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

**21.12.2025-31.12.2025**

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During the period from 21 to 31 December 2025, based on information from media law enforcement agencies and security structures of CARICC member states seized **315.87 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 3.21 kg, cannabis-group drugs – 292.93 kg, synthetic drugs – 14.65 kg, and potent substances – 5.08 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	2.81	0.4	0	0	0	0
Opium	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cocaine	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cannabis group drugs	234.5	37.2	10.6	10.63	0	0
Synthetic drugs	1.19	0.34	0	10.82	0	2.3
Potent substances	0	0	0	0	0	5.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>238.5</b>	<b>37.94</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>21.45</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7.38</b>

During the same period other countries seized **23 tons 507.6 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 216.3 kg, opium – 14 kg, cocaine – 7 tons 886 kg, cannabis-group drugs – 192 kg, synthetic drugs – 705.5 kg, and potent substances – 14.51 tons.**

**CARICC MEMBER STATES**

**AZERBAIJAN**

**23.12.2025** An attempt to smuggle drugs from Iran was foiled on the premises of the Lankaran border guard detachment of the Border Troops of the State Border Service of Azerbaijan. During border inspection and operational measures border guards found and seized **6.85 kg of marijuana**. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/na-granice-s-iranom-zaderzhana-krupnaya-partiya-narkotikov-12231339>

**23.12. 2025** As a result of an operation carried out by officers from the Directorate General for Combating Drugs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Fizuli district, 32-year-old Ehsan Kakavend was detained at the crime scene. He was found in possession of **41 kg of marijuana** with a high content of psychotropic substances and **2,988 methadone tablets**. During initial interrogation, it was discovered that the detainee was transporting drugs from the city of Parsabad (Iran) to Azerbaijan and planned to distribute to addresses in the Fizuli

district. <https://1news.az/news/20251223044147653-V-Fizulinskom-raione-zaderzhan-iranskii-narkotorgovets-s-41-kg-marikhuany-VIDEO>

**25.12.2025** Officers of the Khatin District Police Department conducted a routine operation to combat drug trafficking. During the operation, 42-year-old Orkhan Gurbanov, who had a previous criminal record, was detained. A search of the Land Rover he was driving uncovered **17.33 kg of marijuana**. As part of further operational activities three more people were detained on suspicion of illegal drug trafficking: 36-year-old Emin Bayramov, 42-year-old Ilkin Alizade, and his acquaintance, 36-year-old Amil Ibaev. A total of **21 kg of marijuana and 2.81 kg of heroin** were seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/zaderzhan-narkokurer-perevozivshij-narkotiki-na-land-rover>

**26.12.2025** Operations carried out by officers of the Astara Customs Office resulted in the discovery and seizure of more than 148 kg of narcotics. Drugs were found in a vehicle transporting celery and lettuce from Iran to Russia via Azerbaijan. Two pallets in the vehicle were found to contain narcotics concealed from customs control: **58.61 kg of hashish and 89.71 kg of marijuana**. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-astarinskom-rajone-obnaruzhenobolee-148-kg-narkoticheskikh-sredstv>

## KAZAKHSTAN

**22.12.2025** In coordination with the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, police in Almaty cracked down on an interregional group involved in transportation, storage, and sale of large quantities of cannabis-based narcotics. Several suspects were detained during a series of operational search and investigative measures carried out in Almaty and Astana. Police seized drugs and cash, and also discovered hiding places used to store prohibited substances. According to forensic report, total weight of the seized **hashish** was more than **16 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/krupnaya-partiya-narkotikov-iz-yata-politseyskimi-v-almaty/>

**22.12.2025** As a result of a series of operational search measures carried out by anti-drug crime officers in Pavlodar, a woman involved in the sale of narcotic drugs was detained. During a search they found 16 packets on her person and another packet was seized from a hiding place. An examination showed that packages contained a **synthetic drug** with a total weight of more than **40 g**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/zakladchitsa-realizovyyavshaya-narkotiki-cherez-internet-zaderzhana-v-pavlodare/>

**22.12.2025** Police officers detained a 22-year-old resident of the capital suspected of illegal possession and distribution of narcotic drugs. During operational search activities in a forest plantation, a car owned by the suspect was stopped. During a personal search and a search of the car police officers found and seized **245** packaged **bags** containing the narcotic substance **Alpha-PVP**. Subsequently, during a search of the suspect's place of residence they seized a glass containing a similar substance and equipment for packaging drugs. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsiya-presekla-rasprostranenie-narkotikov-v-stolitse/>

**24.12.2025** During operational search activities officers from the Almaty Police Department's Unit for Combating Drug Crime stopped activities of a group involved in transportation, storage, and sale of large amounts of cannabis-group drugs. During the

special operation police seized over **10 kg of hashish**. Drugs were delivered to Almaty from another region of the country for subsequent sale in the metropolitan area. <https://polisia.kz/ru/kanal-postavki-narkotikov-v-osobo-krupnom-razmere-presechen-v-almaty/>

**26.12.2025** Police officers in Taraz stopped activities of a 39-year-old woman suspected of illegally selling synthetic drugs. During investigation it was found that the suspect was distributing drugs using stashes in residential areas of the city. During a personal search they found 80 packaged packets of powdery substance on the woman. According to preliminary data, total weight of the seized **alpha-PVP** substance was **25 g**, which is classified as a particularly large amount. <https://polisia.kz/ru/presechen-sbyt-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov-v-osobo-krupnom-razmere-v-zhambylskoj-oblasti/>

**29.12.2025** Officers from the Almaty Police Department Unit for Combating Drug Crime detained a group of individuals involved in transportation, storage, and sale of large quantities of cannabis-based narcotics. During searches operatives seized approximately **3 kg of hashish** and more than **2.5 kg** of dried **marijuana**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsiya-presekla-sbyt-krupnoj-partii-narkotikov-v-almaty/>

**30.12.2025** On 27 December, officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Almaty Region Police, together with local police inspectors of the Enbekshikazakh District, conducted operational search measures. During these operations, a resident of the district was detained. A search of the property showed a phytolaboratory for illegal cultivation of drug-containing plants had been set up and was operating in bathhouse. During a search officers found and seized pots with plants that looked like cannabis, specialized equipment for growing, including ultraviolet and heat-emitting lamps, ventilation devices, as well as plant-based substances with a specific odor, fertilizers, and other means for stimulating plant growth. According to forensic chemical examination, the seized plants are classified as narcotic drugs. Total weight of **cannabis** was over **5.7 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/v-bane-chastnogo-doma-vyyavlena-fitolaboratoriya-po-vyrashivaniyu-narkotikov-v-almatinskoj-oblasti/>

**30.12.2025** Police officers and special task forces conducted an operation in Aktau, during which they prevented an attempt to illegally transport narcotics. Suspects were detained attempting to flee upon receiving a postal parcel. The package was found and seized at the scene. According to expert report, it contained approximately **400 grams of heroin**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsiya-presekla-popytku-perevozki-narkotikov-v-mangistauskoj-oblasti/>

**30.12.2025** During operational search activities, near one of the houses on Zhumat Omashev Street in Ekibastuz officers from the Pavlodar Region Police Department's Anti-Drug Crime Unit, in coordination with the Prosecutor's Office, detained a 26-year-old local resident on suspicion of illegal drug trafficking. During a personal search of the suspect police officers found 27 packages in her clothing pockets and bag, which the suspect had attempted to sell by hiding in secret stashes. According to tests, the packages contained a **synthetic narcotic substance** with a total weight of more than **27 g**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/26-letnyaya-zakladchitsa-narkotikov-zaderzhana-v-ekibastuze/>

## KYRGYZSTAN

**22.12.2025** As part of measures to combat corruption in law enforcement agencies, the State Committee for National Security detained Kyrgyz citizen Zh.K.T. while he was receiving \$90,000 in cash. According to the state committee, Zh.K.T. was acting in concert with his accomplice, M.A.Zh., an officer of the Interior Ministry's Counter Narcotics Service. During a search of the car owned by Zh.K.T., a plastic bag wrapped in tape was found and seized. Inside was a narcotic substance — **hashish** with a total weight of **105 g**. [https://24.kg/proisshestvija/355500\\_180\\_tyisyach\\_zaotmazku\\_gknb\\_poymal\\_korruptsioner\\_ov\\_sdenjami\\_inarkotikami/](https://24.kg/proisshestvija/355500_180_tyisyach_zaotmazku_gknb_poymal_korruptsioner_ov_sdenjami_inarkotikami/)

**22.12.2025** Law enforcement agencies detained a man with narcotics in Toktogul. Officers from the Toktogul District Police Department's Anti-Drug Unit detained 41-year-old Kara-Kul resident M.A. while he was collecting wild narcotic plants. They seized **10.22 kg of cannabis** as material evidence, which was sent for forensic chemical analysis. <https://topnews.kg/proisshestvija/88338-muzhchina-priezzhal-v-toktogul-sobirat-zapreschennoe-rastenie-ego-zaderzhali.html>

**26.12.2025** Law enforcement agencies in the Issyk-Kul region found drugs, weapons, and ammunition in possession of three individuals. A resident of the Issyk-Kul region, born in 2000, K.K., was identified as a suspect during the course of investigation. During his arrest, a substance with the characteristic smell of wild cannabis was found and seized. The seized substance was sent for forensic chemical analysis, which confirmed that it was a drug — **cannabis** concentrate. Its net weight was **270 grams**. <https://topnews.kg/proisshestvija/90374-u-zhitelej-issyk-kulja-nashli-narkotiki-oruzhie-i-boepripasy.html>

## RUSSIA

**22.12.2025** During the course of operational search activities, Murmansk operatives received information about involvement of a 47-year-old man in drug trafficking. The suspect was detained near a house on Rostinskaya street. The man had plastic bags containing a powdery substance in his possession. It was seized and sent for examination. It was found that the bags contained about **200 grams** of narcotic substance containing **alpha-PVP**. <https://b-port.com/news/350368>

**23.12.2025** While acting on intelligence, criminal investigators questioned a 35-year-old man with a criminal record. The operatives' attention was drawn to a jar with a distinctive smell. Upon searching his home, police officers discovered and seized several bags and packages filled with herbal material. An examination confirmed that the seized substance was **marijuana** weighing more than **10 kilograms**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/75572664/>

**23.12.2025** During the course of their duties, officers of GU MVD of Russia in the Nizhny Novgorod region detained a 36-year-old resident of Nizhny Novgorod, who works as a tourism manager, in a forest near the village of Obezhd. The police discovered that the man had decided to distribute a wholesale shipment of synthetic drugs. He had purchased the psychostimulant and was going to retrieve it from a "stash" buried in the forest and then sell it in small batches. Drugs were found with the help of a police dog. Forensic experts

determined that the buried package contained almost **1 kg of amphetamine**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/75597153/>

**23.12.2025** Law enforcement officers from the Lensky District Police Department of the Bratsk Regional Office of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs stopped drug dealers' activities during an investigation. A 43-year-old resident of Novaya Igirma had set up drug stashes in Zheleznogorsk-Ilimsky and Novaya Igirma. During searches of his place of residence and hiding places, operatives discovered and seized drugs. A total of more than **2 kg of synthetic drugs** were seized <https://мвд.рф/news/item/75571246/>

**24.12.2025** During a joint preventive raid at the 8th kilometer of the Western Bypass highway in Ufa, operatives of OMVD of Russia in the Ufa district stopped a Hyundai car driven by a 26-year-old resident of the Moscow region. During inspection of the vehicle and subsequent examination of hidden compartments in the Ufa district and the city of Ufa police officers discovered and seized vacuum-sealed plastic bags containing an unknown substance with a total weight of more than **5 kg**. All seized substances were sent for examination. Laboratory tests showed that the substances were the synthetic drug **mephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/75649822/>

**25.12.2025** During operational search activities conducted on 17 December on a street in Vladikavkaz, two citizens of the Russian Federation were detained. During a personal search and an inspection of the place of detention, police officers discovered and seized synthetic narcotic drug **methadone**. The seized substance was sent for examination, and results confirmed its narcotic nature. According to experts, the amount of methadone seized is equivalent to more than **600 single doses**, each of which poses a serious threat to human life and health. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/75670394/>

**28.12.2025** During a series of operational search measures, officers of UMVD of Russia in Ryazan Region stopped a car in the village of Turlatovo, Ryazan District, in which there were a 35-year-old resident of the district and a 33-year-old resident of the city of Ryazan. During a search of the car's interior, as well as during further operational measures, police officers seized a large number of packages containing drugs: they contained more than **557 grams** of synthetic **hashish** and **77 grams of methadone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/75834218/>

**29.12.2025** Officers of UMVD and UFSB of Russia in the Ryazan region detained a 30-year-old resident of the village of Klokovо who had set up a laboratory for production of synthetic drugs. During searches operatives seized **20 kg of precursors** in Klokovо, **355 g** of finished drugs (an **N-methylephedrone derivative**) in Sintula, laboratory equipment, gas masks, packaging materials, and liquids. [https://ryazannews.ru/fn\\_1779136.html](https://ryazannews.ru/fn_1779136.html)

**29.12.2025** Drug enforcement officers of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Chegemsky district on the outskirts of the village of Shalushka detained a 41-year-old resident of the Krasnodar Krai with a criminal record at the moment of retrieving a hidden stash. Upon inspection of the scene, police officers found a plastic bag containing a beige crystalline substance. According to expert conclusion, the seized substance is the narcotic drug **N-methylephedrone** with a total weight of **999 g**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/75999518/>

**30.12.2025** As a result of processing available operational information, officers of GU MVD of Russia in Moscow detained a 36-year-old resident of the Astrakhan region. During a personal search, police officers seized 40 packages containing substances with a total weight of about **80 grams** from the man. An examination of part of the seized substance showed that it contained narcotic drug **mephedrone**. During a search of the suspect's apartment in the Moscow suburb of Vidnoe, police officers found a container with a similar drug weighing more than **860 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/76020551/>

**30.12.2025** Police in the Republic of Tyva detained a drug dealer who was planning to transport a shipment of hashish to the Sakhalin region. In order to deliver drugs to the island region without any problems, the perpetrator swallowed capsules containing illegal substance. The dealer was tracked down thanks to the arrest of one of the consumers. On 15 December 2025, law enforcement officers detained and arrested a 41-year-old resident of the village of Kaa-khem in the Republic of Tyva. The man had **19 grams** of hashish in his possession. Suspected drug supplier was also detained. During a medical examination, doctors found numerous foreign objects in his abdominal cavity. After emptying his stomach, doctors removed 16 capsules with **hashish**. Total weight of drugs was **55 grams**. <https://citysakh.ru/news/124533>

## UZBEKISTAN

**22.12.2025** Law enforcement officers carried out operational measures. In particular, a man named Aziz was detained in the Shaykhantakhur district for attempting to sell **750 units** of the potent drug "**Pregabalin**" for 30 million soums. In addition, during a search of his home, another **12,600 units** of the same potent drug were found and seized. Similarly, in the Yangikhatoy district, several individuals were detained who were also involved in distribution of potent drugs. A total of **654 units of various potent drugs** were confiscated. <https://upl.uz/incidents/58944-news.html>

**25.12.2025** Customs officials carried out a series of measures aimed at preventing importation of the potent substance sibutramine into Uzbekistan. In particular, a passenger on a flight from Istanbul to Tashkent was caught at Islam Karimov International Airport in Tashkent attempting to smuggle coffee for weight loss through the "green" corridor with a total value of 33 million soums. A total of **2,000 packages** of coffee were found. According to expert analysis, coffee contained the potent substance "**sibutramine**," but this was not indicated on the packaging. Similarly, at the Fergana border customs post, a citizen attempted to import **360 units** of slimming coffee into Uzbekistan, with a total value of 7.2 million soums. The potent substance **sibutramine** was also found in it. <https://upl.uz/incidents/59039-news.html>

**25.12.2025** Law enforcement officers conducted operational search measures, during which they identified owners of a Telegram channel and Telegram bot linked to the trade in prohibited substances. During a search they found four mobile phones, three computers, various bank cards, and SIM cards from mobile operators. The phones contained 95,000 transactions on various cryptocurrency trading platforms, totaling 2 million 375 thousand US dollars. In addition, **550 units of psychotropic drugs** were found in the home of one of them. <https://upl.uz/incidents/59018-news.html>

**25.12.2025** SGB officers, together with customs officials, conducted a special operation to prevent import of a large shipment of drugs into Uzbekistan. At the Navoi border customs post in the Tashkent region, a LADA Largus car driven by a resident of the Bukhara region born in 2000 was stopped and inspected. During inspection of his car, it was found that he was transporting a gearbox from a Gazel car, inside which was a cache of drugs. A total of **2.3 kg** of the synthetic narcotic substance “**mephedrone**” was detected and seized. <https://upl.uz/incidents/59037-news.html>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### AUSTRALIA

**30.12.2025** A 40-year-old woman from the suburb of Bonnyrigg was detained at Sydney International Airport for attempting to smuggle a large quantity of methamphetamine into Australia by disguising it as tea bags. The incident occurred during a routine inspection of the arriving passenger's luggage. Officers discovered 18 vacuum-sealed bags labeled “tea” containing a crystalline substance. Preliminary analysis indicated that it was **methamphetamine**. A total of approximately **15 kilograms** of drugs were seized. <https://www.pravilamag.ru/news/society-news/30-12-2025/764205-v-aeroportu-sidneya-devushka-pyталas-provezti-15-kg-narkotikov-pod-vidom-chaya-ulun/>

### GEORGIA

**31.12.2025** On 30 December, Georgian Interior Ministry officers seized a large shipment of drugs. An Iranian citizen was detained after transporting **157 kg of heroin** into Georgia in a truck via a neighbouring country. Drugs were packed in marble slabs. <https://www.interfax.ru/world/1065931>

### IRAQ

**25.12.2025** Security forces in the Kurdistan region announced the seizure of approximately 672 kilograms of drugs and the arrest of dozens of suspected traffickers and users in operations carried out over the past six months. A statement from the Kurdish Security Council said that the total amount seized was approximately **672 kg, including 167 kg of marijuana, 194 kg of crystal methamphetamine, 57 kg of heroin, 25 kg of hashish, 14 kg of opium, 14 kg of cocaine, and 201 kg of captagon pills**. In addition, security forces seized **6,000 ephedrine pills and 3,253 tramadol capsules**. Anti-narcotics units in cooperation with relevant authorities also seized **197 kg** of crystal **methamphetamine** outside the Kurdistan region. <https://shafaq.com/en/Kurdistan/Anti-drug-crackdown-yields-672-kg-seizure-across-Kurdistan>

### CANADA

**30.12.2025** In two separate incidents at Toronto airport authorities seized **53 kilograms of ketamine** and approximately **12 kilograms of cocaine**, according to border services. A large quantity of ketamine was seized by customs officers from a traveler arriving at Pearson on a flight from Germany. Cocaine was discovered during inspection of a traveler

arriving on a flight from Jamaica. <https://www.insauga.com/major-drug-busts-on-same-day-turn-up-cocaine-and-ketamine-at-toronto-pearson-airport/>

**30.12.2025** Six people were arrested as part of a three-month investigation that led to major drug and cash seizures across Ontario, police said Tuesday. Investigations into suspected cocaine trafficking began in October and culminated in the seizure of 135,000 dollars in cash, **102 kg of cocaine**, and firearms in a joint operation led by the York Regional Police (YRP). <https://www.cp24.com/local/york/2025/12/30/more-than-100-kg-of-cocaine-seized-across-ontario-police/>

## MALAYSIA

**21.12.2025** Officers of the Narcotics Crime Investigation Department dealt a serious blow to drug trafficking after one of the largest drug seizures in history. More than 18 tons of drugs worth RM1.53 billion were seized, and six people — three local men and three foreign women — were arrested during a series of raids in the Klang Valley on 16 December. The international pharmaceutical syndicate is known to have been operating since April, serving the overseas market, particularly Eastern countries. During the raids, a huge drug processing laboratory located in a three-story bungalow in Cherash was discovered, as well as various premises where drugs were stored. Four raids resulted in the seizure of **3,738 kg of cocaine and 14.46 tons of ketamine**. [https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2025/12/21/rm15bil-global-drug-ring-crippled#goog\\_rewarded](https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2025/12/21/rm15bil-global-drug-ring-crippled#goog_rewarded)

## USA

**23.12.2025** King County investigators report that a three-month undercover investigation into a regional drug supplier culminated this month with the seizure of hundreds of pounds of drugs — the largest drug bust ever recorded by the sheriff's office. The raid resulted in the seizure of **97 kg of methamphetamine, 2.3 kg of heroin**, and 89,780 dollars in cash. <https://www.king5.com/article/news/crime/king-county-largest-drug-bust-ever/281-38382d42-67c8-47bc-a93c-38b71db3c4cd>

## FRANCE

**22.12.2025** For several weeks Frontex officers monitored a fishing vessel. Thanks to these ongoing efforts, more than **4 tons of cocaine** were seized and ten suspects linked to a Greek criminal network were arrested. On 14 December, the French Navy intercepted a vessel in the Caribbean Sea, concluding a complex international investigation. Ten suspects linked to a Greek criminal network were arrested, marking conclusion of a coordinated effort undertaken by the Greek authorities with the support of Frontex, in close cooperation with Europol. <https://www.frontex.europa.eu/media-centre/news/news-release/weeks-of-monitoring-lead-to-major-cocaine-seizure-with-key-frontex-support-yKYUIO>