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**CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY
 ON SEIZURES OF NARCOTIC DRUGS,
 PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND THEIR PRECURSORS**
 (based on mass media reports)

01.01. to 10.01.2024

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In the period from 1 to 10 January 2024, based on information from the mass media law enforcement agencies and security services of CARICC Member States seized **730.2 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin - 16.5 kg, opium - 2.5 kg, cannabis group drugs - 575.8 kg and synthetic drugs - 135.4 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

| Type of drug (in kg) | Azerbaijan | Kazakhstan | Kyrgyzstan | Russia | Tajikistan | Turkmenistan | Uzbekistan |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Heroin | 14.4 | | | 2.1 | | | |
| Opium | 2.5 | | | | | | |
| Cannabis group drugs | 63.3 | 2.7 | | 478 | | | 31.8 |
| Synthetic drugs | 1.1 | 1.8 | | 106.5 | | | 26 |
| Total | 81.3 | 4.5 | | 586.6 | | | 57.8 |

During the same period, other countries seized **3 tons 887 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 3.5 kg of heroin, 2 tons 419 kg of cocaine, 1 ton 370 kg of cannabis-group drugs and 95 kg of synthetic drugs.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

02.01.2024 Police officers during investigative operations in Bilasuvar district detained a man and seized **2 kg of heroin and 535 g of opium.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/822580>

04.01.2024 In the course of investigative measures in Sabirabad district police officers detained a man at whose place of residence they found and seized **4 kg of marijuana.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/823075>

05.01.2024 Police officers in the course of investigative actions in Agdash district detained a man and seized **6 kg of marijuana and 200 g of heroin.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/823348>

05.01.2024 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Baku detained a man and seized **1.3 kg of marijuana.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/823396>

07.01.2024 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Balaken district detained two men and seized **16 kg of marijuana and 2.2 kg of heroin.** <https://ru.oxu.az/society/824234>

07.01.2024 Police officers in Baku stopped a car driven by a resident of Lankaran. During a search of the car they found and seized **6 kg of marijuana and 700 methadone tablets**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/824064>

08.01.2024 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in Baku detained a man and seized **1.1 kg of methamphetamine and 995 g of opium**. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/823991>

09.01.2024 Police officers in the course of investigative measures in the Neftchala district detained a previously convicted man, at whose place of residence they found and seized **28 kg of marijuana and 1 kg of opium**. The detainee stated that he obtained drugs smuggled into the country from Iran in waters of the Caspian Sea in the Neftchala district for the purpose of subsequent sale to individuals in Baku. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/824682>

10.01.2024 Police officers in Baku detained a drug courier engaged in the sale of narcotic drugs under the guise of a cab driver. During inspection of the detainee's car, in which he allegedly provided cab services, they found and seized **10 kg of heroin**. In the course of additional measures, an accomplice was detained and **2 kg of marijuana** was seized. Both detainees stated that they had purchased drugs from Iranian nationals for the purpose of further sale in the territory of the capital city. <https://ru.oxu.az/society/825132>

REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

09.01.2024 Police officers in the city of Kokshetau stopped a car driven by a 28-year-old man. During a search of the car in the trunk, they found and seized **1.8 kg of mephedrone**. <https://liter.kz/zhestkoe-zaderzhanie-narkokurera-v-kokshetau-popalo-na-video-1705057256/>

10.01.2024 Police officers in the Zhetysu region stopped a car driven by a 33-year-old man. During a search of the car, they found and seized **2.7 kg of marijuana**. <https://liter.kz/radikala-s-narkotikami-poimali-v-zhetysu-video-1705075676/>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

01.01.2024 Two large consignments of hashish were prevented from entering Russia by officers of the North-West Operational and Pskov Customs together with the Federal Security Service for the Pskov region. **478 kg of hashish** worth 800 million roubles were seized. Two Serbian nationals tried to smuggle contraband into the country in two tractor-trailers, which arrived from Latvia through checkpoints of the Pskov customs. The vehicles were registered in Serbia. <https://sztu.customs.gov.ru/news/document/548360>

05.01.2024 Police officers in the course of investigative operations in the Moscow region detained two men who had organized a laboratory for production of synthetic drugs at their place of residence. During a search they found and seized chemical reagents and precursors, laboratory utensils, measuring scales and **100 kg of methylephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/45525767>

09.01.2024 Police officers in the course of investigative operations in Primorsky Krai detained two foreign citizens involved in the sale of heroin via dead drops. During a personal



search of the detainees, they found and seized **150 g of heroin**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/45701886>

10.01.2024 Police officers in the city of Artem, Primorsky Krai, stopped a car driven by a previously convicted 54-year-old man. During a search of the car, they found and seized **3.5 kg of mephedrone**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/45724000>

10.01.2024 Police officers in the course of investigative operations in Primorsky Krai blocked a channel of heroin supply to the territory of the region, organized by natives of a Central Asian republic through the services of a transport company. In the course of personal examination of the detainees, they found and seized **2 kg of heroin**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/45760663>

10.01.2024 Police officers in the Penza region stopped a car with two men inside. During a search of the car, they found and seized **3 kg of amphetamine**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/45733977>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

08.01.2024 Law enforcement officers in the course of investigative measures in Jomboy district of Samarkand region detained a local resident and at his place of residence seized **31.8 kg of marijuana**. <https://kun.uz/uz/news/2024/01/08/samarqand-viloyatidagi-xonadondan-qariyb-32-kg-marixuana-topildi>

10.01.2024 Law enforcement officers in Tashkent detained two men who had set up a drug laboratory in a house in the Shaykhontokhur district under the guise of logistics. During a search, they found and seized **26 kg of mephedrone and 400 kg of precursors**. The investigation revealed that equipment, raw materials and precursors used in the manufacture of drugs were imported from abroad, and that finished drugs were traded via the Internet. <https://www.gazeta.uz/uz/2024/01/12/narkolaboratoriya/>

OTHER COUNTRIES

BRAZIL

08.01.2024 Officers of the Federal Revenue Service in the port of Paranaguá, during an inspection of a container bound for Spain found and seized **22.5 kilograms of cocaine**. <https://www.gov.br/receita-federal/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/janeiro/receita-federal-realiza-a-primeira-apreensao-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-paranagua>

GERMANY

05.01.2024 While unloading a shipment of Brazilian green coffee, employees of a coffee wholesaler in Bremen found five large white bags inside a container. The Hanover Customs Investigation Office, which was immediately informed of the discovery, was able to identify contents of the bags as **cocaine** weighing a total of **142 kg**. https://www.zoll.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/Rauschgift/2024/z99_kokain_kaffeecontainer.html

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

08.01.2024 Officers of the National Drug Control Directorate (DNCD) at Punta Cana International Airport in Santo Domingo, during an inspection of a cargo container discovered and seized **114 kg of cocaine**.

<https://dncd.gob.do/index.php/noticias1/noticias/item/1936-incautan-en-aipc-114-paquetes-presumiblemente-cocaina-escondidos-en-contenedor>

INDIA

01.01.2024 Police officials in Chandigarh, Punjab, arrested three men and seized **3.5 kg of heroin**.

<https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/punjab-cops-seize-3-5-kg-of-heroin-arrest-3-in-drug-arms-smuggling-racket-4824546>

MOROCCO

04.01.2024 Morocco seized **1.4 tons of cocaine** concealed under bananas. Drug was found hidden in banana boxes inside a shipping container on board a ship arriving from South America and bound for Türkiye.

<https://www.asaaseradio.com/morocco-seizes-1-4-tonnes-of-cocaine-concealed-as-bananas/>

THE NETHERLANDS

06.01.2024 Customs officers in the port of Rotterdam during inspection of a container arriving from Ecuador, inside a shipment of bananas found and seized **600 kg of cocaine**.

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2024/01/07/600-kilo-cocaine-gevonden-in-rotterdamse-haven>

10.01.2024 Customs officers in the port of Rotterdam during inspection of a container arriving from Peru, inside the structure of the container found and seized **67 kg of cocaine**.

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2024/01/11/in-achterwand-van-lege-koelcontainer-is-67-kilogram-cocaine-aangetroffen>

NIGERIA

06.01.2024 Officers of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) intercepted a consignment of **10 kg of cannabis** concealed in box sets imported from the United States at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Ikeja, Lagos State.

<https://www.thestar.ng/video-ndlea-intercepts-drugs-hidden-in-boxing-kits-at-lagos-airport/>

USA

02.01.2024 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Laredo Texas Port of Entry, while inspecting a truckload of flower shipments, found and seized **72 kg of methamphetamine and 74 kg of cocaine**.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/texas/news/10-2m-in-methamphetamine-and-cocaine-hidden-in-flower-shipment-seized-at-texas-mexico-border/>

TAIWAN

01.01.2024 10 tanker crew members have been detained in Taiwan after they tried to smuggle a record **1.3 tons of marijuana** with an estimated street value of 114 million U.S. dollars into the country. <https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/news/5068312>

TÜRKIYE

10.01.2024 During inspections conducted by police teams with a dog in the town of Kırıkkala, **60.5 kg of marijuana** was seized in the trailer of a truck. Two suspects were arrested as a result. <https://www.sondakika.com/3-sayfa/haber-kirikkale-de-narkotik-kopegi-ile-yapilan-denetimde-16719158/>

RSA

06.01.2024 South African Revenue Service customs officers seized **10 kg of methamphetamine and 13 kg of fentanyl** disguised as artwork with an estimated street value of 37 million rand from cargo warehouses at O.R. Tambo International Airport. <https://www.sars.gov.za/media-release/artwork-drugs-seized-at-ortia/>