

## NEWSLETTER ABOUT PAST EVENTS IN THE ANTI-DRUG SPHERE (according to the media)

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In the period from January 16 to January 22, 2023, based on information from the media in the space of the CARICC member states and other countries of the world, 9 events in the anti-drug sphere were covered (*Azerbaijan - 1, Kazakhstan - 1, Kyrgyzstan - 2, Russia - 1, Tajikistan - 1, Uzbekistan - 2. For other countries: Armenia - 1*).

The published articles reflect information on the results of official activities in 2022 in the anti-drug sphere (*AR, RK, KR*), on the introduction of a bill aimed at combating "drug addiction" (*RF*), holding a bilateral meeting (*RT*), organizing a ceremony for the transfer of equipment to UNODC, as well as participating in a meeting of a working group within the framework of the SCO (*RU*), developing an Anti-Drug Strategy (*Armenia*).

### ON CARICC MEMBER-STATES

#### REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN



#### SBS: IMPORT OF MORE TON OF DRUGS INTO AZERBAIJAN REVENTED IN LAST YEAR



Last year, the smuggling of 1 ton 383 kg of narcotic drugs worth AZM 36 million 592 thousand 485 across the border of Azerbaijan was prevented.

Information announced at the reporting meeting on the results of the service and combat activities of the State Border Service in 2022.

During the reporting period, 24 tons 683 kg of drug-containing plants were destroyed.

<https://report.az/ru/proisshestviya/gps-v-proshlom-godu-predotvrashen-vvoz-bolee-tonny-narkotikov-v-azerbaidzhan/>

#### REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



#### ABOUT 260 KG OF DRUGS SEIZED PER YEAR IN ASTANA



In total, in 2022, more than 1,300 criminal cases were registered in Astana, of which 337 were sent to court, 480 were terminated. Such data were announced by Daniyar Narymbiev, senior investigator of the investigation department of the capital's police department, Kazinform correspondent reports.

According to him, 308 criminal offenses were registered (99 sent to court, 31 stopped) and 1058 misdemeanors (238 sent to court, 449 stopped). The speaker explained that for committing a crime in the field of manufacturing, processing, storing and selling drugs of their analogues, imprisonment is provided, and for a misdemeanor without the intent to sell - a fine, arrest up to 90 days, or

community service. "In total, 397 citizens were involved, of which 2 were minors, 19 were women. 257 kg 519 g of various types of drugs were seized from illegal circulation. Of these, 104.134 g of heroin, 98 kg 679 g of marijuana, 124 kg 206 g of hashish, 34 kg 358 g of synthetic drugs," Daniyar Narymbiev said during a press conference.

He added that the main countries from which narcotic drugs are imported to Kazakhstan are China, Russia and European countries. [https://www.inform.kz/ru/okolo-260-kg-narkotikov-iz-yali-za-god-v-astane\\_a4025321](https://www.inform.kz/ru/okolo-260-kg-narkotikov-iz-yali-za-god-v-astane_a4025321)

**REPUBLIC OF KYRGYZSTAN**



**THE SERVICE FOR COMBAT ILLEGAL DRUG TRAFFICKING OF THE MIA OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC SUMMARIZED THE RESULTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR 12 MONTHS OF 2022**



The day before, in a hybrid format, the final meeting was held in the Service for Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic.

For 12 months, the Service revealed 463 drug crimes, 11 drug laboratories, 6 tons 598 kg 528 gr. narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors, of which:

opium - 8 kg 813 gr., heroin - 76 kg 930 gr., hashish - 169 kg 600 gr., marijuana - 281 kg 486 gr., cannabis plant - 7 kg 242 gr. precursors - 5 tons 793 kg 581 gr. psychotropic substances - 230 kg 815 gr. other drugs - 30 kg 060 gr.

The Service for Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic applies all kinds of measures to organize the fight against illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors, and work is also being carried out in the field of drug abuse prevention.

During the reporting period, more than 200 events in the field of drug prevention were carried out, the coverage of the population amounted to about 300 thousand.

During the meeting, the leadership of the Service set a number of tasks to prevent the smuggling of drugs of Afghan origin, wild-growing hemp, as well as to strengthen the work of identifying and eliminating drug laboratories that make up components for the manufacture of drugs.

Head Ulanbek Sultanov noted that it is necessary to pay special attention to the work to suppress drug crimes in the field of information and telecommunication technologies using the Internet, as well as to intensify work in the field of drug prevention.

At the meeting, the insufficient work of the departments in Bishkek and Chui region in the fight against drug trafficking was identified, and deadlines were set for their elimination.

<https://mvd.gov.kg/news/1613>



**PROMOTION OF LEGAL KNOWLEDGE IS ONE OF THE EFFECTIVE TOOLS FOR THE PREVENTION OF OFFENSES, INCLUDING IN THE SPHERE OF DRUG CRIME**



The Service for Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, with the assistance of the OSCE Program Office, filmed a social and preventive video to explain the new norm of the Code of Offenses of the Kyrgyz Republic, Art. 101 "A call for the use and advertising of narcotic

drugs, psychotropic substances or their precursors, plants containing narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances or their precursors, and their parts containing narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances or their precursors, as well as new potentially dangerous psychoactive substances".

Promotion of legal knowledge is one of the effective tools for crime prevention, including in the field of drug crimes.

Do not be silent, report the distribution of drugs by calling ☎️ 102

SCIDT MIA KR: 0312 66-02-44, 0312 66-06-16 <https://mvd.gov.kg/news/1603>

## RUSSIAN FEDERATION

ГОСУДАРСТВЕННАЯ ДУМА  
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### A BILL AIMED TO FIGHT AGAINST "DRUG ADDICTION" HAS BEEN INTRODUCED



Pavel Krasheninnikov and Andrey Klishas and a group of deputies, chairmen of the Committees on State Building and Legislation of the State Duma and the Federation Council, and a group of deputies introduced a draft law that differentiates administrative liability for violations of the legislation on the circulation of medicines based on the degree of their public danger.

The document was developed as part of the implementation of the Strategy of the State Anti-Drug Policy of the Russian Federation until 2030. As noted in the Strategy, over the past 10 years there has been an increase of more than 2.5 times in the number of people dependent on new potentially dangerous psychoactive substances. In great demand among drug addicts - the so-called drug addicts - are drugs containing pregabalin, tapentadol, tropicamide and cyclopentolate, which are not poisonous or potent drugs and do not contain either narcotic or psychotropic substances in their composition. At the same time, their use not as prescribed by a doctor, including in an unintended way, in large doses, in combination with other substances or alcohol, causes drug intoxication, as well as persistent dependence.

"Unfortunately, "drug addiction" is especially widespread among adolescents and youth due to the relative availability, ease of use and intensity of the effects of drugs containing psychoactive substances. Often, mental and physical dependence on the use of these drugs becomes the main prerequisite for the transition to harder drugs and psychotropic substances. Despite the fact that the listed drugs are included in the list of medicines subject to subject-quantitative accounting, in practice there are cases of their non-prescription sale, which violates the special accounting procedure," commented Pavel Krasheninnikov.

Currently, violation of the established rules provides for administrative liability, which implies a fine for citizens from 1.5 to 3 thousand rubles, for officials - from 5 to 10 thousand rubles, for legal entities - from 20 to 30 thousand rubles.

Over the past five years, there has been a significant increase (by more than 22%) in the number of administrative offenses under the Code of Administrative Offenses.

In addition, over-the-counter dispensing of such drugs implies responsibility for carrying out business activities with a gross violation of the requirements and conditions provided for by a special permit (license).

The high level of public danger of this offense requires increased amounts of administrative fines, since the effectiveness of the fight against drug addiction, which is currently widespread, including among minors, directly depends on this.

That is why the draft law proposes to differentiate administrative liability for violations of the legislation on the circulation of medicines based on the degree of their public danger, supplementing Article 14.42 of the Code of Administrative Offenses part 11.

If over-the-counter dispensing of drugs subject to subject-quantitative accounting does not contain signs of a criminally punishable act, the draft law proposes to introduce an increased amount of fines for officials (from 10 to 20 thousand rubles), persons engaged in entrepreneurial activities without forming a legal entity (from 50 to 100 thousand rubles), as well as legal (from 150 to 200 thousand rubles).

“At the same time, when determining the types of sanctions, it is necessary to be guided by the principle of proportionality of punishment to the committed offense, eliminating the factors of excessive burden on small and medium-sized businesses.

For this purpose, the project does not envisage the establishment of an administrative suspension of activities, since this may adversely affect the activities of pharmacies located, for example, in rural areas, as well as pharmacies with a branch network.

At the same time, the bill provides for the possibility of disqualifying pharmaceutical workers and officials who have committed this offense,” said Pavel Krasheninnikov.

<http://duma.gov.ru/news/56171/>

## REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN



### MEETING WITH MS. SEZIN SINANOGLU



On January 19, 2023, the Minister of Internal Affairs, Colonel-General of Militia Rahimzoda Ramazon Hamro, met with the UN Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Tajikistan, Ms. Sezin Sinanoglu, in connection with the end of her diplomatic powers in the Republic of Tajikistan.

During the meeting, the Minister of Internal Affairs highly appreciated the activities of the UN Resident Coordinator in Tajikistan Sezin Sinanoglu and expressed gratitude for the fruitful cooperation during her work.

In turn, Ms. Sezin Sinanoglu thanked the Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan for close cooperation, especially in the field of security of UN staff, and wished them success in their future activities.

During the meeting, there was also an exchange of views on cooperation within the framework of the United Nations. <https://www.vkd.tj/index.php/ru/informatsiya/novosti-arkhiv/35283-vstrecha-s-gospozhoj-sezin-sinanoglu>



**REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN**



**ONLINE PARTICIPATION AT THE MEETING OF THE EXPERTS WORKING GROUP ON PRECURSORS CONTROL IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THE SCO MEMBER STATES**



January 18, 2023 an online meeting of the Working Group of Experts on Precursor Control within the framework of the competent authorities of the SCO member states was held, which was attended by representatives of the competent authorities of the republic.

At this event, the issue of further work on the implementation of the points of the Program of Action for the Implementation of the Anti-Drug Strategy of the SCO

Member States for 2018-2023 was discussed.

At the end of the meeting, representatives of the authorized bodies exchanged information and the latest trends in the field of combating illegal trafficking in precursors and measures to counter it. <https://ncdc.uz/news/shhtga-azo-davlatlarning-vakolatli-organlari-doirasidagi-prekursorlar-nazorati-boyicha-ekspertlar-ishchi-guruhining-onlayn-yigilishi-ishtiroki-togrisida>



**CEREMONY OF RECEPTION AND TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A JOINT INITIATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF UZBEKISTAN AND THE UN OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME**



On January 20, 2023, in Tashkent, at the Regional Office of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), a ceremony was held to hand over equipment as part of the Joint Initiative of the Government of Uzbekistan and UNODC on "Counteracting the trafficking of Afghan and synthetic drugs in Uzbekistan through the creation of Interagency Mobile Teams". The property transfer is part of a grant agreement signed between UNODC and the Government of Japan in February 2020.

The ceremony was attended by UNODC International Program Coordinator Y. Kurbonov, employees of the National Information and Analytical Center for Drug Control and representatives of the competent ministries and agencies.

During the ceremony, documents on the transfer of technical equipment in the amount of \$51,202 were signed between representatives of the relevant ministries and agencies of the republic and the UNODC regional office in Central Asia.

<https://ncdc.uz/news/uzbekiston-hukumati-va-birlashgan-millatlar-tashkilotining-markaziy-osiyodagi-narkotiklar-va-jinoyatchilik-boyicha-boshqarmasining-qoshma-tashabbusi-doirasida-uskunalarni-qabul-qilish-va-topshirish-marosimi>

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### ARMENIA

**АМН** АГЕНТСТВО  
МЕЖДУНАРОДНОЙ  
ИНФОРМАЦИИ  
**НОВОСТИ-АРМЕНИЯ**

### ARMENIA TO DEVELOP AN AGAINST DRUG STRATEGY. IN 2022 THEIR TURNOVER INCREASED BY 77%



Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan noted the importance of developing an appropriate strategy at a meeting on illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychoactive substances and the fight against them. The head of government instructed the competent structures to start work in this direction.

According to the press service of the Armenian government, during the meeting, the Prime Minister was presented with the results of a study on the above topic, which refers to the situation related to

drug trafficking, their prevalence, detection of cases, detection statistics, etc. Control measures and steps implemented within the framework of state policy discussed.

On the eve of the discussion of the annual report on the activities of the Police, with the participation of the prime minister, it was reported that in 2022, drug trafficking in Armenia increased by 77% compared to 2021. It was also noted that last year a specialized unit was created in the country to combat drug trafficking via the Internet.

[https://newsarmenia.am/news/society/-v-armenii-razrabotayut-strategiyu-borby-s-oborotom-narkotikov-i-  
psikhotropnykh-veshchestv/-](https://newsarmenia.am/news/society/-v-armenii-razrabotayut-strategiyu-borby-s-oborotom-narkotikov-i-psikhotropnykh-veshchestv/)