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ON CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

11.08.2018 At the BCP Gosha Tepe in the Bilasuvar district, the SCS staff detained an Azerbaijani female citizen who was trying to import intracavitarily (in the rectum) from Iran into the territory of Azerbaijan **198 methadone pills** weighing **7.92 g**.
<https://media.az/society/1067710786>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

06.08.2018 Officers of the Department of Internal Affairs of Zhambyl region in Taraz have arrested a criminal group of three previously convicted men, who were engaged in the sale and storage of heroin. During the search, **383 g of heroin** and **20 g of hashish** were found and seized in suspect's homes. <http://www.kp.kz/10851-v-taraze-obezvredili-prestupnyu-gruppu-rasprostranyavshuyu-narkotiki>

06.08.2018 In the framework of the operational and preventive measures "Koknar-2018" during activities of the officers of the department for combating the drug business of the Department of Internal Affairs of Astana for operational search measures aimed at cutting off drug supply channels to the territory of the capital, a man was detained for selling drugs. During the inspection of his residence, **9.5 kg of marijuana** were found and seized. <https://patrul.kz/novost/stolichnye-policejskie-zaderzhali-narkosbytchika-s-9-kg-narkotikami>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

07.08.2018 Officers of the Vologda department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in transport and officers of the department for combating drug smuggling at the North-West operational customs at the railway station Vologda-Zapadnaya identified a 56-year-old local resident who received a parcel from one of the countries of South America. In a cardboard box there were more than **900 g of dimethyltryptamine (DMT) drug**, intended for further sale through caches-"bookmarks". <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14027765>

08.08.2018 Officers of the Directorate for Drug Control (UKON) of the Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Pskov region detained four active members of organized group. Suspects - residents of St. Petersburg in one of the villages of Strugo-Krasnensky district of the Pskov region, organized the production of a psychotropic substance for the purpose of subsequent marketing on the territory of St. Petersburg and the Leningrad region. More than **10 kg of amphetamine**, as well as special equipment, reagents and other items used for the production of psychoactive substances were seized from illegal trafficking. The accused face punishment in the form of life imprisonment. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14040923>

08.08.2018 On the territory of the Chelyabinsk region, the interstate operational and preventive operation "Rubezh" continues, the purpose of which is to block the channels of

drug and strong substances smuggling. The event involves all law enforcement agencies of the region, as well as power structures of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Officers of the UKON of the Main Directorate (MD) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Chelyabinsk region together with officers of the regional Border Directorate of the Federal Security Service of Russia within the framework of the operation blocked the channel of supply of strong substances from Kazakhstan. Two residents of Chelyabinsk - a 46-year-old woman and a 25-year-old man organized the illegal import of drugs containing strong substances into Russia and their sale in the Russian Federation through an online store. More than **200 g of sibutramine** were seized from illegal traffic. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14042276>

08.08.2018 Officers of UKON of Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Udmurt Republic, together with fighters of the special forces detachment "Thunder" detained a 19-year-old local resident in one of the houses in Izhevsk, while he was trying to sell **500 g of synthetic narcotic drugs**. During the search in his residence, police officers seized more than **4 kg of various drugs**. The detainee was a courier of an online drug store. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14038983>

08.08.2018 Officers of the Division for Drugs Control (OKON) of the Inter-municipal Division (MO) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia "Pavlovsky-Posadsky" (Moscow region) in the forest blocked an earlier convicted 43-year-old local resident suspected of the illegal production and sale of psychotropic substances. The man organized in the forest near the village of Bolshie Dvory a laboratory for the production of amphetamine. During the inspection of the scene, the police found and seized more than **2.5 kg of amphetamine**, laboratory equipment, precursors, glass jars and flasks, in which psychotropic substances were manufactured. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14038516>

09.08.2018 Officers of the UKON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Novosibirsk region, with the support of the special forces "Thunder", stopped the activities of a group that was engaged in the distribution of synthetic drugs using the Internet on the territory of Novosibirsk. The group consisted of nine residents of Novosibirsk aged 22 to 35 years. Two brothers organized the drug trade, one of which was responsible for the acquisition, storage, transportation and sale of narcotic drugs. Another person was engaged in the search for and involvement in new activities of illegal participants, as well as the processing of bank cards and the cashing of funds obtained from the sale of drugs. **450 g of synthetic narcotic drugs** were seized in the case. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14052479>

09.08.2018 Officers of the Main Directorate for Drugs Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia jointly with the drug policemen of Tomsk region, with the assistance of the FSB of Russia for Moscow and the Moscow Region, and the security service of the Federal Postal Service for Moscow, suppressed the activities of an underground laboratory for manufacturing anabolic steroids and an online store for their subsequent sale. The strong substances produced in the laboratory were sent through a transport company to Moscow, and then to various regions of Russia. The money obtained by criminal means was kept on the bank cards of the organizer of the laboratory. Profit was divided among the accomplices. Detained persons include 32-year-old resident of Moscow, two residents of the city of Tomsk - 25-year-old leader of the group and his 23-year-old accomplice. **120 kg of drugs** containing strong substances, laboratory equipment used for the manufacture of pills and

liquid potent substances, packaging material, branded labels, components for the production of anabolic steroids were seized. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/14049797>

ON OTHER COUNTRIES

BELGIUM

07.08.2018 During inspection in the port of Antwerp, the customs authorities discovered and seized **1651 kg of cocaine**. The drug was hidden in a container with wooden logs from Colombia. <http://presscenter.org/nl/pressrelease/20180808/opnieuw-drugsvangst>

BRAZIL

08.08.2018 Customs officers in the port of Santos, in a container that was supposed to be exported to Europe, found **558 kg of cocaine**. The drug was in 28 packs in three large bags. The destination of the cargo was the port of Antwerp, Belgium. <http://idg.receita.fazenda.gov.br/sobre/acoes-e-programas/acoes-da-receita-federal/noticias/2018/agosto/8a-regiao-fiscal/alfandega-de-santos-intercepta-558-kg-de-cocaina-em-carga-de-exportacao>

08.08.2018 In a joint operation of the Federal Revenue Service and the Federal Police, with the support of the port guard of Santos, officers seized **1207.66 kg of cocaine**. In the course of video surveillance, the controlling authorities spotted a suspicious approach of a small vessel to a ship moored in the port, indicating a possible rise of cargo to the deck. In the course of further check with the use of canine dogs, two suspicious containers were identified, inside of which 32 sport bags containing cocaine packages were found. In the first container seven bags were found among the bags of rice. In the second - 25 more bags by a load of scrap metal. The destination of both containers was Port Antwerp, Belgium. <http://idg.receita.fazenda.gov.br/noticias/ascom/2018/agosto/operacao-deflagrada-pela-receita-federal-policia-federal-e-guarda-portuaria-de-santos-resulta-em-apreensao-de-1-207-kg-de-cocaina>

VENEZUELA

07.08.2018 Three members of a criminal group involved in organizing the smuggling of **110 kg of cocaine** were arrested in the Venezuelan port in Valencia. Two of the arrested men, the Spaniards volunteered to the police and said that the Colombian drug dealer hired them to collect cocaine, which arrived in the port of Valencia inside a container from Chile. <http://elnuevopais.net/2018/08/06/detuvieron-a-tres-narcotraficantes-cuando-intentaban-recuperar-110-kilos-de-cocaina-en-el-puerto-de-valencia/>

ISRAEL

05.08.2018 Customs officers at the Ben Gurion International Airport near Tel Aviv found a package sent from the Republic of Peru containing more than **1 kg of cocaine**. As a result of the investigation of the Department for Drugs of the Police, two male residents of Krayot (a suburb on the outskirts of the northern city of Haifa) at the age of 18 and 29 were arrested. <http://aurora-israel.co.il/la-policia-de-israel-descubre-cocaina-dentro-de-pinturas-procedentes-del-peru/>

SPAIN

09.08.2018 The National Police agents dismantled a criminal organization in the province of Malaga that had traded cocaine, hashish and marijuana between Spain and the

Netherlands. Five people were detained - four Dutch and one Spaniard associated with a criminal organization and drug trafficking. Drug dealers used refrigerators to transport drugs disguised as frozen food, in particular hazelnuts and tofu. According to the results of the operation, **555 kg of cocaine, 130 kg of hashish and 74 kg of marijuana** were seized from an industrial warehouse in the city of Alhaurín de la Torre in Malaga.

https://www.policia.es/prensa/20180809_1.html#

10.08.2018 Officers of the Guardia Civil in the operation "Knight", held in the provinces of Almeria and Cadiz, arrested 15 members of a criminal organization (1 Romanian, 3 North Africans and 11 Spaniards) involved in the smuggling of large consignments of hashish in Spain. The organization had its own logistics and delivered cocaine through Cadiz and Almeria, throughout the Mediterranean in Alicante. The organization had a strict hierarchy, consisted of 4 structural units performing a specific function, on which they specialized, including divers, who were responsible for managing anchored caches with hashish. The organization had a 14-meter-long boat that was used to transport cannabis to the coast of Almeria. When the boats reached the specified point, they dropped the drugs on the seabed, passed the corresponding GPS coordinates. Later, divers sank into the water and lifted the cargo with a hydrostatic lift ball, or tied the drug to boats and fishing vessels to move it under the water to the coast for its subsequent extraction. The cargo was later stored in warehouses located in the cities of Adra, Balanegra and El Ejido. As results of the operation officers seized **8 tons 936 kg of hashish**, 17 cars, 1 water motorcycle, 1 fishing boat, 4 recreational vessels, 2 14-meter inflatable boats, diving equipment, mobile phones, GPS equipment.

<http://www.guardiacivil.es/es/prensa/noticias/6700.html>

11.08.2018 In the port of Marin, customs agents from the tax agency, the national police and civilian police seized **25 kg of cocaine** in a joint operation, which were hidden in a container that arrived from Colombia. The drug was found in hiding places inside the door frames of the container and was in 36 packs. <https://www.elprogreso.es/articulo/galicia/aprehendidos-25-kilos-cocaina-marin-ocultos-contenedor-puerto/201808111636561328175.html>

ITALY

09.08.2018 The Palermo Department of Economic and Financial Police, with the operational support of the Messina Group and the joint activities of the Central Organized Crime Investigation Service headed by the Palermo Prosecutor's Office, carried out a complex operation to combat international drug trafficking, in the course of which seized **20 tons 140 kilograms of hashish** destined for the European market . The drug was aboard the ocean vessel "REMUS" under the flag of Panama and was concealed in canisters with 400,000 liters of diesel fuel. Officers arrested 11 crew members citizens of Montenegro. <http://www.gdf.gov.it/stampa/ultime-notizie/anno-2018/agosto/operazione-libeccio-international-sequestrate-oltre-20-tonnellate-di-hashish>

COLOMBIA

06.08.2018 In the seaport of Barranquilla, during one of the operations, a cache with **41 kg of cocaine** was found by drug policemen during a check at the helm of the ship, which had as its destination the Dominican Republic. In the second operation, in the area of the

nose next to the starboard (right side) of the boat, police found **4 kg of cocaine** disguised in ropes. The ship was heading to the port of Cartagena.

<https://www.policia.gov.co/noticia/incautamos-45-kilos-cocaina-barranquilla>

MEXICO

08.08.2018 Mexican police at the international airport in Guadalajara, with the help of service dogs, found inside the bread rolls concealments with cocaine. Inside each of the 15 rolls officers found a bag containing 120 grams of cocaine. The total weight of seized cocaine was **1.8 kg of cocaine**. <https://news.sky.com/story/cocaine-found-in-bread-rolls-during-mexican-airport-raid-11465337>

PAKISTAN

06.08.2018 Officers of the unit for combating smuggling prevented an attempt to smuggle **8 kg of heroin** on a road to Peshawar. Customs inspectors spotted a suspicious vehicle on the road, the driver made an attempt to hide from the police abandoning the car. As a result of the inspection, heroin was found in the vehicle. <https://nation.com.pk/06-Aug-2018/heroin-smuggling-bid-foiled>

USA

07.08.2018 Police officers stopped a Jeep Grand Cherokee in eastern Pennsylvania Turnpike and detained two men - a 36-year-old resident of Philadelphia and a 27-year-old resident of New York, and seized 4 kg of heroin. The drug was in a cache equipped within an electronic compartment of the vehicle. [https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/13947285-74/8-pounds-of-heroin-hidden-in-suv-seized-on-pa-turnpike?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:%20tribliveBreakingNews%20\(Breaking%20News\)](https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/13947285-74/8-pounds-of-heroin-hidden-in-suv-seized-on-pa-turnpike?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:%20tribliveBreakingNews%20(Breaking%20News))

08.08.2018 Border patrol agents of the Laredo sector in the area of the Frir crossing stopped a cargo vehicle. During the inspection, the service dog warned about the presence of drugs in the vehicle. During further inspection activities, 22 packs of **marijuana** with a total weight of about **253 kg were found** in the cargo compartment of the truck. The driver is arrested, the vehicle is confiscated by the border patrol. <http://www.kgns.tv/content/news/Border-Patrol-agents-seize-over-500-pounds-of-marijuana-490367091.html>

TURKEY

06.08.2018 The police of Van province in the Ozalpa district stopped a car on suspicion of transport of narcotic drugs. During inspection of the vehicle, **404 kg of heroin** in liquid form in plastic jars and **33 kg of heroin** in dry form were found. Two suspects were detained on suspicion of committing this crime. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/todays-headlines/over-400-kilograms-of-heroin-seized-in-eastern-turkey/1223576>

09.08.2018 The command teams of the provincial gendarmerie of Kocaeli, together with the Office for Combating Smuggling and Intelligence Service of the Customs, conducted a major operation to detect a particularly large consignment of cocaine. In a container in a private port in the province of the Persian Gulf officers discovered and seized approximately **800 kg of cocaine**. The drug was concealed in a hiding place inside the container. On this fact, an investigation is being carried out. <http://www.milliyet.com.tr/son-yillarin-en-buyuk-operasyonu--gundem-2721346/>

PHILIPPINES

08.08.2018 According to the recommendations of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), the Bureau of Customs Services (BOC) conducted an inspection in the Manila International Container Port. The attention of customs officers was attracted by the fact that the cargo of door frames belonging to Vecaba trading company was not attended in the port for 30 days. After examining the abandoned cargo inside the container, about **500 kg of methamphetamine** were found. <https://www.efe.com/efe/english/world/philippines-confiscates-500-kg-of-shabu-one-largest-hauls-in-its-history/50000262-3714622>

CHILE

07.08.2018 Carabinieri from OS7 Carabineros Unit detained three Colombians who tried to send a large batch of drugs by commercial airline flights from Santiago airport to Australia. According to the results of the international controlled delivery carried out jointly with the Australian police, a Chilean citizen was detained - the recipient of the cargo. The criminal group tried to persuade airport officials and airlines to take corrupt actions to transport narcotic drugs avoiding routine checks. **20 kg of cocaine hydrochloride** were seized. Detained members of the criminal group of Colombians are 67, 58, 33 years old, as well as 39-year-old Australian. <http://www.puranoticia.cl/noticias/nacional/cae-banda-que-enviaba-droga-desde-santiago-hasta-australia-lo-hacian-en/2018-08-07/185140.html>

JAMAICA

10.08.2018 The Narcotics Police, together with the Jamaican Customs Smuggling Team, seized about **28 kg of cocaine** in the port of Kingston. During the inspection of a shipping container, which arrived from Venezuela, the team discovered anomalies. Further examination measures allowed to detect 25 packets containing the drug. On this fact, an investigation is being conducted. No one was arrested. <https://menafn.com/1097279869/Cocaine-shipment-from-Venezuela-seized-in-Kingston-Jamaica>

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