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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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Between 11 and 20 May 2026, based on information from mass media reports law enforcement agencies and security structures of CARICC member states seized **1 ton 738.22 kg of narcotics and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 8.05 kg, opium – 12.68 kg, cocaine – 0.04 kg, cannabis-group drugs – 879.31 kg, synthetic drugs – 606.47 kg, and potent substances – 231.6796 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	7.89	0	0	0.16	0	0
Opium	0	0	0	0	0	12.68
Cocaine	0	0	0	0.04	0	0
Cannabis group drugs	145.99	4.41	12.29	101.36	0	615.26
Synthetic drugs	4.3	500.43	0	98.33	0	3.41
Potent substances	0	0	0	0	0	231.67
Total	158.18	504.84	12.29	199.89	0	863.02

During the same period, other countries seized **1 ton and 447.95 kg of narcotics and psychotropic substances, including: cocaine – 175 kg, cannabis-group drugs – 195 kg, synthetic drugs – 1 ton 66.7 kg, and potent substances – 11.25 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN

12.05.2026 Police officers in Balaken carried out an operation to combat drug trafficking. During the operation, 45-year-old Safar Sharifov, who had a prior conviction for a similar offense, was arrested. Law enforcement officers discovered **198 cannabis plants** on his garden plot. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-balakene-obnaruzhena-plantaciya-konopli-video>

13.05.2026 During a police operation, officers from the Gakh District Police Department arrested 53-year-old Zazu Poladashvili, who had a prior criminal record. They found and seized **4.3 kg of marijuana**. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-gahe-ranee-sudimogo-vnov-zaderzhali-za-analogichnoe-prestuplenie-video>

13.05.2026 Officers from the Directorate General for Combating Drugs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Azerbaijan are continuing efforts to combat drug trafficking. During operations conducted in Baku and surrounding areas, 41-year-old Anar Asadov and 30-year-

old Taleh Muradov, both of whom have prior convictions, were detained. A total of **42.69 kg of marijuana** mixed with other substances, as well as **460 methadone tablets** were found and seized from them. According to investigation, detainees were involved in courier delivery of drugs in Baku and Sumgait. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-azerbajdzhane-izyato-okolo-43-kg-narkotikov-i-460-psihotropnyh-tabletok-video>

19.05.2026 An attempt to smuggle narcotics from Iran into Azerbaijan was foiled as a result of border searches and operational activities conducted within operational area of the "Goradiz" Border Detachment under the Border Troops Command. A total of 11.99 kg of narcotics were discovered and seized, including **7.89 kg of heroin and 4.1 kg of methamphetamine**, as well as **20 tablets** of the psychotropic drug "**Methadone M-40**". <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/presechena-popytka-perepravki-krupnoj-partii-narkotikov-iz-irana-v-azerbajdzhan-foto>

KAZAKHSTAN

12.05.2026 In early May, as a result of a series of general and targeted operations, ministry officers dismantled a drug laboratory in the city of Arys, Turkestan region. Two brothers were identified during investigation; they had set up a large-scale operation for illegal production of synthetic drugs in a private home on the outskirts of the city. During a search of the scene, police seized nearly **500 kg of liquid mephedrone and 1.5 tons of precursors**, which have been sent for analysis, as well as a reactor, flasks, a magnetic stirrer, canisters, plastic trays, and other equipment showing residues and signs of drug production. <https://polisia.kz/ru/dva-brata-organizovali-proizvodstvo-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov-v-arysi/>

13.05.2026 Police detained a 20-year-old woman in Zhetysu region. While investigating a report received via the "102" hotline, officers discovered 31 packets and two aerosol cans containing the synthetic drug "speed" (**alpha-PVP**). Total weight of the seized drugs was over **14 grams**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-iz-yali-narkotiki-u-zhitel-nitsy-oblasti-zhetysu/>

13.05.2026 Officers from the Anti-Drug Crime Department in the Akmola region, in coordination with prosecutor's office, cracked down on illegal trafficking of synthetic drugs. A foreign national was caught red-handed and detained by police. During a search, 120 packets containing a substance believed to be **mephedrone** were discovered and seized. Total weight of the seized drugs was over **240 grams**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/inostrantsa-zaderzhali-s-krupnoj-partiej-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov-v-akmolinskoj-oblasti/>

13.05.2026 Police officers shut down another drug trafficking route in the North Kazakhstan region. At the "Yuzhny" checkpoint, law enforcement officers stopped an Audi. Inside the jacket of a 26-year-old passenger, they found a vacuum-sealed package containing a yellow gel-like substance. Forensic analysis showed that it was **1,200 grams of hashish oil**. Additionally, at the suspect's rented apartment police seized **100 grams** of the synthetic drug **α-PvP** in packages prepared for stashing, electronic scales, and other equipment for packaging illicit substances. <https://www.nur.kz/incident/crime/2376213-hvatilo-by-vovlech-v-potreblenie-3-tys-chelovek-krupnuyu-partiyu-narkotikov-izyali-v-sko-video/>

15.05.2026 Police officers in Almaty prevented illegal possession of narcotics. A suspect was detained during the course of investigative operations. Narcotic substances, including **cannabis extract, marijuana, and hashish**, were discovered and seized from the suspect and at his residence. In addition, electronic scales, vacuum-sealing equipment, and packaging materials were seized, indicating signs of packaging and possible further distribution of prohibited substances. Total weight of the seized narcotics exceeded **3 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/ochag-hraneniya-i-fasovki-narkotikov-likvidirovan-v-almaty/>

20.05.2026 During an operation, officers from the Shymkent Police Department's Anti-Drug Crime Division detained a drug courier who had arrived from Petropavlovsk to distribute psychotropic substances in the city. The man hid packages of drugs in secret compartments and then sent coordinates via a messaging app. During a search, police found and seized packages containing the psychotropic substance **mephedrone**. Total weight of the seized drugs was approximately **75 grams**, with a street value of about 2.5 million tenge. <https://polisia.kz/ru/rasprostranenie-narkotikov-v-osobo-krupnom-razmere-predotvratili-v-shymkente/>

20.05.2026 A case involving illegal possession of narcotics and poaching of sturgeon was detected in Mangistau region. During a pre-trial investigation, a search of a vehicle led to the discovery and seizure of sturgeon weighing a total of over 64 kg. Subsequently, during a search of the suspect's residence, an additional 21 kg of fish, electronic scales, and a narcotic substance **hashish** weighing a total of more than **213 g** were seized. <https://polisia.kz/ru/nezakonnoe-hranenie-osetrovoj-ryby-i-narkotikov-presecheno-v-mangistauskoj-oblasti/>

KYRGYZSTAN

11.05.2026 Law enforcement officers in the Chui district received information that illegal activities involving narcotics were taking place at the home of a resident of the village of Zhani-Turmus, born in 1977. During a raid at the specified address, officers discovered and seized **2.26 kg of marijuana**. During investigation, it was found that T.K. had purchased drugs from a man born in 1969. Later, during a search of the second suspect's home in the city of Tokmok, a brown substance with a characteristic odor weighing **94 grams**, presumed to be **hashish**, was found. <https://topnews.kg/proisshestviya/131307-v-chujskoj-oblasti-zaderzhany-grazhdane-hranivshie-i-prodavavshie-narkotiki.html>

15.05.2026 Officers from the Counter Narcotics Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, in collaboration with other agencies, conducted a series of operations in Bishkek aimed at disrupting activities of an international criminal group that was distributing synthetic drugs through the online store "K." Two citizens were detained during the operation: K.A.B., born in 2007, and S.S.A., born in 2005. They were traveling in a Honda Fit. During a search of the vehicle, four bricks of a dark green substance (**hashish**) with a total weight of approximately **1 kg** were found in secret compartments of transmission housing. A search was also conducted at K.A.B.'s residence, where 290 tablets of various colors and sizes weighing 125 grams were seized; substances in zip-top bags with a total weight of 157 grams; a crystalline substance weighing 194 grams; electronic scales, ZIP bags, gloves, electrical tape, magnets, and other tools for packaging drugs. It was found that narcotic and psychotropic substances were intended for distribution using hidden stashes in Bishkek and the Chui region.

<https://topnews.kg/proisshestviya/132320-sbnon-likvidiroval-kanal-rasprostraneniya-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov-i-zaderzhal-dvuh-molodyh-parnej.html>

18.05.2026 Officers from the State Committee for National Security (GKNB) of Kyrgyzstan detained a man in the Osh region on suspicion of intending to distribute drugs on a large scale. The suspect, known as A. D. A., was caught red-handed on 16 May while retrieving drugs from a cache prepared for further distribution. An analysis showed that the seized substances were **hashish**, known as Afghan chars, with a total weight of **8.94 kg**.
<https://topnews.kg/proisshestviya/132722-v-oshskoj-oblasti-zaderzhali-muzhchinu-s-pochti-9-kg-gashisha.html>

RUSSIA

11.05.2026 Operatives from GU MVD of Russia in Rostov Region detained a 27-year-old local resident on suspicion of trafficking in controlled substances following a tip-off in Rostov-on-Don. During a search of the man's apartment, police discovered eight plastic bags containing a beige-colored powder, 17 rolls of electrical tape containing the same substance, electronic scales, packaging materials, and a cell phone. Suspect also revealed locations of three caches in the Voroshilovsky district of Rostov-on-Don, from which operatives extracted packages containing narcotic substance. Forensic analysis confirmed that the seized substances were **N-methylephedrone and mephedrone**, with a total weight exceeding **180 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85310801/>

12.05.2026 PPS officers detained a man from a neighboring country in the Leninsky district. During a personal search, they found 33 packets of powder on him. In a rented apartment in the village of Zhabkino they discovered another 394 packets, 25 zip-top bags, and 24 canisters containing a chemical liquid. Analysis showed that contents of two packets were **mephedrone**, with a total weight of over **200 grams** (the rest is being tested). The detainee admitted that he had agreed to a "side job" via a messaging app at the instruction of his handler: to deliver "medicines" and provide photo reports.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/85380430/>

12.05.2026 According to the regional GU MVD of Russia, traffic police officers stopped a Toyota Harrier in the Bogucharsky district at 752 km of the M-4 "Don" highway to check driver's documents. During a search traffic police officers found six packages containing a powdery substance in the backpack of a 38-year-old passenger, a resident of St. Petersburg. An analysis found that the seized substance was **methylephedrone**, with a total weight of **2,936 grams**. The suspect admitted that he had found an offer for "easy money" on a messaging app. He was offered 100,000 rubles to transport illegal cargo from St. Petersburg to Novorossiysk. <https://obozvrn.ru/archives/348377>

13.05.2026 While acting on intelligence, officers from the North-Eastern Administrative District's Internal Affairs Directorate conducted surveillance on a 38-year-old Moscow resident suspected of drug trafficking. The suspect was taken into custody. During a personal search, they seized a package containing an unknown substance. Forensic experts determined that the seized substance weighing over **110 grams** was **methadone**.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/85429805/>

13.05.2026 On 12 May, during a law enforcement operation in a high-rise building located in the northern part of Tambov officers from Drug Control Unit of UMVD of Russia in Tambov Region detained a man of no fixed occupation, born in 1973. At his residence and at a summer cottage located in the Tambov municipal district, operatives discovered and seized **2,117 grams of marijuana and 19 grams of hashish**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85491488/>

13.05.2026 Officers from the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Crimea conducted investigative operations to combat drug trafficking and detained a 46-year-old resident of the Simferopol district. On a street in Simferopol, police stopped a UAZ Patriot vehicle, inside which they discovered four packages containing a powdery substance. According to results of analysis, the substance with a total weight of **169 grams** contains **mephedrone**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85496403/>

13.05.2026 Officers from the Crimean Republican Ministry of Internal Affairs stopped a Toyota Camry driven by a 37-year-old man on a street in Dzhankoy. During a search, police officers discovered a total of five packages containing a light-colored powder in the suspect's bag and in the driver's door compartment of the imported car he had rented. Additionally, at his temporary residence in Dzhankoy, law enforcement officers found four plastic bags and a container with similar contents, as well as electronic scales and packaging materials. According to expert conclusion, the seized substance with a total weight of approximately **590 grams** is an **ephedrine** derivative. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85498920/>

13.05.2026 During a police operation in Krasnoyarsk, officers detained two residents of the Berezovsky district. It was found that the men, who had prior criminal records, were unemployed and had decided to improve their financial situation by engaging in illegal distribution of controlled substances. During a search of the suspects' residence, police seized over **200 grams of hashish oil** brought from Novosibirsk. Mixing this drug with ingredients suspects had on hand would have resulted in production of over five kilograms of synthetic hashish. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85451947/>

13.05.2026 Officers from UMVD in Smolensk region detained a 19-year-old local resident following an investigation. Upon seeing police, he dropped two packages; during a search, another 36 stashes were found on him. Electronic scales, small bags, and several packages were seized from his apartment. Total weight of the seized **mephedrone and hashish** was approximately **100 grams**. A 19-year-old accomplice who helped post drug advertisements online was also detained. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85497500/>

13.05.2026 Law enforcement officers detained two residents of the Kursk regional center who are suspected of selling **synthetic drugs**. The men, aged 35 and 31, were wholesale dealers. They stored particularly large quantities of illegal substances in a rented garage on Klykov avenue. They also packaged "merchandise" there. An analysis showed the presence of seven types of drugs with a total weight of over **16 kg**. Substances were found not only in the warehouse but also in the suspects' car. <https://kursktv.ru/68851>

14.05.2026 Officers from the Uspensky Police Department of UMVD of Russia in Odintsovo, near a residence on Podushkinskoye Highway detained a 22-year-old local resident on suspicion of drug trafficking as part of operational and preventive measures. During a

personal search, police officers discovered and seized 22 packages from him, and at his residence — two bags, 30 packages, electronic scales, and two rolls of electrical tape. The suspect also provided locations of three additional caches that he had previously hidden. According to chemical analysis, contents were **mephedrone** with a total weight of over **980 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85493282/>

14.05.2026 Officers from GU MVD of Russia in the Altai Krai foiled illegal activities of two previously convicted residents of Barnaul, aged 42 and 36, who intended to sell a particularly large shipment of an illegal substance. The suspects were detained by police immediately after they had set up drug stashes in a thicket on the outskirts of the village of Lesnoy, located near the regional center. Their gadgets contained coordinates and photographs of locations where they had concealed narcotics. After analyzing this information, detectives discovered stashes set up by the criminal duo, which contained a total of four packages of **methadone** weighing approximately **400 grams**, as later confirmed by experts. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85572265/>

14.05.2026 Police officers from the Kurortny District of St. Petersburg detained a local resident in a wooded area on suspicion of drug trafficking. During a personal search they found and seized a plastic bag containing a substance. According to expert report, the seized substance is a **synthetic drug** weighing more than **440 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85564812/>

14.05.2026 Officers from GU MVD of Russia in Chelyabinsk Region stopped illegal activities of two residents of the regional capital who had set up a operation to produce an illegal substance from narcotic plants for the purpose of distribution. The accomplices were detained at a garden plot in the Sosnovsky district, where they were growing cannabis in a garden shed and processing it into marijuana. There, police discovered and seized approximately **10 kg of marijuana** prepared by suspects for sale, along with materials, electronic scales, and approximately 600,000 rubles in cash obtained by accomplices from their criminal activities. In addition, in a car parked near the garden house belonging to the older of drug dealers, operatives found and seized a total of about **6 kg of marijuana** packaged in bags. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85559900/>

15.05.2026 Officers from UMVD of Russia in the Vyborgsky District of the Leningrad Region detained an unemployed resident of the village of Ryabovo following an investigation. In a bathhouse located on the grounds of a residential building on Polyanskoe highway, operatives discovered more than **200 cannabis** plants and 5 plastic bags containing dried, brown leaves weighing over **6 kg**. The seized items were sent for analysis, which confirmed that the substance was **marijuana**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85616517/>

17.05.2026 Officers from UMVD of Russia in Veliky Novgorod detained two local residents with prior convictions who are suspected of attempting to illegally sell a large shipment of narcotics. Police conducted a search of an office the men had rented in the basement of a building in the regional capital. In the drop ceiling operatives found a secret compartment containing packages of **marijuana** weighing a total of over **1.2 kg**. In addition, on a table in the corner investigators found a box that had once contained souvenirs, which held more than 80 small bags of **mephedrone** with a total weight of over **80 grams**. Scales, cell phones, and packaging materials were also seized. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85614271/>

18.05.2026 Barnaul police officers detained a local woman born in 1991 who is suspected of attempting to sell narcotics. During investigative operations, police officers found that the woman, who had two prior convictions for possession of illegal substances, had purchased drugs via a messaging app with the intent to distribute in the regional capital. During the arrest law enforcement officers discovered 27 packets containing a white powdery substance during a personal search and subsequently during an examination of the scene. Forensic analysis showed that contents were a synthetic drug, **N-methylephedrone**, with a total weight of **83 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85743723/>

18.05.2026 Operatives from UMVD of Russia in Tambov Region detained a suspect in drug distribution in the regional capital during an investigative operation. The man, born in 2001, arrived in the Tambov region to make “stash” of illegal substances. Drugs were seized. An analysis confirmed that the seized substances consisted of **147 grams of hashish and 35 grams of cocaine**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85745926/>

18.05.2026 Officers from UNK GU MVD of Russia in Altai Krai during the course of investigative operations identified and detained two men from Central Asia suspected of trafficking in controlled substances. During a search of the two foreigners, aged 20 and 21, on a street in the Central district of Barnaul law enforcement officers discovered three packages containing a powdery substance in the younger man’s backpack. Forensic analysis confirmed that the seized substance was an **N-methylephedrone** derivative weighing over **4.5 kg**. According to preliminary data, detainees acted as wholesale couriers for an illicit online store. They picked up a large shipment of “salt” in Novosibirsk and transported it to regional capital in the older accomplice’s personal vehicle for subsequent distribution of illicit goods through a network of stashes. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85737178/>

18.05.2026 Officers from UNK GU MVD of Russia in the Moscow Region as a result of investigative operations conducted on suspicion of drug trafficking detained a 54-year-old man from the Nizhny Novgorod region with a previous criminal record. It was found that the suspect had set up a laboratory for synthesizing narcotics in a rented house in the village of Selatino, Naro-Fominsk district. During a search of the premises police discovered and seized canisters containing liquids, laboratory equipment, reagents, and protective gear. Operatives also discovered and seized two containers with a powdery substance and lumps inside. According to expert report, part of the seized material is a derivative of the narcotic drug **N-methylephedrone** with a total weight of over **12 kg**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85759792/>

18.05.2026 Investigations found that a 22-year-old woman from Yoshkar-Ola found an online ad offering part-time work as a “stash handler” and recruited a 23-year-old local man she knew to help her. During a search of a taxi used by suspects law enforcement officers found a package wrapped in blue electrical tape containing a powdery substance in the young man’s bag. Analysis showed that the substance was **mephedrone** with a total weight of **270 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85773093/>

18.05.2026 Officers from the FSB Directorate for the Astrakhan Region shut down a drug trafficking ring involved in distribution of a particularly large quantity of drugs. A resident of Stavropol born in 2001 and a citizen of a Central Asian country born in 2000 were detained. They had traveled to Astrakhan to organize distribution of synthetic drugs and rented an

apartment in the Leninsky district for storage. During a search, they seized more than **500 grams of mephedrone**. <https://www.vedomosti.ru/society/news/2026/05/18/1197902-fsb-presekla>

18.05.2026 Officers from the Federal Security Service (FSB) in St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region dismantled a clandestine drug laboratory producing synthetic drugs. Alleged ringleader was arrested at the scene. During searches law enforcement officers seized approximately **2 kg of mephedrone, 100 grams of hashish, 500 grams of marijuana**, as well as chemicals and equipment used for drug manufacturing. <https://mr-7.ru/articles/2026/05/18/fsb-nakryla-krupnuiu-sinteticheskuiu-narkolaboratoriu-v-peterburge-news>

19.05.2026 Officers from the Patrol and Checkpoint Service of UMVD of Russia in Abakan detained a 19-year-old woman suspected of distributing synthetic drugs via stashes. During a personal search, police seized two packages weighing a total of more than 1.6 grams. The suspect found a "side job" at an online drug store and traveled specifically to the capital of Khakassia from another region to carry out these illegal activities. She received **100 grams of synthetic drugs** from her "handlers," packaged it, and, following her "employers'" instructions, succeeded in making 69 stashes throughout the republic's capital. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85818680/>

19.05.2026 Department for Combating Online Drug Threats of UNK GU MVD of Russia in Altai Krai stopped sale of approximately **2 kg of hashish**. Two residents of Kemerovo (born in 1992 and 1980) were detained while planting drugs in a wooded area near the village of Sannikovo in Pervomaisky district (Altai Krai). Drugs were recovered from a cache in the Novosibirsk region. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85830490/>

19.05.2026 Officers from UMVD of Russia in the Lipetsk Region and GUNK MVD of Russia detained a 41-year-old woman from the Krasnodar Krai late at night in a wooded area on the eastern outskirts of the village of Vtorye Terbuny (Terbunsky district, Lipetsk region) . She had arrived with her 16-year-old daughter to retrieve drugs from a cache and sell from hidden stashes. Approximately **5 kg of N-methylephedrone** were seized from her (in a cloth bag on the hood of the car and in four packages in a backpack). A criminal case was launched. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85856929/>

20.05.2026 Acting on intelligence officers from UMVD of Russia in the Tula Region identified and shut down a drug laboratory located in the Moscow region. There, police detained a resident of the village of Gromkovo, born in 1998, who had set up a synthetic drug production operation on his property. In a farm building belonging to the man, operatives found containers with chemicals totaling approximately **200 liters (precursors)**, plastic sheets with white powder, plastic trays with crystalline contents, and various laboratory equipment. Approximately **30 kg** of narcotic substances in various physical states were seized. According to expert report, contents of two plastic trays are synthetic drug **mephedrone** with a total weight of 1,750 grams. Analysis of remaining seized liquids and powders is in progress. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85875226/>

20.05.2026 As a result of investigative operations officers from GU MVD of Russia in Moscow detained a 20-year-old female resident of Moscow in a building on Dekabristov street. During

a personal search, officers seized twenty-seven packages containing substances as well as two additional packages from caches she had made in the building's stairwells. According to analysis conducted, seized substances contain the narcotic drug **mephedrone** with a total weight of over **190 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85948102/>

20.05.2026 Officers from GU MVD of Russia in St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region stopped a group of five individuals. They are suspected of involvement in drug trafficking. Preliminary findings indicate that the suspects were operating an illegal drug store on darkweb. Operatives conducted searches at the suspects' residences. They discovered **5.4 kg of narcotics**, some of which had been packaged for contactless sale. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85969841/>

20.05.2026 On 18 May, officers from OMVD of Russia in the Blagoveshchensk District detained three residents of Blagoveshchensk near a house on Bratyev Pershinykh street. A package containing cannabis was found on a 39-year-old man. A greenhouse equipped with lighting and ventilation for year-round cultivation was discovered in the private home of one of the detainees. **30 cannabis plants** and over **200 grams of cannabis** were seized, with the total weight of the finished drug amounting to nearly 1 kg. Electronic scales, a dryer, fertilizers, and a heater were also found. An expert analysis confirmed that the seized substance is cannabis. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/86018438/>

20.05.2026 Officers from UMVD of Russia in Leninsky District detained two 30-year-old residents of Tatarstan with prior criminal records in the village of Gorki Leninskie (near forest strip). A package containing more than **990 grams of mephedrone** was found under the passenger seat of their car (according to an analysis by the Forensic Center of GU MVD of Russia for Moscow Region). Men admitted that, on orders of their handler, they had retrieved drugs from a cache in the forest for transport. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/85998007/>

20.05.2026 During an investigative operation, officers from UMVD of Russia in Sakhalin Region detained a citizen of Uzbekistan (who was in the country legally but was not working, as he had only recently arrived on Sakhalin), born in 2004. During a personal search, as well as from caches and the suspect's temporary residence, police seized a total of over a thousand packets of drugs. The entire seized shipment of drugs was sent for analysis to determine its exact weight and composition. Expert examination showed that seized substance was **heroin** with a total weight of **163 grams**. As established by investigation, the detainee was acting as part of a criminal group that distributed heroin in the Sakhalin region through an online store on darkweb. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/86075989/>

20.05.2026 Officers from UMVD of Russia in the Kursk Region foiled the delivery of a large wholesale shipment of narcotics into the Kursk region. As a result of investigative operations, police stopped a vehicle driven by a 23-year-old resident of Kursk at the entrance to the region. A bag was found in the vehicle's trunk containing **4 kg of hashish**. During a subsequent search of the suspect's residence, police found and seized an additional 11 types of plant-based and synthetic narcotics. In total, police officers seized **15 kg of narcotics**, which had been prepared for further distribution by creating wholesale stashes. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/86036632/>

20.05.2026 In April, Orenburg police arrested a 31-year-old drug dealer in the stairwell of an apartment building on Vsesoyuznaya street. They seized 66 packets of drugs from caches and the suspect's home. The suspect told police about his accomplice, with whom he had been dealing in illegal drugs. During a search of the 36-year-old Orenburg resident's apartment on Dzhangildina street, law enforcement officers discovered an entire drug laboratory. Drug control officers seized flasks, stoppers, filters, magnets, materials for packaging and portioning drugs, as well as precursors and **163 grams of mephedrone**. Investigations also found that suspects had set up an online store to sell drugs.
<https://orenburg.media/?p=538450>

UZBEKISTAN

12.05.2026 Officers from the Kuvasai City Office of the Department under the General Prosecutor's Office, in conjunction with law enforcement and State Security Service, conducted a special operation. During the operation, a group of individuals was identified in the "Vaziyo" MSG, located in the border area with Kyrgyzstan. Perpetrators cut through a wire fence and illegally brought into our country **30,660 units** of the potent drug "Regapen" and **925 units** of the potent drug "Tropicamide." Total value of the seized contraband psychotropic drugs amounted to 3.2 billion soums.
<https://upl.uz/incidents/62909-news.html>

14.05.2026 Officers from the State Security Service conducted a special operation in the "Dehkono-Bod" mahalla of the Rishan district in the Fergana region. During the operation, driver of a Volvo truck, born in 1974, was detained, along with a citizen born in 2000, for whom he was transporting illegal cargo. It was discovered that narcotic substances were concealed in the wheels of the truck. A total of **3.4 kg of opium and 16.4 kg of hashish** were detected and seized. Additionally, the recipient's father, born in 1980, was detained; he was also found to be involved in smuggling of these narcotic substances.
<https://upl.uz/incidents/63012-news.html>

15.05.2026 Customs officials and State Security Service agents detained two passengers at Tashkent Airport who had arrived on a flight from Bishkek. They seized 500 grams and 508 grams of a powder that was found to be the synthetic drug α -PVP. The ringleader was a 30-year-old man from the Sergeli district. Another 500 grams of α -PVP, hidden in the Yukorichirchik district, was also found in his possession. In total, more than **1.5 kg** of the drug **α -PVP** were confiscated. <https://upl.uz/incidents/63042-news.html>

15.05.2026 Officers from the State Security Service, in cooperation with customs officials, conducted a special operation within the city of Tashkent. During the operation, a Spark vehicle was stopped and searched in the Chilanazar district; the driver was a man born in 1996. The search resulted in the discovery of **15 units** of the potent drug "Pregabalin." Based on his testimony, the operation continued, and a man born in 1991 was detained; he had set up a drug laboratory in one of the district's homes. Inside the house officers discovered **955 grams and 538 units** of the drug "Pregabalin," **227 grams and 28 units** of the drug "Tropicamide," **16 kg** of "Trilon-B," as well as various precursors used in production of synthetic narcotic substances. <https://upl.uz/incidents/63048-news.html>

15.05.2026 Officers from the State Security Service, in conjunction with law enforcement officials, conducted a special operation. During the operation, a Cobalt vehicle driven by a resident of Kokand, born in 2002, was stopped and searched in the Uchkuprik district. Search of the vehicle revealed more than **4 kg of hashish**. In addition, another **867 grams of hashish** were found at the man's residence. Investigations found that he was transporting these narcotics for his uncle, born in 1980. The uncle was also detained. It was found that they were involved together in smuggling narcotics from a neighboring country. <https://upl.uz/incidents/63050-news.html>

16.05.2026 Officers from the State Security Service, in conjunction with customs officials, conducted a special operation in the Bukinsky district. During the operation, two residents of the Samarkand region, born in 2001 and 2002, were detained while transporting narcotics in a "Lacetti" vehicle. Authorities discovered and seized **5.16 kg** of the narcotic substance "**opium**". It is reported that narcotic substances were smuggled in from a neighboring country. <https://upl.uz/incidents/63079-news.html>

17.05.2026 As a result of investigative operations conducted by the State Security Service's operational units and Border Guards, in cooperation with the Customs Committee, an attempt to smuggle a large shipment of narcotics into Uzbekistan from a neighboring country was foiled. At the "Termez-Auto" border customs post in the Surkhandarya region, a Mercedes truck driven by an Afghan citizen arriving from the Republic of Afghanistan was inspected in accordance with established procedures. A Doosan excavator was being transported in the vehicle's trailer. During a scan using an inspection and screening system, suspicious objects not part of the excavator's design were detected in lifting mechanism. Subsequently, internal cavities of the excavator's boom were inspected using a special technical device, an endoscope. As a result, **593 kg of hashish and 3 kg of opium** were found hidden inside. https://uza.uz/ru/posts/presechena-popytka-vvoza-pochti-600-kg-narkotikov-iz-afganistana_858752

18.05.2026 Officers from the internal affairs agencies, in collaboration with State Security Service personnel, detained a man in Tashkent who, along with his family, was storing and distributing potent substances through an online drug store and supplying other drug laboratories from a rented apartment. Authorities seized **200 kg of pregabalin and 10 kg of tropicamide**. During the operation, it was discovered that the suspect was leader of a criminal group. In addition to him, several other individuals were detained in the Tashkent region, including a warehouse worker born in 1996, in whose home was found equipment for a drug laboratory, as well as another member of the criminal group, born in 1994, who was storing drugs at his home. Three additional individuals were also detained who were involved in distributing potent substances via stashes. Another **6 kg** of the potent substance "**Pregabalin**" and **100 g** of the potent substance "**Tropicamide**" were seized. <https://upl.uz/incidents/63129-news.html>

20.05.2026 Law enforcement officers carried out several special operations. In particular, during a search of the home of a resident of the "Logon" mahalla in the Fergana district, born in 2000, they found illegal substances. A total of **993 grams of hashish, 221 grams** of the synthetic narcotic "**Alpha-PVP**," **2,728 units** of the drug "**Regapen**," and **458 units** of the drug "**Tropicamide**" were seized. <https://upl.uz/incidents/63197-news.html>

20.05.2026 Law enforcement officers conducted a special operation. A Spark vehicle traveling along the Tashkent-Namangan route was stopped in the Chust district of Namangan region. Inside the car were a resident of Namangan, born in 1992, and a resident of the Davlatobod district, born in 1997, who were found to be in possession of **1.12 kg** of the narcotic substance "opium". <https://upl.uz/incidents/63197-news.html>

OTHER COUNTRIES

ARMENIA

18.05.2026 Anti-Smuggling Department of KGD of Armenia detained an Iranian citizen at the Agarak checkpoint who was attempting to smuggle **28 kg of hashish** (111 packages) in secret compartments of a trailer while transporting tiles in a truck. Drugs were being transported from Iran to Georgia. <https://armenpress.am/ru/article/1250460>

GREECE

14.05.2026 Following a chase in northwestern Greece, police seized **167 kg of marijuana** and arrested a foreign national. According to police, the incident occurred near the city of Ioannina. Police officers attempted to stop the vehicle for inspection, but driver ignored the order and tried to flee, leading to a prolonged and dangerous chase. Ultimately, the suspect was apprehended. During a search of the vehicle, police found 28 packages of cannabis weighing a total of 167 kg. The vehicle was found to be displaying counterfeit foreign license plates. <https://www.ekathimerini.com/news/1303814/car-chase-leads-to-large-drug-seizure/>

CANADA

20.05.2026 Winnipeg Police announced the largest drug seizure in the history of the Canadian province of Manitoba. As a result of a nearly two-year operation dubbed "Project Puma," law enforcement officials seized 37.2 million dollars' worth of drugs and arrested 33 people. All of the seized substances were found within Winnipeg. According to police, the criminal network, which had ties to Mexican drug cartels and the "Hell's Angels" motorcycle club, was smuggling drugs from the U.S. into Manitoba and northwestern Ontario. Total weight of the seized illicit substances exceeded 525 kilograms. A total of **339 kg of methamphetamine, 175 kg of cocaine, and 11.25 kg of fentanyl** were seized. <https://ottawa.citynews.ca/2026/05/20/largest-drug-seizure-manitoba-history/>

LEBANON

14.05.2026 Nearly 1.9 million Captagon tablets were seized during two operations carried out by Lebanese security forces on 24 April 2026. During a raid in Baalbek, 17 barrels containing **329 kg of Captagon**, equivalent to approximately 1,810,000 tablets, were found in a vehicle. The second operation was carried out based on intelligence received earlier. Officers from the Central Anti-Narcotics Directorate, with support from the regional office in Zahle, discovered a cache in a cave located in a remote mountainous area in the northern Bekaa Valley. Inside the cave they found **15 kg of Captagon** (about 85,000 tablets), 700 kg of liquid formamide used in drug production, as well as a dough mixer used in

manufacturing process. <https://dailybeirut.com/ru/новости-ливана/в-пещере-в-труднодоступном-районе-обнаружена-фабрика-по-производству-каптагона/>

INDIA

16.05.2026 For the first time in the country's history, approximately **227.7 kilograms** of the drug "**Captagon**," also known as the "jihad drug," were seized in India during a special operation codenamed "RAGEPILL". This shipment is estimated to be worth 182 crore on international black market (approximately 2.3 billion rupees, or about 28 million U.S. dollars at current exchange rate). As a result of the operation conducted by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), a Syrian national who was illegally present in India was arrested. Bulk of drugs (196.2 kg) was discovered in a container at the container terminal in Mundra (Gujarat). The remaining 31.5 kg of Captagon tablets were found in a residential building in New Delhi, hidden inside a commercial machine used for cutting chapati. According to investigation, the shipment was destined for countries in the Persian Gulf and the Middle East. <https://english.mathrubhumi.com/news/india/ncb-seizes-182-crore-captagon-consignment-operation-ragepill-o57jk9zq>

USA

12.05.2026 Federal prosecutors announced the largest methamphetamine seizure in the state's history. Law enforcement officials seized more than 260 pounds (**118 kg**) of **methamphetamine**. The shipment's black-market value is estimated at \$6 million. According to investigation, two men arrived in the state in a truck to oversee the delivery. During a search of the vehicle, police discovered three storage boxes, one sports bag, and one trash bag, all filled with drugs. The joint operation involved the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, and the IRS Criminal Investigation Division. <https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/new-jersey-methamphetamine-seizure-dea/>

12.05.2026 A resident of Cleveland, Missouri, has been charged with possession with intent to distribute approximately 84 pounds (about **38 kg**) of **methamphetamine**, following a joint operation in Cass County. Russell D. Kircher, 41, is charged in a case involving a seizure that began with a suspicious package at a UPS sorting center. During a controlled delivery, part of drugs (about 22 pounds) was discovered immediately, and the remaining approximately 62.88 pounds were found buried on his property. Investigations were conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Kansas City Federal Drug Interdiction Task Force, and the Missouri Western Interdiction and Narcotics Task Force and Enforcement Task Force (MOWIN), with participation of the U.S. Attorney's Office. <https://www.kttm.com/cleveland-man-charged-after-meth-seizure-tops-84-pounds/>