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THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

16.11.2018 At the customs post "Astara" on the basis of information obtained by the Department of Operations and Investigations of the Main Territorial Customs Administration, two citizens of the Islamic Republic of Iran were detained. When crossing the border, these citizens stated that they had no prohibited items or drugs. However, due to the need for a medical examination of internal organs, they were sent to the Central Regional Hospital of Astara, accompanied by customs officers. As a result of medical examination, three convolutions containing **189 g of heroin** were found in internal organs of one of the Iranians, and the second contained three bundles containing **216 g of heroin**. Investigation has been launched. <https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20181114/417903368/bogatyi-ulov-tamozhennikov-azerbajjan.html>

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

11.11.2018 Criminal investigation officers of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the city of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk detained a 40-year-old suspect in the sale of drugs on a large scale. The man intended to receive illegal drugs through mail and continue to sell them to consumers in a contactless way, communicating with customers via the Internet and transferring the drug through stashes. In a postal box, in jars of baby food police officers found **N-methylephedron with a total weight of 662 g**. Investigation is underway. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14945083>

12.11.2018 Officers of the Main Directorate for Drugs Control (GUNK) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia together with their colleagues from Moscow and the FSB of Russia seized a large consignment of narcotic drugs. As a result of the operational-search activities in Moscow, the police stopped a car under the control of a 39-year-old resident of the Kaliningrad region. During the inspection of the vehicle in the caches equipped in the car body they found 50 convolutions with **hashish, with a total weight of 52 kg** prepared for further marketing. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14947327>

12.11.2018 As a result of operational-search activities, officers of the Directorate for Drugs Control (UKON/UNK) of the Main Directorate (GU) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Moscow detained two women and seized more than 150 g of heroin during personal inspection. During the search at the place of residence of detainees, **1.8 kg of heroin** prepared for further sale were found, as well as items and equipment used for drugs packaging. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14944161>

13.11.2018 Members of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Perm region together with colleagues from the Linear Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia at the Yekaterinburg-

Passenger station detained a 22-year-old man wanted for the murder of a 44-year-old local resident whose body was found on November 5 in a forested area in Perm. During a personal search, the detainee was found to carry 10 packs of **hashish with a total weight of more than 1 kg**. Drugs were brought to Yekaterinburg for further marketing. A criminal case was instituted on this fact. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14955999>

13.11.2018 During the operative-search activities in the Kataysky district on the Yekaterinburg-Kurgan highway, the traffic police officers in the city of Kurgan stopped a vehicle under the control of a 56-year-old resident of the Chelyabinsk region. When inspecting the vehicle, under the passenger seat police found a plastic bag containing more than **700 g of heroin** belonging to the passenger. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14955767>

13.11.2018 Officers of UKON GU of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Voronezh region detained a suspect in the illegal sale of heroin during the equipment of another cache. In total, the drug police found 5 caches with 25 g of heroin. Later, during a search at the place of residence of the woman, another 400 g of heroin, prepared for marketing were discovered and seized. In total, **425 g of heroin** were collected from illicit trafficking. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14963570>

14.11.2018 Officers of UKON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Udmurt Republic detained a 39-year-old resident of Izhevsk suspected of illegal sale of narcotic drugs. During an inspection of the car detained by the police, more than **220 g of a synthetic drug** were found and seized. During a search in the apartment and in the garden of the suspect, substances similar to narcotic, precursors, chemical reagents intended for the full cycle of synthetic drugs, as well as laboratory equipment for growing cannabis were found and seized. The man produced narcotic drugs for further sale in a contactless way via the Internet. Precursors for manufacturing had been ordered on the Internet in various regions of Russia. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14969462>

14.11.2018 Police officers of the Internal Affairs Department in the city of Sochi at the stationary post of traffic police "Magri" stopped a car under control of a resident of the Moscow region to check documents. When inspecting the vehicle, police found a package with **synthetic narcotic drug weighing about 300 g** belonging to the passenger of the car - a 37-year-old local resident. The detainee was planning to sell drugs in Sochi. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14967998>

14.11.2018 Officers of UKON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Trans-Baikal region in the Onon district seized more than **17 kg of marijuana** from two local residents. During a search on the farmer's parking lot, 10 kg of marijuana was found and seized from a 53-year-old resident of the village of Kubuhai. He stored bags of dried marijuana in a haystack. As a result of a household inspection of a 29-year-old resident of the village of Nizhny Tsasuchei, police found more than **7 kg of marijuana** in the barn. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14969542>

14.11.2018 Members of UKON of Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Republic of Buryatia seized a large batch of marijuana. As a result of operative-search activities near the village of Klyuchi, Ivolginsky district, seven bags with more than **24.5 kg of marijuana** were

found in a drainpipe. Not far from the hiding place by police detained a 39-year-old local resident. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14969872>

15.11.2018 In Kursk, officers of UKON of the Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (UMVD) of Russia in the Kursk region detained six suspects in the sale of heroin. Operatives received information that nationals a Central Asian republic will arrive in Kursk from Moscow on a rented car to distribute drugs via caches. The perpetrators hid forbidden substances, already packaged for subsequent sale, under the skin in the trunk of the car, laid out portions, throwing them out of the window of a moving car. Two suspects were detained while delivering prohibited substances to Kursk. From them operatives seized about **1 kg of heroin**. Four other criminals were identified during the investigation. Three were detained when they arrived in the Kursk region, another one was detained in Ivanovo and taken to Kursk. The suspects confessed to the crime. Caches operated by them were collected. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14980585>

15.11.2018 The Traffic Police officers of the State Traffic Safety Inspection of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the city of Smolensk, carrying out "continuous checks" on the roads of the regional center, stopped a foreign-made car operated by a 24-year-old man in Kirov street. During the inspection of the vehicle in the headrest of the passenger seat, a package with a large number of convolutions of **heroin with a total mass of over 180 g** was found. The detainee planned to sell drugs in the Smolensk region. The suspect made two caches on the territory of the regional center. More than **130 g of heroin** were seized from caches. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14980595>

16.11.2018 Operatives of UKON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Ryazan region received information that a 23-year-old resident of the Ryazan region was involved in organization of distribution of synthetic drugs in Ryazan and nearby settlements in the region. The sale of drugs was carried out in a contactless way with the help of caches. The Internet was used as a channel of communication with suppliers and customers. Police detained a 23-year-old suspect at the place of residence. During the inspection of his home, operatives found about **1.5 kg of synthetic drugs**. Suspected citizen of a CIS country was previously involved in contactless distribution of drugs in Moscow. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14993587>

16.11.2018 Officers of the Division for Drugs Control (OKON) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Yeisk district of the Krasnodar krai suppressed activity of an organized group, whose members are suspected of selling illegal drugs in a contactless way using a website and stashes. The criminal group included two residents of the Leningrad and Rostov regions, as well as three local residents aged from 22 to 35 years. More than **500 g of methylephedrone, more than 150 g of spice**, as well as items intended for the packaging of drugs were seized from illicit trafficking. One of the defendants, the so-called "manager", received batches of drugs and packaged them for subsequent sale. The remaining members of the group carried out placing drugs into stashes. 70 facts of illegal sale of drugs in the city of Yeisk were established. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14988367>

16.11.2018 In the city of Berezniki, Perm region, drug control officers arrested a 24-year-old man suspected of drug trafficking. He was a courier of an online store selling prohibited substances, having rented an apartment specifically for this purpose several months ago. At

the direction of the organizer, the drug dealer took away large quantities of drugs, packed them up and put them in hiding places for wholesale. The online store carried out its illegal activities in eight cities of the Perm region and in Izhevsk. During a search in the rented apartment of the suspect, police found about **4 kg of drugs of synthetic and herbal origin**. The activity of the online store is completely stopped. Police determine the identity and location of its organizer. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14989653>

16.11.2018 Officers of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Krasnodar detained a man on suspicion of illegal sale of drugs of synthetic origin in a contactless way. During an inspection of the apartment in which the suspect lived, the police officers discovered several packages containing about **850 g of mephedrone**. The detainee was planning to sell drugs in Krasnodar. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14988630>

18.11.2018 Under operation "Poppy-2018" («Мак-2018»), Division of Internal Affairs officers of Russia in the Seryshevsky district of the Amur region found 15 bags of **cannabis weighing 98 kg** in a forest area. Also at the scene of the incident they seized devices and items used for the manufacture of drugs. 22-year-old local resident was apprehended. On this fact, a criminal case is instituted. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14998407>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BANGLADESH

15.11.2018 Police in Dinajpur in the Lili More region detained two drug dealers - a 28-year-old man from the village of Sharshehalpur (Rabanpara) and a 41-year-old man from the village of Bisvanatpur in Shibganj-upazile Chapainavabgunj. Officers seized **500 g of heroin** prepared for further sale. <https://www.thedailystar.net/country/news/two-arrested-heroin-1660696>

BRAZIL

14.11.2018 1295 kg of cocaine were found in pallets and bags of ore by agents of the Federal Police and Internal Revenues in the port of Santos, on the coast of Sao Paulo. Two cargo destined to European ports were intercepted before being loaded onto ships. As a result of joint actions on the inspection of freight containers that were stored in the sea terminal located on the left bank of the pier in Guarudzha. Drug containers were identified after studying and analyzing risk profiles. In a container intended for shipment to the port of Hamburg in Germany, **690 kg of cocaine** were found. The drugs were inside metal pallets. In another case, more than **605 kg of cocaine** were found in five bags of ore in a batch with 15 large bags used for transportation and storage of iron ore. <https://g1.globo.com/sp/santos-regiao/porto-mar/noticia/2018/11/14/mais-de-uma-tonelada-de-cocaina-e-encontrada-escondida-em-estrados-e-sacos-de-minerio-em-sp.ghtml>

14.11.2018 Agents of Federal Revenue in a joint operation with the Federal Police in the port of Rio de Janeiro in a cargo container bound to Spain, found and seized **36 kg of cocaine paste**. <http://idg.receita.fazenda.gov.br/noticias/ascom/2018/novembro/receita-federal-apreende-36-kg-de-pasta-base-de-cocaina>

IRAN

13.11.2018 Iranian intelligence forces in the north-western province of western Azerbaijan detained five drug traffickers involved in international organized crime. More than **6 tons of precursors** imported from Europe, as well as **385 kg of heroin** have been seized. Chemical precursors were smuggled into the country from Europe through the border town of Bazargan under the guise of legal goods transported by land.

<https://www.tasnimnews.com/en/news/2018/11/13/1875192/iran-seizes-big-heroin-haul>

SPAIN

11.11.2018 The Police and the Civil Guard foiled activities of a large international criminal organization, the Dutch Cocaine Mafia, which created a transport network in Badajoz and on the Costa del Sol for drug trafficking. Using cargo transport and industrial warehouses in Spain, members of the criminal organization imported and distributed large quantities of cocaine in Spain and provided other criminal groups assistance in implementing the necessary logistics for introducing smuggled drugs in Dutch ports. In the course of the joint operation of the Police and the Civil Guard, 16 people were detained and accused of being part of international criminal organization. More than **5 tons of cocaine** ready for distribution were seized from illicit trafficking.

https://www.elespanol.com/espana/tribunales/20181111/mafia-holandesa-cocaina-desato-guerra-bombas-marbella/352214791_0.html

17.11.2018 Spanish police arrested 11 people and seized **650 kg of cocaine** as a result of an anti-drug trafficking operation against an international drug group in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. As a result of international investigation by agents of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Technical Investigation Commission of Colombia (CTI), the Spanish Police were able to establish control over the house used by criminal network in the northwestern province of Galicia. During the raid, police seized more than **500 kg of cocaine**. Six suspects were detained in Galicia, five more arrested in Madrid. Spanish police received information from Colombian colleagues after Colombian investigators discovered that some of the Galician suspects were discussing drug deals in Colombia. <http://www.millenniumpost.in/nation/spanish-police-seize-650-kg-cocaine-arrest-11-327740>

CHINA

12.11.2018 Customs officers at the Hong Kong International Airport as a result of checking a postal packet coming from Laos, found **3.6 kg of methamphetamine** concealed in six books. The worth of the consignment is estimated at 1.7 million Hong Kong dollars. Suspect, 40-year-old Indonesian citizen, was arrested. <http://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news.php?id=117275&sid=4>

COLOMBIA

14.11.2018 The National Police, through the Directorate of Counternarcotics, found **85 kg of cocaine** inside cylindrical parts of a coffee bean processing machine at Cartagena's maritime terminals in the country in Cartagena. Drugs were going to the port of Veracruz in Mexico. A service dog helped to detect the cocaine consignment. Colombian authorities continue to work to curtail criminal activities of cocaine trafficking organizations, regularly

conducting raids at seaports used to ship large amounts of cocaine to North America and Europe.

<https://www.policia.gov.co/noticia/maquina-despulpadora-cafe-encontramos-85-kilos-cocaina>

MALAYSIA

12.11.2018 Police in Tawau on the east coast of the Malaysian state of Sabah halted activity of a large drug syndicate. **104.3 kg of methamphetamine** were seized. A group of policemen from the Narcotics Criminal Investigation Department (NCID) detained two Malaysians. Drugs were found in sealed tea bags. Most of them were intended for export to a neighboring country, as well as for distribution in Malaysia.

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2018/11/12/four-nabbed-rm52mil-in-syabu-seized-in-tawau/>

THE NETHERLANDS

13.11.2018 Customs diving team found about **239 kg of marijuana** under a vessel as a result of daily inspections of ships with a high level of risk. Information about a suspicious vessel with signs indicating its use for transporting drugs was received after its maintenance. Divers removed from the ship several large sports bags, the state of which indicated that they spent long time in the water. The ship came from Asia to the port of Rotterdam at the terminal in Maasvlakte. The discovered batch of marijuana was destroyed. The HARC team is currently investigating this fact.

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuwsberichten/@104462/duikers-vinden-grote/>

NEW ZEALAND

16.11.2018 As a result of a joint investigation by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) of an organized criminal group operating in the region, a large supply of cocaine from Balboa port in Panama to New Zealand has been established. Building on information received, the customs and police of New Zealand examined a container with a load of bananas, in which five bags were found to be containing **190 packs of cocaine, with a total weight of about 190 kg**. New Zealand police and customs continued to work through an international communications network to assist the AFP-ACIC investigation. A 41-year-old woman involved in the crime was arrested in Sydney.

<https://www.customs.govt.nz/about-us/news/media-releases/record-breaking-cocaine-seizure-in-banana-shipment/>

PAKISTAN

15.11.2018 Anti Narcotics Forces (ANF) crippled smuggling of **1.8 kg of heroin**. A passenger flying to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia hid 1.8 kg of heroin in his luggage. ANF agents detained the smuggler; an investigation is being conducted on this case.

<https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/anti-narcotics-force-seizes-1800-grams-heroin-482000.html>

PERU

15.11.2018 Anti-drug police officers found **517 kg of cocaine** in a port warehouse in the town of Paita in northern Peru. Flat packs of cocaine were found between layers of

cardboard used to pack two thousand plates of frozen hake fish. The warehouse where cocaine was found belongs to "Seafrost" company. The cargo of fish was destined to Belgium. Police detained seven people associated with a criminal organization known as "Los cartoneros del norte" (northern cartoners). It operated under the guise of fishing activity.
<https://menafn.com/1097701234/Peru-captures-huge-amounts-of-cocaine>

USA

16.11.2018 Providence, Rhode Island police in the Silver Lake area seized **23 kg of heroin**, worth about \$ 1 million. 45-year-old woman was arrested.
<https://www.wpri.com/news/local-news/providence/providence-police-seize-1-million-in-heroin-from-apartment/1602602462>

THAILAND

14.11.2018 In a joint operation between army troops and district policemen on Koh Samui, a 36-year-old citizen of Thailand was detained, who, for marketing purposes, stored **3.052 kg of methamphetamine** in his place of residence. <https://thethaiger.com/news/samui/man-arrested-3kg-of-ice-seized-on-samui>

UKRAINE

12.11.2018 The officers of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) together with the Civil Guard of the Kingdom of Spain, in cooperation with the Foreign Intelligence Service of Ukraine under the procedural guidance of the Prosecutor's Office, stopped smuggling **5 kg of cocaine**. Drug traffickers planned to smuggle cocaine from a Central American country in transit through Spain using international mail. During the joint operation, law enforcement officers documented that a consignment of drugs was sent in four departures with electrical appliances for subsequent shipment to Ukraine. Drugs were addressed to two individuals from Kiev who had no idea about the true content of the items. The identity of the suspect has been established. The organizer of the drug trafficking was detained in Kiev. As part of the criminal proceedings conducted by investigators of the SBU, it is planned to receive evidence from the Spanish side. Pre-trial investigation continues.
<https://ssu.gov.ua/ua/news/1/category/2/view/5417#.iAvqNhhM.dpbs>

16.11.2018 In the Cherkas region, officers of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) stopped activities of an organized group of drug traffickers. 12 members of the group have established the production and marketing of psychotropic substances. Two drug laboratories for the manufacture of amphetamine were equipped in a private house and Kanev garage. Drug dealers delivered wholesale goods to customers in Cherkasy and Kiev regions. On average, perpetrators monthly produced up to **10 kg of drugs** worth nearly 1 million hryvnia. 4 members of the group were detained in the production area while making the next batch of psychotropic substances. During the arrest, the criminals put up armed resistance. During searches at the place of residence and drug laboratories of the defendants, the SBU officers found a consignment of amphetamine, equipment for the production and packaging of drugs, precursors, as well as fake IDs.
<https://www.rbc.ua/rus/news/sbu-likvidirovala-dve-narkolobaratorii-cherkasskoy-1542360103.html>

FRANCE

15.11.2018 The customs officers of the Les-Ulys internal affairs brigade controlling the A10 motorway in the Limur area stopped a vehicle registered in the Netherlands with a driver and passenger. As a result of thorough inspections under the right-hand side of the floor, a cache was discovered, with 16 packages filled with pink, yellow and green ecstasy tablets. The total mass of the seized MDMA tablets was more than **100 kg**. The total worth of the batch of MDMA is estimated at approximately 3.5 million euros. After the customs procedure, the suspects were transferred to the police of the Central Administration.
https://minefi.hosting.augure.com/Augure_Minefi/r/ContenuEnLigne/Download?id=D9633245-4492-410D-9FB4-35BDD6E21971&filename=487.pdf

16.11.2018 The customs inspectors of internal surveillance brigade (BSI) of Nogent-sur-Oise, in Tollgate Shamanta, on the A1 motorway stopped a refrigerated cargo vehicle registered in Slovenia. As a result of inspection activities with a service dog in a pallet located at the bottom of the trailer, a large number of packs of **cocaine with a total weight of 153 kg were** found in cardboard boxes. The market value of the consignment is estimated at 13 million euros. At the end of the inspection, the driver - a citizen of Serbia was transferred to the judicial police of Creil. <http://www.douane.gouv.fr/articles/a15041-les-douaniers-de-nogent-sur-oise-saisissent-153-kilos-de-cocaine>

CHILE

15.11.2018 During the joint operation "Armada", developed in the port of San Antonio, the Maritime Administration and Investigative Police (PDI) officers were able to seize **358 kg of marijuana**. The cargo was hidden in the hull of a ship from Colombia carrying containers. The unloading of the drug was carried out by three divers. On board were two Chileans. After reconnaissance work carried out by both institutions, the Maritime Police, together with PDI, carried out an operation to arrest persons involved in drug smuggling. In total, 331 packs of marijuana with a total weight of 358 kg were found. 3 Colombian citizens and two citizens of Chile were detained and transferred to the San Antonio Prosecutor's Office.
<https://www.directemar.cl/directemar/noticias-y-comunicaciones/noticias/2018/en-operativo-conjunto-armada-y-pdi-incautan-358-kilos-de-marihuana-en-el>

SRI LANKA

16.11.2018 Police narcotics Bureau (PNB) in Mulleuiave detained suspects who were transporting **1.95 kg of heroin** in three-wheeled vehicles. The residents of the Vellapitiya area aged 61 and 51 were the criminals.
<http://www.dailymirror.lk/article/Two-suspects-nabbed-with-heroin-valued-at-Rs-mn-158476.html>

CROATIA

11.11.2018 The customs officers of the Vukovar mobile unit, in cooperation with the police at the Tovarnik border crossing, inspected a truck with Serbian registration plates at the entrance to the Republic of Croatia. As a result of inspections on the roof of the truck they found a package, inside which there was a substance of herbal origin. After receiving a court order in cooperation with the police of the Criminal Police Service, officers from the Anti-Drug Department of the Vukovar-Srim Police Department continued their search and seized



280.96 kg of marijuana. The cargo vehicle and drugs are handed over to the police for further measures. <https://carina.gov.hr/vijesti/pronasli-marihuanu-na-granicnom-prijelazu-tovarnik/6206>

ESTONIA

14.11.2018 In a criminal case, officers of the Estonian Tax and Customs Board (MTA) detained organizers of illegal trade in marijuana and cocaine, a domestic courier and a buyer of narcotic drugs. Six people were accused of committing ten crime episodes. **28 kg of marijuana and about 900 g of cocaine** were seized from trafficking. <https://news.err.ee/876946/estonian-tax-and-customs-officials-bust-28kg-of-marijuana>