2025 Officers from the Bishkek GUVD's Counter Narcotics Service detained a woman suspected of storing and selling psychotropic drugs. 47-year-old I. N. was identified during the “Pharmacy Drug Addiction” preventive operation. During a search of her residence, **2,084 bottles** of Midaks and Mezim 300M medications containing **pregabalin** were seized. https://kaktus.media/doc/530173_v_bishkeke_zaderjana_jenshina_za_nezakonnyy_oborot_psihotropnyh_preparatov_video.html

RUSSIA

21.08.2025 Police officers in Penza stopped a car driven by a man born in 1995. The driver and his 30-year-old passenger were detained on suspicion of illegal drug trafficking. In the trunk of the car, police found and seized **29 packages** wrapped in electrical tape, a glass jar with a powdery substance, a plastic jar with a plant-based substance, empty grip bags, and electronic scales. According to expert conclusion, the powdery substance contains a derivative of **clephedrone**, and the seized herbal substance is marijuana. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/68911435>

22.08.2025 Officers of OKON of the Department of MVD of Russia in Nizhny Novgorod, in cooperation with the FSB of Russia in the Nizhny Novgorod region, shut down an underground drug laboratory located in the private sector of the Kanavinsky district. As a result of a search of a garage located on the grounds of a private house, police officers discovered and seized approximately **16.5 kg** of an unknown substance, which was stored

openly on a shelf, and 45 canisters containing an unknown liquid. A randomly selected sample of the seized substance was sent for analysis, which showed that it was a **synthetic narcotic drug**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/68973608>

22.08.2025 Officers from the Drug Control Department of UMVD Russia in the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug – Ugra quickly identified a channel for supply of illegal substances into the region. The drug laboratory was set up in the Bashkir city of Sibaya. As a result of operational search measures, Yugra police detained suspects. Various equipment intended for manufacture of “synthetics” was found and seized in the drug workshop, as well as containers with an unknown substance, canisters with chemical liquids with a total volume of more than 3 tons, and more than 20 kilograms of a deadly potion prepared for sale. In addition, law enforcement officers in the Republic of Bashkortostan later discovered “stash” of a similar substance weighing about 30 kilograms. According to results of forensic examination, the seized items included a narcotic substance—an **N-methylephedrone** derivative with a total weight of over **50 kilograms**—as well as more than **1 ton of precursors**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/68956515>

22.08.2025 Operatives from the Directorate General for Drug Control of the Russian MVD received information about involvement of a 37-year-old resident of Moscow, a citizen of a Central Asian country, in transportation and sale of large quantities of synthetic drugs. During the course of operational activities in the Mikhailovsky district of the Ryazan region, traffic police officers stopped a BMW 520 car and detained the suspect. During an inspection, a hidden compartment was found under the rear bumper of the car, containing three plastic bags. An examination showed that the bags contained **2.98 kg of synthetic drugs**, which were meant for retail sale through an underground online store. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/68956652>

25.08.2025 As part of operational search measures, officers from OMVD Russia in the Ufa district identified alleged drug dealers. Together with traffic police officers, they stopped the taxi in which perpetrators were traveling. The passengers, a 34-year-old man and a 21-year-old woman, were found to be in possession of more than **200 grams of synthetic drugs**. During a search of the suspects' apartment, police also seized nearly **20 packets** of synthetic drugs and syringes. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/69028462>

25.08.2025 Officers from the Directorate General for Drug Control of MVD Russia, together with colleagues from OMVD Russia “Pavlovsky Posad,” detained two 36-year-old local residents at the scene of the crime on suspicion of illegal drug trafficking. As a result of operational search measures in a field near the village of Byvalino, police officers discovered and seized **189 cannabis plants** and approximately **7.5 kilograms** of dried plant material. According to expert conclusion, the seized substance is a narcotic drug derived from the cannabis plant – **marijuana**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/69019854>

25.08.2025 Officers from ONK OMVD of Russia in the Novokubansky district received intelligence that a 41-year-old local resident may be involved in illegal trafficking of potent substances. During a series of operational activities, police officers discovered and seized a total of **1611 pregabalin capsules**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/69020092>

25.08.2025 Officers from the Drug Control Department of GUV D of Moscow detained two suspects in an attempted drug sale. As a result of processing operational information and conducting operational search measures, police officers detained two young men near the Preobrazhenskaya Square metro station. During a personal search, police officers found 10 bags containing a substance with a total weight of almost **5 kilograms** on one of them. Tests showed that the seized substance was **mephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/68978908>

26.08.2025 In the city of Nalchik, officers from the Drug Control Department of MVD in the Kabardino-Balkarian Republic detained a 40-year-old local resident who had received a parcel containing narcotics from the capital as a result of operational search measures. During an inspection of the box he had received, operatives found a package which, according to expert analysis, contained more than **200 grams of heroin**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/69064860>

27.08.2025 On 16 August, officers from the Drug Control Department of OMVD Russia in Salekhard detained a woman born in 1979 on suspicion of committing an illegal act. During a search of the detainee and further operational measures, police officers found and seized 9 packages wrapped in blue electrical tape. According to expert conclusion, the seized items are **synthetic drugs** with a total weight of **800 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/69098684>

27.08.2025 Officers from the Drug Control Department of MVD in the Republic of North Ossetia-Alania detained a woman suspected of illegal drug trafficking. As a result of coordinated operational and investigative actions taken by drug enforcement officers, the woman's illegal activities were stopped. The arrest took place in Vladikavkaz, on the territory of a gardening association. During a personal search, packages wrapped in black insulating tape were found and seized from the detainee's shoes and disposable diaper packaging. An examination confirmed that the packages contained a synthetic substance, **ephedrone**, with a total weight of **343 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/69065047>

27.08.2025 Officers of the Drug Control Department of GU MVD of Russia in the Moscow Region, together with their colleagues from UMVD of Russia in the Leninsky City District, detained a 21-year-old resident of the Astrakhan Region and a 30-year-old resident of the Republic of Adygea, suspected of illegal drug trafficking. As a result of operational search measures, the police dismantled an underground drug laboratory and detained the suspects. During a search of the house, operatives found about **4 kg** of crystalline substance, about 200 liters of chemical liquids in various containers, glass containers, scales, gas masks, and other items of evidentiary value. According to expert conclusions, part of the seized substance contains the narcotic drug **mephedrone**, weighing about 1.5 kg. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/69087968>

27.08.2025 Officers of the Drug Control Department of GU MVD of Russia in Novosibirsk Region, together with colleagues from the State Traffic Safety Inspectorate of the MVD of Russia in Chulymsky District, detained a 31-year-old man. A search showed that the man, a native of the Trans-Baikal Krai, was carrying **5 kg of N-methylephedrone** in his car, packed in black bags. The suspect was stopped near a house on Neftyanikov street in the city of Chulym, Novosibirsk region. <https://ndn.info/novosti/501159-5-kg-narkotikov-izyali-uzhitelya-zabajkalya-novosibirskie-policzejskie>

28.08.2025 Officers from the Yuzhny Traffic Police Department of GU MVD of Russia in the Moscow Region, together with colleagues from ONK OMVD of Russia in Kashira, stopped a foreign-made car driven by a Samara resident born in 1995 at the 111th km of the M-4 Don highway to check his documents. During conversation with the police, the driver and two passengers were very nervous, so police decided to search the vehicle. Inside the car, traffic police inspectors found a plastic bag containing a powdery substance. The powder was seized and sent for analysis. According to expert conclusion, contents of the bag are a derivative of the narcotic drug **N-methylephedrone**, with a total weight of about **1 kilogram**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/69154909>

28.08.2025 Officers from the Drug Control Division of OMVD Russia "Tambovsky" in the Amur Region stopped illegal activities of a 54-year-old resident of Kozmodemyanovka village, who was involved in illegal trafficking of narcotic plants on a particularly large scale. On 6 August, during operational search activities, police officers discovered **647 wild cannabis plants** and **911 grams of marijuana** on the citizen's garden plot, which were seized and sent for examination. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/69110678>

28.08.2025 FSB officers detained a resident of the Mishkinsky district (Kurgan region) on suspicion of producing and attempting to sell large amounts of **mephedrone**. More than **14 kg** of the drug were seized from the man. <https://ura.news/news/1052987090>

28.08.2025 Police officers detained a 34-year-old resident of Vsevolozhsk suspected of participating in activities of an organized group of drug dealers. Approximately **8.5 kilograms** of illicit substances were discovered and seized at his residence. The search operation was carried out by officers from the Drug Control Department of the Directorate General of MVD for St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region. According to examination, one of the seized packages contained more than 1.3 kilograms of the illegal substance "**clephedrone**." Total weight of the seized drugs was about 8.5 kg. <https://online47.ru/2025/08/28/v-peterburge-zaderzhan-podozrevaemyy-v-khranenii-i-sbyte-85-kg-narkotikov-220292>

28.08.2025 Customs officers from Russia and Belarus, together with the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB), discovered four hidden stashes in the forests near Moscow, from which they seized **27 kg of synthetic drugs**. This was reported by the press service of the Federal Customs Service (FCS). <https://regions.ru/proisshestiya/v-podmoskove-izyali-27-kg-narkotikov-u-mezhdunarodnoy-prestupnoy-gruppy>

29.08.2025 In the Mishkinsky district, officers of UFSB of Russia in the Kurgan region detained a man involved in production of narcotics on a particularly large scale. The man organized illegal production of mephedrone, using special precursors and protective equipment for this purpose. The perpetrator manufactured more than **14 kilograms** of the narcotic drug **mephedrone**. <https://nm45.ru/v-kurganskoj-oblasti-zaderzhali-muzhchinu-izgotovivshego-14-kilogrammoy-narkotikov>

29.08.2025 On the evening of 19 August, on the M-12 Vostok highway in the Shumerlinsky district, traffic police officers stopped a Skoda Kodiaq car with residents of the Rostov region. During an inspection of the luggage compartment, an expert from the Shumerlinsky

Department of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs discovered a special compartment containing briquettes of **hashish** weighing more than **77 kilograms**. During further operational search measures carried out jointly with the Directorate General for Drug Control of MVD of Russia, police officers discovered a so-called warehouse in the village of Vaskelovo, Leningrad region. In a hiding place on the territory of a plot of land next to a house rented by the suspects, police officers, with the support of Rosgvardia special forces, discovered bags containing approximately **80 kilograms of hashish**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/69213352>

29.08.2025 Operatives from the Drug Control Department of OMVD Russia in the Prigorodny district of the Republic of North Ossetia-Alania, acting on intelligence gathered in the Verkhnesanibansky rural settlement, detained a 33-year-old resident of Krasnodar Krai suspected of attempting to sell a particularly large shipment of drugs. During a search of his car, operatives found a backpack on the back seat containing four large packages of **ephedrone** with a total weight of **981 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/69205561>

29.08.2025 During an operation on the western outskirts of the city of Ust-Dzheguta, officers from Drug Control Unit of OMVD Russia in Ust-Dzheguta District, Karachay-Cherkessia, detained a 45-year-old resident of Mikhailovsk, Stavropol Krai, on suspicion of illegal distribution of potent substances. In caches that the suspect had managed to set up, police found packages containing a total of **220 grams of pregabalin**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/69208964>

30.08.2025 During an operational search activity at the residence of a 54-year-old resident of the village of Oktyabrsky, officers from the Drug Control Department of OMVD Russia in the Vaninsky District discovered and seized more than **1,000 cannabis plants** on her garden plot. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/69183485>

30.08.2025 A foreign-made car driven by a citizen born in 1995 and residing in Samara was stopped by traffic police officers for a routine document check. Inside the car, traffic police officers found a sealed plastic bag containing a powdery substance. The seized substance was sent for examination. Based on results of examination, it was determined that the contents of the bag were a derivative of the narcotic substance **N-methylephedrone**, with a total weight of approximately **1 kg**. <https://vdomodedovo.info/novosti/8739-na-trasse-m4-don-policeiskie-izjali-kilogramm-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov.html>

UZBEKISTAN

29.08.2025 SGB officers, together with OVD officers, detained an active member of a criminal group involved in drug trafficking. A resident of the Kibray district of the Tashkent region, born in 2002, who is a third-year student at one of the universities in Tashkent, was taken into custody. On the instructions of a member of the criminal group, he drove a Spark car to the Tashkent region, where he was detained while digging up **4.3 kg** of the synthetic narcotic substance "**alpha-PVP**" from a cache where it had been left by a drug courier. <https://upl.uz/incidents/55398-news.html>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

22.08.2025 Police charged a Perth man with attempting to import **185 kilograms of methamphetamine** into Western Australia. Drugs were seized in bags of rice shipped from Pakistan. Operation Estevan was conducted by the Western Australia Joint Organised Crime Taskforce, which included the Australian Federal Police, the Australian Police, the Australian Border Force, the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, and AUSTRAC. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-08-22/wa-perth-drug-cash-haul-/105686958>

29.08.2025 Another major operation was carried out in Australia to combat crime. Border troops and law enforcement agencies seized one of the largest consignments of **amphetamine-type drugs** in the country's history. According to official data, the total weight is close to **900 kg**. This figure was recorded as an absolute record for Australia. According to law enforcement agencies, drugs were concealed in a special way. They were disguised as spring bolts and packed in containers so that they would not be noticed by their appearance. <https://zamin.uz/ru/mir/158808-provedena-krupneyshaya-v-istorii-avstralii-operaciya-po-borbe-s-narkotikami.html>

BELARUS

28.08.2025 Belarusian customs authorities discovered a channel for supplying dangerous psychotropic substances from the European Union to Russia. The shipment contained **637 kilograms** of the substance. Citizens of Lithuania, Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine involved in the crime were detained. The psychotropic substances were being transported from a Lithuanian warehouse via Latvia in a truck that, according to the documents, was supposed to be carrying dishwashers. Customs officers at the Grigorovshchina checkpoint sent the heavy goods vehicle for scanning, after which they decided to conduct an inspection. Inside the equipment, they found foil envelopes — a total of 540 packages weighing 1 and 1.5 kg each. An expert confirmed that this was the psychotropic drug **4-CMC**. Since the truck was heading further into the Russian Federation, an international operation was carried out to identify all participants in the criminal scheme. In the process, another **162 kilograms** of various **drugs** and psychotropic substances (hashish, mephedrone, MDMA, clephedrone, etc.) were found concealed on the territory of a private house and in forests of the Moscow region. <https://nashaniva.com/ru/375656>

IRELAND

24.08.2025 Police arrested a man after a major drug seizure over the weekend. In a statement, a police spokesperson said that on Friday, 22 August, as part of Operation Tara, police seized cocaine and cannabis worth around 1.9 million euros. The seizure took place in New Ross. During the search, **89 kg of cannabis** with an estimated value of 1.76 million euros and **2 kg of cocaine** with an estimated value of 140,000 euros were found," said the police spokesperson. <https://www.waterford-news.ie/news/one-man-arrested-following-major-drugs-find-in-south-east-arid-68573.html>

COSTA RICA

24.08.2025 This Sunday, Costa Rican police scored a major victory against drug traffickers, seizing more than a ton of cocaine hidden in a tourist minibus and arresting two men in the Osa region. The operation unfolded in the Piedras Blancas area near Palmar Norte, where Public Force officers intercepted the vehicle after it ignored a checkpoint stop. Inside the white minibus, authorities found **1299 packages (kg)** believed to be **cocaine**, each weighing about one kilogram. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident. Earlier that day, approximately **1.5 tons of cocaine** were discovered in the waters of the Pacific Ocean near Puerto Jiménez in Osa. The Drug Enforcement Administration, US Southern Command, Coast Guard, and PCD were involved in the case, resulting in the arrest of four people: two Costa Ricans and two Colombians. <https://ticotimes.net/2025/08/24/major-cocaine-seizure-in-costa-ricas-south-highlights-ongoing-cartel-fight>

MYANMAR

23.08.2025 Myanmar anti-drug officials dismantled a major cross-border drug smuggling network, seizing **1.29 tons of methamphetamine, 1.87 tons of ketamine, and 17 million stimulant pills** that were to be shipped by sea to drug syndicates in Malaysia. Myanmar's anti-narcotics department said it arrested 13 key suspects during a month-long nationwide operation involving several agencies, and the seized drugs were valued at more than 40 million ringgit (10 million US dollars). <https://www.nst.com.my/world/region/2025/08/1264397/myanmar-busts-syndicate-smuggling-tonnes-drugs-malaysia-sea-routes>

NEW ZEALAND

28.08.2025 New Zealand police seized the largest shipment of liquid ecstasy in the country's history, worth 8.2 million dollars. Criminal Police Inspector Darrin Thomson noted that the seizure was a record for the country. A total of **1950 kg of gamma-butyrolactone**, known as "liquid ecstasy," was confiscated. The operation, dubbed "Hermes," lasted six months and was conducted jointly with customs and other law enforcement agencies. In addition to ecstasy, several shipments of **methamphetamine** weighing more than **10 kg** and worth 2.2 million dollars were seized during the operation. <https://oxu.az/ru/v-mire/policiya-novoj-zelandii-izyala-rekordnuyu-partiyu-narkotikov>

UAE

21.08.2025 Abu Dhabi police arrested a gang of three people who, according to them, smuggled **377 kg** of crystal **methamphetamine** concealed in barrels of oil used for sewing machines. The police acted in coordination with the National Anti-Narcotics Authority. <https://www.thenationalnews.com/news/uae/2025/08/21/abu-dhabi-police-seize-more-than-300kg-of-crystal-meth-in-major-bust/>

USA

22.08.2025 The US Coast Guard (USCG) conducted another major operation to combat drug cartels and human smuggling in the eastern Pacific Ocean. These efforts, in coordination with the US Navy, have already led to the seizure of approximately **5,900 kg of cocaine** and the arrest of 11 suspects during several detentions between 8 and 19 August. <https://maritime-executive.com/article/u-s-seizes-13-000-pounds-of-cocaine-in-operation-pacific-viper>

27.08.2025 A routine traffic stop in rural Oklahoma led to a major drug seizure after state troopers discovered more than **22 kg of fentanyl** hidden inside a vehicle being transported on a trailer. <https://countryherald.com/news/oklahoma-traffic-stop-leads-to-nearly-50-pounds-of-fentanyl-seized-on-i-40/>

27.08.2025 The US Coast Guard detained smugglers with a shipment of drugs off the coast of Florida. Between 26 June and 18 August, the US Coast Guard intercepted 19 vessels carrying drugs in the Caribbean Sea and the eastern Pacific Ocean. They were carrying **28 tons of cocaine** and **6.3 tons of marijuana**. Total value of the drugs is estimated at 473 million dollars. <https://inbusiness.kz/ru/last/v-ssha-perehvatili-tonny-narkotikov-na-summu-473-mln-dollarov>

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26.08.2025 Police, military, and administrative officials collaborated in Chiang Rai to dismantle a major drug trafficking ring, seizing **3,500,000 methamphetamine tablets** and **60 kilograms** of crystal **methamphetamine** at a gas station. The operation led to further seizures of assets, including cash and property. On 24 August, law enforcement agencies, including the Narcotics Control Board and regional police, conducted a special operation called “No Drugs, No Dealers”. As a result, three suspects were arrested and a truck used to transport drugs was confiscated. https://thethaiger.com/news/northern-thailand/chiang-rai-drug-bust-uncovers-3-5-million-meth-tablets#google_vignette