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

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In the period from 1 to 10 March 2026, based on information from mass media law enforcement agencies and security structures of the CARICC member states seized **1 ton 96.45 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 8.31 kg, opium – 69.2 kg, cocaine – 0.2 kg, cannabis-group drugs – 339.61 kg, synthetic drugs – 676.96 kg, and potent substances – 2.17 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	0	0	0	0	0	8.31
Opium	0	0.06	0	0	0	69.14
Cocaine	0	0	0	0.2	0	0
Cannabis group drugs	77.5	200	5.5	56.61	0	0
Synthetic drugs	0	0	0.05	623.36	0	53.55
Potent substances	0	0	0	2.17	0	0
Total	77.5	200.06	5.55	682.34	0	131

During the same period other countries seized **9 tons 940 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: cocaine – 2 tons 715 kg, cannabis-group drugs – 1 ton 662 kg, synthetic drugs – 5 tons 426.43 kg, and potent substances – 136.13 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN

05.03.2026 14 kilograms of narcotics were seized in the Sabirabad district. As a result of an operation conducted by officers from the Sabirabad District Police Department, 25-year-old A. Kereemova, who is suspected of organizing drug trafficking, was arrested. More than **14 kg of marijuana** were found in her possession. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-sabirabadskom-rajone-zaderzhana-25-letnyaya-zhenshina>

09.03.2026 Farrid Ahmedov, his acquaintance Punhan Jalilov, Taleh Sadigov, and Ruslan Huseynov were detained in Baku during a series of operations. A total of **43.5 kg of marijuana** laced with harmful substances was found in their possession. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-baku-zaderzhany-4-cheloveka-za-hranenie-i-rasprostranenie-marihuany-video>

10.03.2026 Police officers in the Lerik district discovered a large shipment of narcotics. As a result of operational measures to combat drug trafficking, 32-year-old district resident Gyalimshah Gadimov was detained. During a search, approximately **20 kg of marijuana** was found and seized. Investigators determined that he had agreed with an Iranian citizen to deliver drugs purchased in Lerik to various addresses for subsequent sale.
<https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-lerike-izyato-20-kg-narkotikov-video>

KAZAKHSTAN

04.03.2026 Police officers in Kostanay detained a 35-year-old man suspected of illegally possessing and selling narcotics. During investigative operations and a search, approximately **40 ml of opium** extract, about **20 g of poppy** seeds containing traces of the narcotic substance, as well as medical syringes and other items of interest to investigation were discovered and seized.
<https://polisia.kz/ru/v-kostanae-zaderzhan-muzhchina-po-podozreniyu-v-sbyte-narkotikov/>

10.03.2026 Officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Kostanay Region Prosecutor's Office dismantled a major drug trafficking ring. During an investigative operation on the Kostanay–Auliekol–Surgan highway, a man was detained while transporting over **200 kg** of illicit substances. During an inspection of the vehicle, a bag wrapped in plastic was discovered in the truck's cargo bed, inside a metal barrel. It contained a **plant-based substance**. Upon a thorough search of the vehicle, police officers discovered a specially equipped secret compartment. There were 20 bags in the hidden compartment, wrapped in clear tape, containing a plant-based substance with a distinctive odor.
<https://polisia.kz/ru/bolee-200-kg-narkotikov-iz-yato-v-kostanajskoj-oblasti/>

KYRGYZSTAN

03.03.2026 Officers of the Interior Ministry's Counter-Narcotics Service reported the arrest of a suspect accused of selling large amounts of drugs. On 13 February, a search was conducted in Bishkek at the residence of 32-year-old A.U.N. During the operation law enforcement officers discovered over **4 kg of hashish** packed in bags.
<https://topnews.kg/proisshestviya/112116-v-bishkeke-u-muzhchiny-obnaruzhili-osobo-krupnuju-partiju-gashisha.html>

04.03.2026 Officers of the Counter-Narcotics Service received information that a group of individuals was distributing “stashers” of synthetic drugs in the BCHK district of Bishkek. During Operation “Priton,” this information was confirmed, and law enforcement officers detained two young men: A.B., born in 2006, and A.T., born in 2007. A total of **50 packets of synthetic drugs** ready for distribution were found in their possession. According to investigators, drugs were obtained through a Telegram channel, after which they were packaged and placed in caches throughout Bishkek. During a search of the residence of one of the detainees, police found electronic scales, packaging materials, tape, heat-shrink tubing, gloves, masks, and other items used for packaging drugs.
<https://topnews.kg/proisshestviya/112622-v-bishkeke-na-bchk-pojmali-zakladchikov-s-50-dozami-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov.html>

06.03.2026 Police officers in the Chui region conducted a raid codenamed “Arsenal,” during which a local resident of the Kemin district was detained. He is suspected of trafficking weapons and drugs and hunting wild animals. The operation took place on 18 February 2025, when officers from the Kemin District Internal Affairs Department conducted an immediate search of the home of citizen O.N., born in 1974, residing in the village of Shabdan. A narcotic — **cannabis** — was discovered in the attic, with a total weight of **1.5 kilograms** after control weighing. <https://topnews.kg/proisshestvija/113408-u-zhitelja-chujskoj-oblasti-nashli-oruzhie-narkotiki-i-tushi-dikih-zhivotnyh.html>

RUSSIA

01.03.2026 Officers of UKON GU MVD of Russia in the Nizhny Novgorod Region detained a resident of the Vladimir region with a criminal record. Three months ago he rented a private residence in the historic part of Nizhny Novgorod, where he manufactured a synthetic drug, which he then sold in bulk. During a search of the laboratory, police seized a vacuum-sealed bag containing a crystalline substance, three plastic containers with the substance, 30 canisters of various sizes containing **500 liters** of an unknown liquid, flasks, electronic scales, and other laboratory equipment. Based on results of a selective analysis of several samples of the substance manufactured by detainee, police forensic experts determined that the seized substance is **pyrrolidinovalerophenone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/79915705/>

02.03.2026 While acting on intelligence in the city of Lipetsk, officers of city UMVD of Russia stopped a vehicle driven by a native of a neighboring republic. Two of his compatriots were also in the foreign-made car. During a search of the vehicle, police officers discovered more than 3,200 yellow and red plastic packets, and five cell phones were seized during a personal search of the driver and passenger. According to results of forensic analysis, the seized substances were identified as **N-methylephedrone and methadone** weighing approximately **2 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/79938663/>

02.03.2026 Officers of UMVD of Russia in Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug–Yugra dismantled a drug laboratory producing synthetic drugs. Police determined that suspects were manufacturing synthetic drugs on their own for distribution within Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug–Yugra. Illicit production of prohibited substance was organized on the premises of the Semya DNT in Nizhnevartovsk. Various equipment intended for manufacture of narcotics was discovered and seized there. According to results of forensic analysis, the seized substance contains **α-pyrrolidinovalerophenone**, a derivative of the narcotic N-methylephedrone, with a total weight of over **5 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/80097969/>

02.03.2026 In February this year, officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs Directorate for the Republic of Adygea learned of a group of residents from the Krasnoyarsk Krai who were trafficking narcotics in and around Maykop. As police discovered, four men aged 28 to 39, having conspired with unidentified handlers via the Internet, received a large shipment of prohibited substance from them, arrived in the republic’s capital, and began setting up drug stashes. Police officers foiled the criminals’ plans and detained them just as they were making another “stash” on a city street. At the scene, as well as during a personal search of the drug dealers, investigators discovered and seized a total of 227 small bags of methadone wrapped in electrical tape. Police also found another 359 similar packets, as well as equipment and materials for packaging illicit goods, in apartments rented by the group members in Adygea.

In total, as determined by experts from the Regional Ministry of Internal Affairs' Forensic Center, over **410 grams of methadone** were seized from the suspects.
<https://мвд.рф/news/item/80118937/>

02.03.2026 A large drug shipment was intercepted in Dagestan, and a criminal case was opened, according to the press service of the FSB Directorate for the Republic. According to investigators, a resident of Makhachkala, who was a member of an interregional criminal group, illegally transported a particularly large shipment of drugs concealed in household appliances by bus from Moscow to Dagestan for the purpose of distribution. During a personal search and a search of the suspect's residence, drugs including **mephedrone, hashish, and marijuana** with a total weight of over **7.5 kg** were discovered and seized.
<https://www.interfax-russia.ru/south-and-north-caucasus/news/bolee-7-kg-narkoticheskikh-veshchestv-izyali-v-dagestane>

02.03.2026 A 48-year-old passenger was detained at Ladoga Station in St. Petersburg while boarding a train bound for Izhevsk on suspicion of drug trafficking. During a personal search of the man from the Kirov Region, a juice carton was found in his bag containing eight packets of a brown substance. An analysis showed that it was **hashish**. Its total weight exceeded **1 kg**. It was found that the citizen had previously been convicted of a similar crime.
<https://47news.ru/articles/283498/>

03.03.2026 While checking information obtained through investigative channels, officers from UNK GU MVD of Russia in Krasnodar Krai detained a Krasnodar resident with a prior conviction for fraud on suspicion of drug trafficking. During a personal search of the young man, investigators seized two packages containing 200 **pregabalin** capsules. During a search of the suspect's rented apartment, police discovered a potent substance, scales, packaging materials, and items necessary for packaging. Total weight of the seized preparation was approximately **1.9 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/80054399/>

03.03.2026 Law enforcement officers in the Novosibirsk region dismantled an interregional synthetic drug trafficking ring. FSB's press service reported this on 3 March. Officers stopped a foreign-made car traveling from Omsk to Krasnoyarsk via Novosibirsk. Inside the vehicle were a group of unemployed individuals and a stash containing **2 kg of methadone**. This shipment of drugs is valued at over five million rubles. <https://precedent.tv/novosibirskie-siloviki-nakryli-mezhregionalnyj-kanal-postavki-narkoticheskikh-veshchestv>

03.03.2027 Officers of GU MVD of Russia in Rostov Region stopped illegal activities of two residents of Azov – a 67-year-old man and his 45-year-old son – suspected of trafficking explosive devices and controlled substances. Reports of possible drug sales by the younger of the two suspects prompted investigation. During a search of the suspects' residence, police seized more than **140 grams of hashish and marijuana** intended for resale.
<https://мвд.рф/news/item/80158705/>

03.03.2026 During a law enforcement operation in Nalchik, officers from the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Kabardino-Balkarian Republic detained a group of individuals suspected of drug trafficking. It was found that the suspects were using garages in the city to store their "product." Some of the drugs were discovered and seized directly from detainees during a personal search. Forensic analysis confirmed that the seized

substance was **marijuana**, with a total weight exceeding **1.6 kg**. Furthermore, in a garages investigators discovered equipment and fertilizers intended for cultivation and subsequent processing of cannabis as well as **11 cannabis plants**. Four residents of Nalchik were identified as organizers of the illegal activity, one of whom already had a criminal record for drug trafficking. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/80185029/>

03.03.2026 A wholesale drug supplier to street dealers was arrested in Volgograd region. Police tracked down the alleged organizer of a large shipment of synthetic drugs intended for a married couple who had been arrested earlier. A 38-year-old resident of the Astrakhan region was stopped at the 882nd kilometer of the R-22 "Caspian" highway. He had set up a large cache of drugs weighing about **1 kilogram**. The deadly "stash" consisted of a mixture containing an **N-methylephedrone** derivative. This package was subsequently picked up by the couple, who planned to repackage substance and make numerous small stashes throughout the region. However, criminals were unable to carry out their plan, as they were caught red-handed during a vehicle search. <https://vlg-media.ru/2026/03/03/v-volgogradskoj-oblasti-zaderzhali-optovogo-postavshhika-narkotikov-dlya-zakladchikov/>

03.03.2026 Drug control officers of UMVD of Russia in Naberezhnye Chelny detained a 68-year-old local woman suspected of drug trafficking. According to police, during a search of the pensioner's apartment balcony, they discovered a plastic bag containing 22 packets of a powdery substance. Forensic analysis showed that the seized substance contained **14 grams of methylephedrone**. <https://tatarstan24.tv/news/21285.v-chelnah-zaderzhali-68-letnego-narkodilera>

04.03.2026 Transport police officers in Blagoveshchensk detained a 19-year-old resident of Svobodny near the train station. During a personal search, they seized 24 small packages containing a white substance from the young man. Forensic analysis showed that contents were a drug, an **N-methylephedrone** derivative, weighing over **11 grams**. The suspect confessed that he intended to sell the "synthetic drug" via stashes hidden in secret compartments throughout Blagoveshchensk. <https://www.teleport2001.ru>

04.03.2026 Police dog discovered **2 kg of marijuana** in Novorossiysk. This was reported by the press office of GU MVD for Kirov region. Police conducted a search of a private residence. The property belongs to a 55-year-old local resident. "On the property a police dog found six 3-liter jars containing 2 kg of marijuana," police said. <https://sochistream.ru/novosti/proishestviya/v-novorossiyske-sluzhebnaya-sobaka-nashla-dva-kilogramma-narkotikov-191699/>

04.03.2026 A 24-year-old Egyptian national was detained by police on Molodezhnaya street in Izhevsk on suspicion of drug trafficking, according to the press service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in Udmurtia. Three packets containing **36 grams** of the synthetic substance **PVP** were found in the detainee's jacket pocket. The Egyptian man stated that he had purchased drugs for personal use, retrieving a stash from a wooded area in the Oktyabrsky district. <https://izhlife.ru/criminality/egiptyanina-s-partiey-narkotikov-zaderzhali-v-izhevske.html>

04.03.2026 A police officer in Irkutsk detained a suspect in distribution of a large shipment of synthetic drugs. A Belgian Shepherd named Dina helped locate stashes of illegal

substances. While returning from duty, an officer from the Directorate General of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Irkutsk Region noticed a suspicious man and suspected that the individual might be involved in distribution of illegal substances. This suspicion was confirmed when the suspect admitted to carrying drugs. He detained the suspect and reported the incident to duty station. An investigative team and officers from the Regional Canine Service immediately arrived at the scene. The police dog helped officers locate the so-called "stash" that the suspect had managed to make. A total of 38 packets of **synthetic drugs** were seized from the suspect, with a total weight exceeding **35 grams**.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/80231875/>

04.03.2026 During an investigative operation officers from UMVD of Russia in the Yaroslavl region detained a couple suspected of illegally distributing amphetamine. On Paris Commune street in Yaroslavl investigators stopped a foreign-made car with a man born in 1990 and a woman born in 1987 inside. During a personal search, a total of 69 bundles, 87 small bags, and 4 pieces of paper containing the substance were seized from the individuals. According to expert analysis, the seized substance is a **psychotropic drug** with a total weight of approximately **200 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/80250901/>

04.03.2026 As a result of investigative operations, officers from the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs' Pskov Region Directorate identified and dismantled a drug laboratory that had been set up on premises of a private residence in the Pskov Municipal District. At the same location police detained a local resident born in 1982 who had organized production of a synthetic controlled substance. During a search of the property police officers discovered and seized various laboratory equipment and containers, a chemical protection suit and respirator, heat guns, as well as a total of over **25 kilograms of mephedrone**, as already determined by experts, and 162 canisters of liquid chemical reagents, which have been sent for analysis. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/80292859/>

04.03.2026 Officers of GU MVD of Russia in the Moscow Region detained a resident of Ivanovo region, who had a prior conviction for theft, on suspicion of drug trafficking. According to available information, the suspect was growing narcotic plants in a rented private home in the village of Komyagino. During a search of the residence, police discovered and seized **129 plants** visually similar to **cannabis**, plastic bags containing plant material, heat lamps, and various packaging materials. According to expert report, the seized bags contained approximately **2 kilograms of marijuana**.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/80241243/>

05.03.2026 A resident of Kemerovo was detained by police in Tambov on suspicion of trafficking prohibited substances following a tip-off. The man was apprehended just as he was attempting to set up drug stashes. During a search of the young man and his rented apartment in Tambov, police discovered and seized several packages containing **N-methylephedrone** with a total weight of approximately **1 kg**.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/80383758/>

05.03.2026 A large shipment of drugs was found in the apartment of a resident of Vasilyevsky Island. In his apartment on Rimsky-Korsakov avenue, Interior Ministry officers discovered three bricks and 28 pieces of a brown, rock-like substance, a container and a bag containing a green plant-based substance, a bag with triangular pink, yellow, and blue

tablets, scales, and packaging materials. The seized items were sent for analysis. It was found that the briquettes, weighing nearly **300 grams**, contained a **narcotic**. The remaining unknown substances, weighing 700 grams, will also be sent for analysis, according to the press service of GU MVD for St. Petersburg and Leningrad Region.
<https://moika78.ru/news/2026-03-05/1271420-v-kvartire-na-rimskogo-korsakova-nashli-pochti-1-kg-narkotikov>

05.03.2026 Krasnoborsky Intermunicipal Department received a report: at the 761st kilometer of the R-176 "Vyatka" highway, traffic police officers from the Syktyvkar District stopped a Nissan driven by a 34-year-old resident of Severodvinsk. Drugs were found in the car. It was discovered that the man worked as a courier for a shadow online store: he set up stashes containing bulk shipments in the Arkhangelsk Region and Komi. He had set up a cache in the Krasnoborsk district. Investigators found a package in a wooded area near the village of Kuznetsovo. Forensic analysis confirmed that it was a **synthetic drug** weighing over **1 kg**. <https://pravdasevera.ru/2026/03/05/69a94301aa9c80bcfb0d4514.html>

05.03.2026 While on patrol, Barnaul police officers noticed a man near a wooded area who was burying something in the snow. Suspecting him of hiding a stash of drugs, they detained him for further investigation. Law enforcement officers seized 64 plasticine balls from the man. Inside each one, they found a small packet containing an unknown powder. Another 34 balls with similar contents were found in a snowdrift. Forensic analysis showed that the balls contained **mephedrone** with a total weight of nearly **150 grams**. During a search of the rented apartment, law enforcement officers discovered a total of more than **100 grams** of prohibited substances, including **mephedrone, ephedrone, and MDMA**.
<https://www.amic.ru/news/v-barnaule-zaderzhali-narkosbytchika-s-sharikami-kotorogo-lovili-pyat-let-579296>

05.03.2026 A 20-year-old resident of Kemerovo was detained in Tambov on suspicion of attempting to sell a large amount of illegal substances. The young man was apprehended just as he was preparing to set up stashes in the regional capital. During a personal search of the detainee and a search of the apartment he rented, police discovered and seized several packages containing a powdery substance. An analysis confirmed that the seized substance was **N-methylephedrone**. Total weight of the seized substance was approximately **1 kg**.
<https://www.onlinetambov.ru/news/incident/v-tambove-zaderzhali-zhitelya-kuzbassa-s-1-kg-narkotikov/>

06.03.2026 In late January 2026, officers of the Drug Control Division of the Klintsovsky District Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs conducted a search of the home of a 35-year-old resident of the Klintsovsky district. During a search police discovered and seized plant-based substances from the man's residence. According to results of examination, it was determined that the seized substance, weighing more than **2,770 grams**, consisted of parts of the narcotic plant **cannabis**. <https://klintsy.info/news/block-13542/>

06.02.2026 Officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Republic of Ingushetia detained two residents of the village of Ekazhevo, suspected of trafficking in controlled substances, during an investigative operation. Police stopped the Lada Granta vehicle in which the suspects were traveling in the Gamurziyevsky District of Nazran. During a personal search, a package containing 29 grams of mephedrone was found on one of the suspects, and a small

bag with 7 grams of clephedrone was found on his accomplice. In addition, during a search of the vehicle, investigators found another 237 grams of the dangerous psychostimulant in the front passenger seat. Subsequently, investigators discovered that the detainees were involved in setting up several caches along the Sunzha–Malgobek highway. With the help of a police dog law enforcement officers retrieved an additional 700 grams of synthetic drugs from these caches. In total, approximately **1 kilogram of synthetic drugs** was seized. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/80437355/>

06.03.2026 A citizen suspected of drug trafficking was detained during an operation conducted by officers of the Tambov District Department of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs' Narcotics Control Unit. During a personal search of the 23-year-old woman police discovered packages containing illegal substances. Seized illegal substances have been sent for forensic analysis. Test results confirmed that the seized substances consisted of **100 grams of mephedrone and 100 grams of hashish**. It was also determined that she had already managed to set up one cache containing narcotics. This package was seized, it contained **10 grams of mephedrone**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/80437734/>

06.03.2026 According to GU MVD in the Volgograd Region, officers from narcotics control unit detained a 25-year-old man from Central Asia. According to investigators, the young man had come to Russia to earn money illegally and was involved in contactless distribution of drugs via hidden stashes. During a personal search and an examination of hiding places organized by the detainee, police seized packages containing a powdery substance. According to expert analysis, the seized substance is the narcotic **N-methylephedrone**, with a total weight of over **43 grams**. <https://vpravda.ru/proisshestviya/v-volgograde-zaderzhali-inostranca-s-krupnoy-partiyei-narkotikov-224591/>

06.03.2026 FSB officers disrupted a supply route for synthetic drugs into Crimea. Criminals arrived on the peninsula from St. Petersburg by train and were detained at the train station. As a result of investigative operations, it was found that two residents of Kerch — a man born in 1978 and a woman born in 1986 — acting as a group of individuals by prior agreement, purchased the narcotic drug methadone in St. Petersburg with the intent of subsequently selling it illegally in the Republic of Crimea. Approximately **250 grams of methadone**, divided into individual doses and prepared for further distribution, were seized from the detainees. <https://sev.tv/news/112441.html>

07.03.2026 A 20-year-old man from the Kemerovo region was detained in Tambov on suspicion of attempting to distribute a significant quantity of illegal substances. During a search of his rented apartment, law enforcement officers discovered and seized approximately **1 kg of methylephedrone**. It was discovered that the citizen was acting on behalf of an online platform that sells drugs. <https://newtambov.ru/novosti-rossii/23610>

09.03.2026 Officers of GU MVD of Russia in Rostov Region carried out a successful operation to apprehend an interregional wholesale drug courier. As a result of investigative operations, it was discovered that the perpetrator planned to retrieve a large shipment of **synthetic drugs** from a hiding place in a forest in the Kagalniksky district. Upon his arrest, 13 plastic packages with a total weight of **12 kilograms** were found in his possession. <https://martvestnik.ru/policiya-rostovskoj-oblasti-zaderzhala-mezhregionalnogo-narkokurera-s-12-kg-sintetiki/>

10.03.2026 Officers of GU MVD of Russia in Rostov Region eliminated a channel for illegal distribution of narcotic and psychotropic substances via mail. In Rostov-on-Don investigators detained a 28-year-old member of an organized group at a post office. During a personal search law enforcement officers found 26 packages prepared for shipment in the man's backpack. A total of **927 tablets** and capsules containing **pregabalin, tramadol, and alprazolam** were seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/80712869/>

10.03.2026 Acting on intelligence, officers from GU MVD of Russia in the Rostov Region detained a resident of Rostov-on-Don, born in 2004, in the Azov district on suspicion of distributing controlled substances on a particularly large scale. During a search approximately **1 kg** of the narcotic substance **mephedrone** was discovered and seized. During a search of his residence, police officers discovered and seized numerous prohibited substances that the suspect intended to sell via contactless methods using hidden stashes. Among the items seized were **648 grams** of the psychotropic substance **amphetamine** and approximately **400 grams** of other **synthetic drugs**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/80662881/>

10.03.2026 As a result of a series of investigative and operational measures, officers from UMVD and UFSB of Russia in Ryazan Region dismantled a large synthetic drug laboratory in the region. During preliminary stage of the operation, officers detected suspicious activity in the village of Bratilovo, Klepikovskiy district, carried out by a 30-year-old resident of the Vladimir region. The man from Vladimir was detained in a cottage while synthesizing the illegal substance. During a search of the property, operatives seized more than 11 kilograms of a finished N-methylephedrone derivative and 134 canisters containing liquids. According to results of an analysis conducted at the UMVD's Forensic Center, liquids contained 54.5 kilograms of the same drug in dry residue form and more than **175 kilograms of precursors**. In total, UMVD and FSB officers prevented **65.65 kilograms of an N-methylephedrone** derivative from entering black market. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/80666397/>

10.03.2026 Following an investigation into intelligence regarding drug trafficking, operatives from the Moscow City Department of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs detained a 28-year-old resident of St. Petersburg and his 24-year-old acquaintance from Murmansk region in Budaisky proezd. During a search of the apartment they were renting, police discovered and seized scales, packaging materials, and bags containing substances with a total weight of over 700 grams. According to an analysis of a portion of the seized items, the substances consist of over **200 grams of cocaine** and approximately **500 grams of mephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/80500684/>

UZBEKISTAN

02.03.2026 Officers of the State Security Service, in cooperation with law enforcement officials, conducted a special operation. During the operation in Tashkent, a man born in 1979 was detained for distributing stashes of synthetic drugs. He was found to be in possession of **15 packets** containing the narcotic substance "**Alpha-PVP**" and **24 packets** containing the narcotic substance "**Mephedrone**." A search of his home found that the perpetrator had set up a drug laboratory in basement, where he was manufacturing and packaging synthetic narcotics. There, authorities discovered **2.8 kg of synthetic drugs and**

11.5 liters of precursors used in production. In addition, a check of his phone found location of a cache in the Khavast district of the Syrdarya region, where another shipment of synthetic narcotics and precursors had been buried. Upon excavation, it was discovered that there were **49.9 kg of synthetic narcotics and 48 liters of precursors**.
<https://upl.uz/incidents/60805-news.html>

07.03.2026 Officers from the Kibray District Office of the Department under the Prosecutor General's Office, in conjunction with officers from other law enforcement agencies, conducted a special operation. During the operation, a BYD Chazor vehicle belonging to a man with a prior criminal record was stopped and searched in the Kibray district. During a search, approximately **40 packages containing narcotic substances** were found on him and the passenger; they had been distributing drugs using stashes. <https://upl.uz/incidents/60974-news.html>

09.03.2026 Law enforcement officers conducted a special operation. During the operation, a man named Timur was taken into custody. It was discovered that the perpetrator had been distributing stashes containing various **narcotics and potent substances** throughout the Uchtepinsky district. A total of **138 stashes** previously distributed by the suspect were recovered. <https://upl.uz/incidents/61007-news.html>

10.03.2026 Special operational activities were conducted by SGB officers in cooperation with other law enforcement agencies. During these operations, cases of drug smuggling from Tajikistan were uncovered. Specifically, in the Syrdarya region, two local residents, born in 1983 and 1990, were detained while collecting six bags of drugs that had been thrown across the state border into the territory of the "Sharkobod" mahalla in the Khavast district. It was determined that the bags contained **8.31 kg of heroin and 54.46 kg of opium**.
<https://upl.uz/incidents/61018-news.html>

10.03.2026 Special operational measures were carried out by SGB officers in conjunction with officers from other law enforcement agencies. In the Sarias district of Surkhandarya region, a man born in 1984, who is a teacher at one of the district's general education schools, was detained. The man was arrested while receiving **14.68 kg of opium** delivered by drug couriers from Tajikistan. <https://upl.uz/incidents/61018-news.html>

10.03.2026 Staff members of the "Tashkent-Aero" Customs Terminal conducted a special operation at the Islam Karimov Tashkent International Airport. During the operation, a citizen of a neighboring country who had arrived on a flight from Bishkek was stopped and subjected to a personal search. During a personal search, **561 grams** of the synthetic narcotic substance "**Alpha-PVP**" were found in 684 capsules, which the man was transporting disguised as sports supplements. After the suspect was detained, the operation continued in the Bektemir District, in cooperation with officers from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the State Security Service. There, they detained the foreign national's accomplice, for whom he had been transporting the synthetic drugs. During a search of his residence in Tashkent, **80 grams of "Alpha-PVP"** were seized, along with **30 grams of other synthetic drugs**.
<https://upl.uz/incidents/61021-news.html>

OTHER COUNTRIES

ALBANIA

06.03.2026 During a recent joint operation, Albanian authorities and Frontex officers intercepted a large shipment of drugs. After scanners detected potential contraband inside a truck, a search revealed 166 packages (approximately **350 kg**) of **marijuana**. This success was the result of close cooperation between Albania and Frontex. <https://www.facebook.com/frontex/posts/350-kg-of-marijuana-seized-security-remains-a-priority-at-border-crossing-point-/1224457513199403/>

BELARUS

09.03.2026 Belarusian customs officials foiled an attempt to smuggle a large shipment of drugs that was being transported in transit from Poland through Belarus to Russia. During customs clearance in Minsk, officials discovered **317 kilograms of hashish** in a truck belonging to a Polish carrier. A Belarusian citizen was driving the truck. Narcotics were carefully concealed in specially equipped compartments inside legally transported cargo. The illicit cargo was intended for onward shipment to the Russian Federation. The information obtained was promptly forwarded to the Federal Customs Service of Russia. As a result of joint investigative operations, authorities identified and detained another alleged participant in the scheme, a 58-year-old Estonian citizen. It is known that he had previously been convicted in Russia for serious crimes. <https://grodno24.com/2026/03/tamozhenniki-obnaruzhili-317-kg-gashisha-v-legalnom-gruze-na-puti-iz-polshi-v-rossiyu.html>

INDIA

05.03.2026 As part of a large-scale crackdown on cross-border drug trafficking, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), in coordination with the Mizoram Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau (SIB), seized a large shipment of drugs during three coordinated operations along the India-Myanmar border. According to NCB, joint operations resulted in the seizure of **36.43 kilograms of methamphetamine**. Four people were arrested during the operations for alleged involvement in a smuggling ring. <https://www.indiatodayne.in/mizoram/story/massive-narcotics-seizure-in-mizoram-meth-heroin-worth-rs-31-crore-recovered-1355054-2026-03-05>

CANADA

02.03.2026 On 19 February 2026, a commercial truck arriving at the Blue Water Bridge port of entry from the United States was referred by a Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) officer for further inspection. During an inspection of the trailer, border services discovered and seized **111.4 kg of cocaine**. CBSA arrested Sarkaren Vir Singh, 29, of Nova Scotia, and Chamkaur Singh, 25, of Ontario. Both men and the seized drugs were turned over to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). <https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2026/02/cbsa-seizes-111-kg-of-cocaine-at-the-blue-water-bridge.html>

MALAYSIA

09.03.2026 Federal police seized more than **3,400 kilograms of methamphetamine**, worth approximately 170 million ringgit, during a series of raids in the capital earlier this month. This was one of the largest drug seizures of the year. According to the director of the Narcotic Crime Investigation Department (NCID), the operation was carried out on 2 March following intelligence gathered by the department. Overall, the operation consisted of two raids. In total police confiscated 3,284 packages of methamphetamine weighing 3,402.18 kilograms, with an estimated value of 170 million ringgit. <https://www.nst.com.my/amp/news/nation/2026/03/1393284/police-seizes-34-tonnes-syabu-worth-rm170-million-major-drug-bust>

MEXICO

09.03.2026 Mexican Navy (SEMAR) seized **2 tons of cocaine** 200 km southeast of Acapulco. Two patrol vessels discovered the drugs in waterproof packaging floating in the eastern Pacific Ocean. A video released by the agency shows large packages floating in the water. <https://www.borderreport.com/hot-topics/mexican-navy-seizes-2-tons-of-cocaine-at-sea/>

NIGERIA

09.03.2026 Nigerian Customs Service (NCS) seized **248,500 tablets of tramadol** (250 mg), a controlled pharmaceutical substance valued at 273.35 million naira, in Yobe State. The operation was carried out following extensive intelligence gathering, strategic surveillance, and cooperation with other law enforcement agencies. <https://prnigeria.com/2026/03/09/customs-intercepts-worth/>

THE NETHERLANDS

08.03.2026 Customs officials in the Netherlands seized a shipment of cocaine concealed among bananas at the port of Vlissingen. Customs officials intercepted **400 kilograms of cocaine** during a routine inspection at the port of Vlissingen. The inspection was conducted based on a risk analysis carried out by customs. According to prosecutor's office, drugs were hidden in a pallet of bananas on a ship that had arrived from Ecuador. Seized cocaine was destroyed. <https://sud.ua/ru/news/abroad/355276-v-niderlandakh-tamozhenniki-nashli-400-kg-kokaina-spryatannogo-sredi-bananov>

PANAMA

04.03.2026 Panama border authorities seized a large shipment of cocaine. The first incident occurred at the Bayano checkpoint in the Chepo district. There, agents from the National Border Service inspected a pickup truck in which structural modifications had been detected. During the inspection, they discovered 30 rectangular packages wrapped in duct tape, believed to contain cocaine. In the second case, SENAFRONT detected a vehicle in the city of Chepo. Structural modifications were also identified during the inspection. The search revealed 18 rectangular packages containing suspected drugs. Both individuals, as well as the evidence and vehicles, were handed over to the competent authorities to ensure proper legal proceedings. A total of **48 kg of cocaine** was seized. <https://pan.news.o-abroad.com/Chepo/politics/300166-en-panamanian-border-seizes-48kg-of-cocaine-from-two-pickups.html>

POLAND

02.03.2026 In the Polish town of Lubiátówka, in the Lesser Poland Voivodeship, authorities shut down a drug laboratory set up by Ukrainian citizens. They seized **200 kg of clephedrone and 500 liters of drug-containing liquids**. The laboratory's products were intended for criminal groups in Poland, and part of the shipment was supposed to be sent to Ukraine. The value of confiscated narcotics is estimated at 28 million zlotys (approximately \$7.6 million). Two Ukrainian citizens were detained during the operation. <https://belta.by/special/world/view/v-narkolaboratorii-sozdannoj-ukraintsami-v-polshe-izjjato-200-kg-narkotikov-na-76-mln-767148-2026/>

USA

03.03.2026 During recent law enforcement raids on drug laboratories in Northern California, more than a ton of methamphetamine was seized, marking one of the largest drug seizures in U.S. history, authorities said. "Operation Trash Panda" was carried out last Friday by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit and the Calaveras County Narcotics Division. More than 100 law enforcement officers executed high-risk search warrants at three locations. Law enforcement seized more than **1,200 kg of methamphetamine** worth 4 million dollars. Law enforcement also seized **1,900 marijuana plants** and more than **45 kg of processed marijuana**. https://www.union-bulletin.com/news/national/more-than-a-ton-of-methamphetamine-uncovered-in-northern-california-drug-busts/article_917dc282-7a87-5e21-8a26-7a44fb03166d.html

06.03.2026 A Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) raid in various neighborhoods across the Tri-Cities resulted in the seizure of approximately 2 million dollars, more than **74 kilograms of fentanyl** powder, and **90 kilograms of methamphetamine**, marking the largest drug seizure in the history of Eastern Washington. https://www.nbcrightnow.com/news/largest-ever-drug-seizure-in-eastern-washington-removes-164-pounds-of-fentanyl-from-tri-cities/article_4e7e6c21-f37e-40d6-b99b-4fea518263aa.html

06.03.2026 U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at the Laredo port of entry recently seized more than 1.7 million dollars' worth of cocaine concealed in a commercial truck. The seizure occurred on 26 February at the Columbia-Solidarity Bridge when a CBP officer directed a commercial truck pulling an empty trailer for a secondary inspection. After a search using dogs and a non-intrusive inspection system, CBP officers discovered 54 packages containing a total of **59 kg of cocaine**. Drugs have a street value of \$1,730,836. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-nearly-17-million-cocaine-colombia-solidarity>

09.03.2026 U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents in Puerto Rico seized approximately **97 kilograms of cocaine** concealed under a vessel that arrived on 26 February. Estimated value of the seized cocaine is \$1.7 million. CBP officers discovered drugs hidden inside an auxiliary device attached to the hull of a vessel that arrived from Rio Haina, Dominican Republic. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-214-pounds-cocaine-concealed-under-cargo-vessel>