

CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

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THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

02.10.2018. In the course of large-scale search operation "Poppy 2018" ("Көкнәр-2018"), staff of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of the Department of Internal Affairs of the Zhambyl region on the Shu-Korday highway stopped a Volkswagen Venta car driven by a 53-year-old resident of the Kordai district. He tried to drive around a mobile unit located in Kokkainar. During the inspection of the car, **dried marijuana** with a total weight of **92 kg**, which belonged to a 27-year-old passenger resident of the Kordai district, who had previously been convicted, was discovered and seized. The detainee fully admitted his guilt and was put in the temporary detention facility of the Shu district police department. Currently, a pre-trial investigation has been launched under Article 297 Part 3 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan. <http://ru.zhambylnews.kz/lentanews/53053-92-kilogramma-narkotikov-izyato-v-zhambylskoj-oblasti-v-operatsii-k-kn-r-2018-video.html>

04.10.2018. Staff of the Department for Combating Drug Trafficking of the Department of Internal Affairs of the Pavlodar region detained 2 residents of Ekibastuz on suspicion of drug possession. During the inspection, law enforcement officers seized 5 boxes and 2 bags containing **300 kg of marijuana**. Suspects were placed in temporary detention facility of the Department of Internal Affairs of Ekibastuz. <https://regnum.ru/news/2494316.html>

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

01.10.2018. Officers of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Orlovskaya region detained a man born in 1974. In one of the outbuildings in the yard of his house in the village of Gat, Oryol District, about **430 g of marijuana** were found. On this fact, a criminal case was initiated on the grounds of a crime under part 2 of Article 228 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation. The man has signed undertaking not leave the place of residence.

https://regionorel.ru/novosti/incidents/zhitel_orlovskogo_rayona_khranil_v_sarae_okolo_430_g_narkotikov/

01.10.2018. As a result of search operations (ORM), employees of the Division for Drugs Control of the regional Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Omsk Region detained a 21-year-old student at an Omsk university in an attempt to sell synthetic drugs. The young man was a small wholesale drug courier from one of the online stores that illegally distribute drugs. During the personal search, officers seized a light powder, which, according to the examination, turned out to be a synthetic drug called "salt" weighing more than 207 g. Then the officers from a cache previously equipped by the detainee seized another 47.5 g of the same synthetic drug. In total, about **255 g of "salt"** were collected from the illicit circulation. Two criminal cases were initiated against the drug dealer. The investigation is ongoing. <https://bk55.ru/news/article/136101/>

03.10.2018. In the town of Berezovsky, Kemerovo Region, a 36-year-old local resident was arrested, who was producing drugs in his garage. During inspection of premises, law enforcement officers found laboratory equipment and inventory, as well as more than **1 kg of marijuana**. Currently, a criminal case has been initiated against the detainee under the article "Illegal acquisition, storage, transportation, manufacture, processing of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or their analogues". Article sanctions provide for up to 10 years in prison. <https://news.vse42.ru/feed/show/id/28754769>

OTHER COUNTRIES

ARMENIA

03.10.2018. Officers of the Armenian State Customs Committee at the airport "Zvartnots" found 4 metal containers with a **liquid cocaine** weighing **3.5 kg** in a bag of a female citizen of Guatemala, arriving from the city of Dubai in Yerevan. On this fact a criminal case is instituted. As it turned out, the resident of Guatemala delivered the drug to Armenia from Sao Paulo, Brazil. She had to transfer it to an unknown person in one of the Yerevan hotels. As a result of search operations, a female citizen of Kazakhstan was detained on October 3, who arrived on a plane from Turkey to Armenia on the same day in order to receive and deliver drugs to Turkey. Investigation is underway. <https://news.am/rus/news/474552.html>

PRC

02.10.2018. In the Chinese city of Tenchun in the Dehong Dai and Jinpo Autonomous Prefecture of Yunnan Province, police detained 4 suspects in the cross-border drug trafficking from Myanmar with **17.583 kg of opium** that they transported on motorcycles. Investigation is underway. <https://regnum.ru/news/2494999.html>

UKRAINE

01.10.2018. In Odessa, police detained two citizens of Ukraine and the United States on suspicion of smuggling psychotropic substances. As it turned out, via the Internet the men ordered and received a postal item from Hong Kong with **2 kg** of the especially dangerous psychotropic **N-ethylpentylone**. Also, during a search in the foreigner's apartment in Odessa, law enforcement officers seized about 500 bags of white powder and crystal yellow substance weighing about **1 kg**. The value of seized drugs at the prices of the "black market" is almost 5 million hryvnia. As part of initiated criminal proceedings under the article "Smuggling of drugs" of the Criminal Code of Ukraine, investigative actions continue. <https://fakty.ua/282472-opasnyj-psihotrop-po-pochte-u-amerikanca-i-ukrainca-nashli-narkotikov-na-5-millionov-griven-foto>

01.10.2018. Officers of the National Police detained a group of 3 people - residents of Kharkov. During a search at the place of residence of the group's organizer, the police found about **200 g of cannabis** and a handmade device to use it. In addition, law enforcement officers found and detained his accomplices - 56 and 44-year-old men. During the searches, were found and seized about **15 kg of cannabis**, packaged in bags and polymer bottles, a metal sieve used for cannabis grinding, electronic scales and home-made instruments for drug use. Men face punishment of imprisonment for up to 10 years with confiscation of property. <https://www.rbc.ua/rus/news/harkovskoy-oblasti-izyali-15-kilogrammov-1538751697.html>

01.10.2018. Law enforcers dismantled an interregional group of drug traffickers and seized drug consignment for more than 3 million hryvnia. The group consisted of 5 people who grew selective varieties of narcotic raw materials and made large consignments of narcotic drugs from it. Their activities spread to the territory of several regions of Ukraine. Culprits face up to 7 years in prison. During simultaneous authorized searches conducted in the capital and Cherkasy region, law enforcement officers seized almost **100 kg of elite cannabis** in plants and **10 kg in shredded state**. In addition, **18 tablets of the psychotropic substance MDMA Ecstasy** and **100 g of psilocybin mushrooms** were found and seized. Drugs were grown on rented cultivated areas, masking it among other agricultural crops. Crops were found with the help aerial exploration. <https://www.rbc.ua/rus/news/tsena-nefti-brent-podnyalas-vyshe-84-dollarov-1538408779.html>

04.10.2018. In Odessa, law enforcement officers detained 2 local residents, and found and seized **2.4 kg of marijuana**, cannabis bushes, electronic scales, as well as 7 grenades for a grenade launcher during a search of their homes. In the course of further search operations (ORM), an authorized search was conducted at the place of residence of a 29-year-old accomplice, where the police also seized another **500 g of marijuana**, electronic scales and a RGD-5 grenade body with fuse. Men were arrested. The investigation is underway. Criminal proceedings were instituted under Article 263 ("Illegal handling of weapons, military supplies or explosives") and Article 309 ("Illegal production, manufacture, acquisition, storage, transportation or shipment of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or their analogues without the purpose of sale ") Of the Criminal Code of Ukraine. <https://www.rbc.ua/rus/news/odesse-izyali-bolshoe-kolichestvo-narkoticheskikh-1538668654.html>

FRANCE

02.10.2018. In Toulouse, customs officers detained a car with Ukrainian registration. In a truck transporting fish to northern Europe, **650 kg of cocaine** were found. Seized consignment of drugs could bring drug dealers around 40 million euros. <https://1k.com.ua/vo-frantsii-zaderzhali-ukrainskij-gruzovik-s-650-kilogrammami-kokaina.html>