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THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

23.10.2018 In the course of the search operations, officers from the sixth police department of the Binagadi district apprehended two residents of Jalilabad and Garadagh districts. **1,118 kg of heroin** were collected from the detainees. During the inspection of the house of one of the detainees in the village of Gyzildash, another **2,076 kg of opium** were discovered. It is established that drugs were smuggled from Iran for further sale. Investigation into the facts continues. <https://ru.sputnik.az/incidents/20181023/417541709/narkotik-opium-zemlja-policija-baku.html>

THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

26.10.2018 SBNON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic successfully conducted an operation to identify and stop illegal storage and sale of narcotic drugs. A 21-year-old citizen from Jalal-Abad region was arrested while he was exchanging a Toyota car for drugs in the territory of the Alamudun district of the Chui region. During the detention, **718 g of hashish** were seized from the suspect. On this fact a criminal case was instituted. Investigative and operational activities are currently underway aimed at identifying other persons involved in the crime. https://www.vb.kg/doc/374572_narkotorgovec_pytalsia_obmeniat_narkotiki_na_avtomobil_no_byl_zaderjan.html

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

22.10.2018 Investigative Department (SU) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Novgorod region initiated criminal cases against organizers and members of a criminal community specializing in illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs in large and very large amounts. The total number of participants in this criminal community was at least 10 people who played the role of "couriers", "holders of warehouses" and "operators of caches". Police officers confiscated more than **6.5 kg of synthetic drugs**. The prohibited substances were found in caches located in the territory of Veliky Novgorod, as well as during search in the places of residence of the suspects, and were intended for sale among drug users. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14758906>

23.10.2018 Department for Drugs Control (UKON) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Omsk region jointly with colleagues from the Federal Security Service Department (UFSB) the Tyumen-Omsk highway near the village of Olgino, Krutinsky district, detained a 30-year-old resident of the Oktyabrsky district involved in drug trafficking in the region. During a personal search and inspection of the suspect's car, about **3 kg of synthetic drug "salt"** (derived from mephedrone or its analogues) were seized. Another **1 kg of synthetic drug** was found in a cache in the vicinity of Omsk. It has been established

that the man purchased drugs via the Internet, delivered them to Omsk from various cities of Russia, where he equipped "caches" for regional couriers. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14766145>

23.10.2018 A 25-year-old resident of the city of Chelyabinsk was detained by Department for Drugs Control (UKON) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Chelyabinsk Region, who before being arrested had sold narcotic drug **heroin weighing about 110 g**. In the course of further activities at his place of residence, electronic scales and packaging material were found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14767334>

23.10.2018 A 35-year-old citizen was apprehended by the Directorate for Drugs Control (UKON) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation for the Novosibirsk Region in cooperation with the Federal Penitentiary Service of the Russian Federation for the Novosibirsk Region with the support of the "Thunder" («Гром») police special forces in Toguchin. Officers found and seized **40 g of heroin**. The detainee intended to throw drugs over the fence in a correctional institution, where he had previously served a sentence for a particularly serious crime. During a search of the man's place of residence in Toguchin, about **185 g of heroin were** additionally seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14763240>

25.10.2018 Officers Division for Drugs Control (OKON) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia "Balashikha" for Moscow region in the Kuchino district detained a 24-year-old local resident and seized **93 tablets of MDMA, weighing about 50 g**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14787416>

25.10.2018 UKON of Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Republic of North Ossetia - Alania and the Republican Federal Security Service conducted an inspection in an apartment in Vladikavkaz, where they found and seized narcotic drugs - **N-methylephedron weighing more than 111 g and 700 g of marijuana**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14793193>

26.10.2018 Employees of the UKON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Samara Region carried out a set of operational measures to identify persons involved in illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs. As a result, the police have established members of an organized group of immigrants from neighboring countries. The organizers, a 43-year-old woman and her 45-year-old husband, who carried out the placement of drugs into caches were detained. During a search at the place of residence of the suspects, as well as from caches organized by the wrongdoers in Samara more than **800 g of heroin** were seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14804449>

26.10.2018 UKON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Republic of Bashkortostan as a result of search operations revealed location of a clandestine laboratory manufacturing mephedrone in Ufa. The illegal business was organized by a 30-year-old man and attracted two unemployed residents of Ufa. One of the accomplices provided the illegal laboratory with chemicals and operated caches. The other engaged in the distribution of manufactured drugs. During a search of a private house, more than **1.2 kg of mephedrone, about 100 ml of liquid containing narcotic drugs**, laboratory equipment and various chemicals, as well as records with instructions for the manufacture of drugs were found and seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14799111>

28.10.2018 Employees of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Voronezh Region stopped illegal sale of narcotic drugs in the territory of Voronezh through caches. A 37-year-old resident of the Khokholsky district and his 35-year-old spouse who were involved in the distribution of narcotic drugs in a non-contact way were detained. During a search at their place of residence in the village of Gremyachie, Khokholsky district, police found and seized several dozens of packages prepared for marketing, in which there were **150 g of the synthetic drug "salt"**, along with electronic scales and packaging materials. The suspects explained that with the help of the Internet, they learned addresses of the wholesale caches, then repacked drugs in smaller batches and put it into caches.
<https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14810292>

29.10.2018 Officers of the Volga Operational Customs in October 2018 cut off a large channel used for smuggling of synthetic drugs sent in international mail from China to the Kirov region. Throughout the year, an organized criminal group functioned in the territory of the Kirov region, whose activity is connected with the smuggling of synthetic drugs from abroad and subsequent illegal sale in the territory of the Kirov region. The organizer of the criminal group, a resident of the city of Kotelnich of the Kirov region, acquired concentrates of narcotic drugs in China and transferred in small batches of 10 g each to Russia in international mail sent to various receivers. From the obtained reagents, drugs with a total weight of up to 400 g were manufactured and packed in 0.5 g bags for further sale at retail. The members of the criminal group themselves also used synthetic drugs, knew their effects on the human body and had experience in marketing by posting offers to sell mixes in several online stores. Giving the form of legality to the funds obtained from the sale of narcotic drugs was done through a multi-level system of conducting transactions and operations on a cryptocurrency exchange using the Bitcoin peer-to-peer payment system. October 15, 2018, the organizer of the criminal group was arrested at the time of receipt of smuggling of drugs. As a result of the carried out urgent investigative actions with the use of a service dog, police found three more caches of drugs prepared for distribution.
http://ptu.customs.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=14545:2018-10-26-10-35-58&catid=4:news&Itemid=88

THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

25.10.2018 In the course of search operations, officers of the internal affairs bodies of Fergana region in the attic of a local resident in Fergana found and seized **1 kg 680 g of marijuana**.
<http://www.mvd.uz/ru/lists/view/4666>

25.10.2018 During the operative-search activities carried out by staff of internal affairs bodies in the Markhamat district of the Andijan region, **1 kg 560 g of marijuana** were found and seized from a resident of the Asaka district of the Andijan region.
<http://www.mvd.uz/ru/lists/view/4652>

27.10.2018 In Uzbekistan in the course of two operations, citizens were detained for smuggling drugs from Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. Officers of the State Security Service (SGB) in the Fergana region have determined that a resident of Kokand, after moving to Tajikistan through the Andarkhon border post, purchased opium for 4 thousand US dollars. Then by telephone he arranged with to deliver drugs to Kokand his accomplice. The man was detained in the area of the village of Chagali when moving drugs from the city of Bekabad. During a search, about **2 kg of opium** were found in a car under the control of his

acquaintance. In addition, on the road from Kuvasoy to Fergana, another criminal, a resident of the city of Margilan, was detained. He threw the bag out of the car and tried to escape, but was detained. His accomplice, a resident of Margilan, managed to escape from the scene. On inspection of the package, narcotic substance **hashish weighing 672 g** was found. Men bought drugs in Kyrgyzstan and imported it into Uzbekistan via a bypass road near the village of Polmon. The SGB Department in the Fergana region opened criminal cases on these facts, investigations are underway. <https://ca-news.org/news:1477878>

OTHER COUNTRIES

SPAIN

23.10.2018 The National Police, during a joint operation with the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), intercepted a tugboat called "Breath" under the flag of the Republic of Moldova, loaded with **1,400 kg of cocaine** 980 miles from the Canary Islands. Ten crew members of the boat were arrested, including citizens of Turkey, Ukraine, Georgia and Bulgaria. This operation was part of the ongoing struggle of the National Police with international organizations engaged in transport of drugs by sea from South America to Europe. On the tugboat deck, agents found numerous cocaine bags wrapped in cloth weighing about 30 kg each. The bales were tied together, ready to be dropped into the sea in case of emergency. Satellite equipment, laptops, navigation devices and various documentation were also detected in the boat. https://www.policia.es/prensa/20181023_2.html

24.10.2018 A joint operation of the Spanish Civil Guard and the National Police on Wednesday led to the seizure of more than **6,000 kg of cocaine** in Malaga, southern Spain. The worth of this consignment of cocaine is estimated at 360 million euros (410 million US dollars). Drugs were found during the shipment of bananas in a warehouse in an industrial area of Santa Teresa on the outskirts of the city. 15 people were arrested, however, as the operation continues, the number of arrested may increase to 30. Members of the anti-drugs and organized crime unit (Udyco and Greco) of the National Police and the Civil Guards Central Operations Unit (UCO).

http://www.china.org.cn/world/Off_the_Wire/2018-10/24/content_67958853.htm

CANADA

26.10.2018 The police of Kastlegar conducted a simultaneous search of two local residences resulting in the seizure of about **800 tablets of fentanyl, 480 g of cocaine, 1 kg of cannabis**, over \$50,000 in cash and various other synthetic drugs in the form of tablets. Also seized were firearms and ammunition. 65-year-old woman and two men, 52 and 65 years old, were arrested. <https://www.castanet.net/news/BC/240328/Cocaine-cash-seized>

25.10.2018 An investigation started by the Ottawa police resulted in a search warrant issued at two different addresses in Ottawa that led to seizure of about **3.5 kg of cocaine** and \$ 45,000 in cash. Three people aged 29-31 were arrested. <https://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/barrhaven-west-end-raids-net-3-5-kg-of-cocaine>

THE NETHERLANDS

26.10.2018 Customs discovered a large shipment of cocaine during an inspection at the port of Rotterdam. In a container loaded with chicken liver arriving in the port of Rotterdam with a ship and originally to be delivered to Schouwen-Duiveland in Zeeland, officers found **1300 kg of cocaine**. The street value of the smuggled consignment is at least 30 million euros. Pallets of frozen chicken liver blocks were loaded into the container, while cocaine packs were hidden between the pallets. Zeeland-West Brabant police unit launched an investigation in collaboration with the HARC team in Rotterdam. 1300 packs of cocaine were destroyed along with a batch of chicken liver.

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuwsberichten/@104350/douane-vindt-zeer/>

USA

23.10.2018 More than **7.5 kg of cocaine, about 19 kg of marijuana** and nearly \$ 445,000 in cash were seized by police in Detroit, Michigan, as a result of a special operation in Detroit and one of its northwestern suburbs. The operation was carried out in two enterprises on the eastern side of the city and in two houses in West Bloomfield. Also found were heroin and ecstasy. Two people aged 36 and 33 were arrested.

https://www.wnem.com/news/police-cocaine-heroin-and-marijuana-seized-in-drug-raids/article_eb0115e4-d720-11e8-afdc-f7fb7adacbd2.html

24.10.2018 Troopers of the Department for Public Safety in Rosenberg, South Texas stopped a Chrysler vehicle for traffic offense with two women from Pharr, 32 and 76 years old. During the inspection, a DPS dog detected drugs in the car. As a result of further inspection of the car troopers found about **74.9 kg of cocaine and 15 kg of heroin**.

Women were arrested and taken to Fort Bend County Jail. http://www.fbherald.com/free/report-women-arrested-for-large-amount-of-cocaine-and-heroin/article_d7d3de73-b1fb-511d-a663-636fa2905fd4.html

25.10.2018 More than **30 kg of cocaine** were seized in Moksville, North Carolina, four people were arrested. Sheriff's office received information about a truck that carried drugs. Sheriff's officers monitored a Volvo refrigerated truck parked on US 601 North in Moxville. The officers noticed a Ford Taurus car in the parking lot, from which two men got out and approached the truck and exchanged two duffel bags. After detaining suspects, more than **30 kg of cocaine** and \$3,200 in cash were confiscated. A load of lemons was in the refrigerator. In the truck were two men - a 30-year-old resident of Edinburg, Texas and a man from Kissimmee, Florida. All four detainees were subsequently arrested.

<https://www.ourdavie.com/2018/10/25/officers-confiscate-more-than-66-pounds-of-cocaine/>

26.10.2018 Federal prosecutors in Oklahoma have charged two US citizens for transporting **572.5 kg of liquid methamphetamine**. A 36-year-old resident of Chicago and a 21-year-old resident of McAllen, Texas, were arrested. Methamphetamine was found in the fuel tank of a car parked near a Norman motel in Oklahoma City. The batch of drugs' worth is estimated at between 750,000 and 3,150,000 US dollars.

<https://www.bnd.com/news/state/illinois/article220683710.html>

26.10.2018 Customs and Border Guard officers at the port of Nogales, Tucson, Arizona, arrested a US citizen of Mexican descent associated with isolated failed attempts to smuggle drugs. Employees of CBP at the intersection of Mariposa stopped a Toyota car run by a 27-

year-old US citizen. As a result of inspection of the car, packages containing **3.63 kg of cocaine** worth about 200 thousand US dollars, as well as more than **12.7 kg of methamphetamine** worth about 85 thousand US dollars were found in its dashboard.
<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/nogales-cbp-officers-seize-523k-hard-drugs>

TURKEY

23.10.2018 During counter-narcotics operations in Turkey, more than **391 kg of heroin** were seized. The operations were held in Adana, Adiyaman, Antalya, Ardahan, Ankara, Artvin, Balikesir, Batman, Bingole, Bursa, Kankiri, Diyarbakir, Eskisehir, Istanbul, Izmir, Hakkari, Hataye, Kayseri, Konye, Kutahya, Memeyra, Kozheera, Mezheera, Istanbul, Izmir, Hakkari, Hataye, Kayseri, Kutahya, Memera, Kimahyerah and Van. 159 people involved in drug trafficking were arrested. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/turkey-over-390-kg-of-heroin-seized/1291022>

PAKISTAN

23.10.2018 Islamabad Airport Security forces (ASF) foiled a drug smuggling and arrested a drug trafficker with **1300 grams of heroin**. Heroin was discovered During a search of baggage of a resident of Charsadda departing abroad by a private flight. Detainee was handed over to the Anti-narcotics Force (ANF) with the seized drug for further investigation. <https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2018/10/23/bid-to-smuggle-1-3kg-ice-heroin-foiled/>

23.10.2018 Anti-narcotics Force (ANF) seized **2.16 kg of heroin** at Lahore airport on two occasions and arrested two passengers-drug-couriers involved in smuggling. Drug traffickers intended to go to the cities of Jiddah and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on two different flights. ANF officials found a bag of heroin in hidden parts of the baggage during a search. Both passengers are delivered to ANF Headquarters for further investigation. <https://nation.com.pk/23-Oct-2018/heroin-seized-at-lahore-airport>

THAILAND

25.10.2018 During an inspection at a post office in Chiang Mai, about **21 kg of heroin** were found in a package that had been returned from Taiwan. The package contained 30 bags, labeled as powdered seasonig, each weighing 0.7 kg. The estimated worth of the seized consignment is more than 3.23 million US dollars. No drugs were discovered by customs officers in Thailand or Taiwan. Investigation is being conducted by the Office of the Narcotics Control Board (ONCB). <http://focustaiwan.tw/news/asoc/201810250012.aspx>

28.10.2018 Bangkok police in the Ayutthaya province detained a 34-year-old man from Lampang, who was transporting **10.33 million methamphetamine tablets, about 100 kg of methamphetamine crystal and 100 kg of ketamine**. The drugs were hidden in beer boxes loaded onto a truck. The estimated value of the drugs is 2.2 billion Bt. The discovered drugs had on their packages the logos "999" and "Y1" of the tribal groups from the north and south, which indicated that the drugs were produced and imported from the neighboring country. The drug group employed a man as a drug courier to transport drugs for storage in Ayutthaya province, located 70 km from Bangkok. The police found that the detained drug trafficker had previously bought a house and a truck for a large amount of cash. At the initiative of the police, the Anti-Money Laundering Office conducted a financial



investigation to detect and confiscate illegal assets. Earlier, on 4 October, a large batch of **700 kg of crystall methamphetamine** was seized from two suspects by police in Ayutthaya. <http://www.nationmultimedia.com/detail/national/30357360>

26.10.2018 Thai police apprehended two drug couriers from Vietnam — men aged 31 and 40, when they were transporting **32 kg of methamphetamine and 3 kg of heroin** from Laos. Drug dealers were driving a car with a Lao license plate when the police stopped them. After the detention, the men explained that they had bought drugs in Laos and wanted to sell them in Vietnam.

<https://e.vnexpress.net/news/news/35-kilograms-of-meth-heroin-seized-from-laos-vehicle-in-central-vietnam-3829766.html>

