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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 April 11 to 20, 2026, based on information from mass media law enforcement agencies and security structures of CARICC member states seized **710.17 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 6.71 kg, opium – 23.8 kg, cocaine – 4.34 kg, cannabis-group drugs – 442.41 kg, synthetic drugs – 231.99 kg, and potent substances – 0.82 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	4.93	0	0	0	0	1.78
Opium	16	0	0	0	0	7.8
Cocaine	0	0	0	4.34	0	0
Cannabis group drugs	115.1	70.7	0	177.81	25	53.8
Synthetic drugs	5.6	6.1	12.3	204.82	0	3.17
Potent substances	0	0	0	0.82	0	0
Total	141.63	76.8	12.3	387.79	25	66.55

During the same period other countries seized **3 tons and 61 kg of illegal narcotics and psychotropic substances, including: cocaine – 1 ton and 609 kg, cannabis-group drugs – 1 ton and 360 kg, and synthetic drugs – 92 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN

11.04.2026 More than 44.3 kg of narcotics were seized from black market in Azerbaijan over the past day as a result of police operations. Among the seized drugs were more than **42.4 kg of marijuana**, over **930 g of heroin**, and more than **1 kg of opium and methamphetamine**. <https://report.az/ru/proisshestviya/v-azerbajdzhane-za-minuvshiy-den-izyato-bolee-40-kg-narkotikov>

11.04.2026 Officers from the Jalilabad District Police Department detained 34-year-old Zia Heydarzade, a man with a prior criminal record, as part of efforts to combat drug trafficking. A total of **17 kg** of various narcotic substances, including **marijuana, heroin, opium, and methamphetamine**, were seized. According to investigation, the suspect had acquired drugs for further delivery to various addresses in Baku. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/byvshiy-zaklyuchyonnyj-zaderzhan-s-partiej-narkotikov-video>

14.04.2026 Officers from the Shirvan City Police Department arrested Ruslan Aliyev, who is suspected of drug trafficking and has a prior conviction for a similar offense. Approximately **8 kg of marijuana** were found on him and seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-shirvane-u-ranee-sudimogo-izyali-8-kg-marihuany-video>

16.04.2026 54 kilograms of narcotics were discovered and seized from detainees during law enforcement operations in the Binagadi district of Baku. According to reports, officers from the Binagadi District Police Department detained Elnur Mammadov, Elmar Balyashov, Hikmet Kerimli, Vusal Imanov, Movlud Aliyev, and Sanani Suleymanov during raids; they are suspected of drug trafficking in the capital. A total of **11 kg of opium, 43 kg of marijuana, and 500 methadone tablets** were seized. In their statements detainees admitted that they had purchased drugs from Iranian nationals whom they had met on social media. Drugs were intended to be delivered to various addresses in Baku for further distribution. <https://operativmm.az/ru/post/v-baku-izyato-54-kg-narkotikov-zaderzhany-podozrevaemye/70415>

18.04.2026 During a recent operation officers from the Gadzhigabul District Police Department detained Kamran Agayev, who is suspected of drug trafficking and has a prior conviction for a similar offense. More than **4 kg** of drugs, including **heroin, opium, hashish, and marijuana**, were found and seized. <https://media.az/society/recidivist-zaderzhan-s-4-kilogrammami-narkotikov-v-gadzhigabulskom-rajone>

18.04.2026 As a result of investigative operations conducted by the State Security Service and the State Border Service of Azerbaijan, Goja Orujov (born in 1994) was detained. It was found that he had entered into a criminal conspiracy with a citizen of the Islamic Republic of Iran and, on 11 April this year, transported a large shipment of narcotics from the Beylagan district to Baku, which had been illegally imported into the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan from Iran for the purpose of sale. It is reported that **16.7 kg of marijuana**, along with **3,500 M-40 "Methadone" tablets** containing narcotic substances, were discovered and seized during a search. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/predotvrashena-popytkavvoza-v-azerbajdzhan-krupnoj-partii-narkotikov-04181930>

KAZAKHSTAN

14.04.2026 Special prosecutors in the Ulytau region cracked down on a transnational criminal group involved in distribution of synthetic drugs within Kazakhstan. It was found that the scheme was international in nature and involved a well-established network of participants responsible for supply, packaging, and sale of drugs. They were paid in cryptocurrency. As part of operational and investigative activities in the Karaganda and Ulytau regions, three members of the network were detained. A large quantity of synthetic drugs was seized. Their supply chain was also identified. As a result of the operation, a branch of the transnational drug network was dismantled. In total, approximately **3.5 kg of synthetic drugs** were confiscated. <https://rus.baq.kz/kanal-narkosbyta-cherez-telegram-likvidirovan-v-oblasti-ulytau-320022536/>

15.04.2026 A car was stopped in Almaty in which two brothers were transporting approximately **1 kg** of the synthetic drug **alpha-PVP**. The older brother, who had a prior criminal record, had drawn his younger brother into criminal activity. A sawed-off shotgun

and ammunition were also seized during the arrest. <https://polisia.kz/ru/mvd-likvidirovalo-semejnye-shemy-narkosbyta/>

15.04.2026 A cannabis cultivation operation run by two brothers born in 1996 and 1998 was shut down in the Almaty region. In a rented house they were growing marijuana on a particularly large scale for the purpose of further distribution. Authorities seized 102 pots containing **marijuana** plants with a total weight of **61 kg**, LED grow lights, ventilation systems, and other equipment. <https://polisia.kz/ru/mvd-likvidirovalo-semejnye-shemy-narkosbyta/>

15.04.2026 A resident of Almaty, taking advantage of his sister's trust while working as a drug stasher packaged drugs in her apartment. At the time of his arrest, more than 100 zip-lock bags and approximately **500 grams of mephedrone** were seized. <https://polisia.kz/ru/mvd-likvidirovalo-semejnye-shemy-narkosbyta/>

15.04.2026 A 21-year-old man was detained in the capital on suspicion of possessing and distributing narcotics. During a police operation, he was stopped by officers for a routine check. During a personal search, four large bundles wrapped in green electrical tape were discovered and seized. Inside were small packets containing a powdery substance with a distinctive odor. According to forensic report, the seized substance is the narcotic drug **alpha-PVP** with a total weight of over **500 g**. During further investigations it was found that the suspect had rented a daily-rate apartment where he stored an additional batch of the same substance. Approximately **500 g** of drugs were found in the said premises. <https://polisia.kz/ru/podozrevaemyj-v-rasprostranении-narkotikov-zaderzhan-v-stolitse/>

18.04.2026 Police officers, in collaboration with colleagues from the Almaty City Police Department, shut down operations of couriers and stashers working for an illegal online store selling psychotropic substances. During investigative operations in Almaty, a 20-year-old woman acting as a courier and stasher was detained. During a personal search, 36 packages wrapped in electrical tape and containing a powdery substance were found on her and seized. According to expert report, the seized substance is **mephedrone** with a total weight of over **20 g**. Additionally, police officers in Ust-Kamenogorsk detained another suspect, a 30-year-old man who lived in a rented apartment and was involved in distribution of narcotics. During a search, 12 packets containing a powdery substance, as well as a mobile phone, were seized from him. Test results confirmed that the seized substance is the psychotropic substance **a-PVP**, with a total weight of over **20 g**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-presekli-deyatelnost-kur-erov-zakladchikov-internet-magazina-psihothropnyh-veshhestv-v-vko/>

20.04.2026 Police officers detained a suspect in distribution of synthetic drugs. The suspect was a 23-year-old resident of the Akmola region. According to law enforcement officials, the young man had been distributing psychotropic substances via hidden stashes for no more than a month. Police detained the suspect on Naberezhnaya street in Petropavlovsk. They seized 14 packets of a powdery substance from his eyeglass case and another 60 packets from his pocket. Analysis showed that the seized substance was the synthetic drug **a-PvP**, with a total weight of **64 grams**. This prevented the sale of 200 to 250 single doses. <https://polisia.kz/ru/svyshe-200-razovyh-doz-sintetiki-iz-yali-politsejskie-u-akmolintsa-v-sko/>

20.04.2026 Police officers in the Zhambyl region shut down a drug trafficking ring and seized nearly 10 kilograms of hashish. At the 122nd kilometer of the Merke–Shu–Burylbaital highway, police stopped a Volkswagen Golf driven by a 55-year-old resident of Shu who was working as a private driver. During a search of the vehicle, a package containing the narcotic substance “**hashish**” was found on one of the passengers. Total weight of the seized substance was **9.7 kg**. <https://ru.elordainfo.kz/proisshestvie-ru/pochti-10-kg-narkotikov-pytalis-provezti-cherez-zhambylskuyu-oblast>

KYRGYZSTAN

14.04.2026 Officers of GKNB completed an operation aimed at dismantling an organized criminal group involved in illicit trafficking of narcotics and psychotropic substances in the Issyk-Kul region. Key members of the group were arrested during the operation, and significant quantities of drugs were seized, while their distribution network was dismantled. The operation was carried out jointly with the Issyk-Kul Region Internal Affairs Directorate. During the investigative and operational activities, A.S.K. and K.T.N., who held coordinating roles in criminal activities, were detained. During searches, a drug laboratory was discovered where narcotic substances were being produced using artisanal methods. More than **10 kg** of a mixture of **drugs** and chemicals intended for production of psychotropic substances were also confiscated. <https://topnews.kg/proisshestvija/125554-gknb-presek-dejatelnost-narkogruppy-v-issyk-kulskoj-oblasti.html>

17.04.2026 Officers of CNS of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic carried out an operation to apprehend members of a criminal group that called itself “Bonnie and Clyde.” Investigators found that one of the detainees, a man born in 1995, had long worked as a packer at an online store. In addition, a woman born in 1999 was detained; she acted as a “stasher,” hiding drugs in secret compartments for subsequent sale. During searches in a courtyard in Bishkek, a shoe box containing narcotic and psychotropic substances was found, along with packaging supplies: electronic scales, a knife, electrical tape, and zip-top bags. Two bags containing a white substance were also seized in the kitchen. A total of **2.3 kg of drugs** were seized, which corresponds to approximately 6,885 single doses. Preliminary estimates of the value of seized substances range from 10 to 12 million soms. <https://topnews.kg/proisshestvija/126677-v-bishkeke-zaderzhali-gruppu-bonni-i-klajd-s-krupnoj-partiej-narkotikov.html>

RUSSIA

13.04.2026 Officers of UMVD of Russia in Penza detained a resident of the Bessonovsky district born in 2003 and a resident of Penza born in 1996 while they were attempting to sell narcotics on Clara Zetkin street in Penza. During a search, police seized several packages wrapped in electrical tape containing an unknown substance. According to expert report, the substance in question is a narcotic drug – **hashish** weighing over **100 grams**. According to detainees, they work as stashers for an online store. They retrieved this drug from a cache. Their task was to divide hashish into smaller packages and distribute throughout the city of Penza. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/83311262/>

13.04.2026 Officers from UKON GU MVD of Russia in the Rostov Region detained two members of an organized group involved in distribution of narcotic and psychotropic

substances within the region. Police officers stopped a vehicle for inspection in the Aksai district. During a search, they found two rolls of electrical tape containing a powdery substance on the 34-year-old driver. According to forensic analysis, the seized substance is the narcotic drug **ephedrone**, with a total weight of approximately **400 grams**. Operatives identified accomplices involved in the entire drug trafficking ring. It was discovered that there was another accomplice, a 39-year-old man from Rostov, who also served as a courier. During a search of the second accomplice's residence, investigators also found synthetic drugs with a total weight of over **200 grams**. Electronic scales, packaging materials, bank cards, and cell phones were seized from the suspect. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83332317/>

13.04.2026 During an operation conducted by officers of UMVD of Russia in the Tambov Region, two young women suspected of drug trafficking were detained in Tambov municipal district. During a personal search of the women, police officers discovered packages containing illegal substances. They had almost 59 grams of narcotics in their possession. During a search of a rented apartment, police officers discovered prohibited substances and packaging equipment. An analysis determined that the seized substance was **N-methylephedrone**, weighing approximately **629 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83340071/>

13.04.2026 Officers from UMVD of Russia in the Novgorod Region, acting on intelligence, prevented the transport of a large shipment of illegal substances. Specifically, investigators stopped a Skoda Octavia at the 543rd kilometer of the M-11 "Neva" federal highway in the Novgorod district. During a search of the vehicle, police found a black plastic bag under rear passenger seat containing ten transparent packets filled with a powdery substance. Analysis showed that the seized mixture, weighing over **5 kg**, contained **mephedrone**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83344379/>

13.04.2026 Officers of the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Mari El detained an 18-year-old resident of Naberezhnye Chelny, Republic of Tatarstan. During an investigative operation, police apprehended the suspect red-handed in the Medvedevsky district of the Republic of Mari El. It was discovered that the suspect was transporting drugs from Moscow to Yoshkar-Ola by taxi on instructions of a handler. During a personal search of the young man, investigators found a bag containing a powdery substance in his bag. Analysis showed that the seized substance was **N-methylephedrone**, with a total weight of over **500 grams**. In addition to drugs, they also seized packaging materials and scales. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83316020/>

13.04.2026 Police officers in St. Petersburg detained members of an organized group involved in sale of potent drugs. During the course of the operation, all participants in the scheme were identified, including the alleged organizer of illegal business, a 27-year-old native of Central Asia. In total, **110 grams of "Tropicamide," more than 2,000 "Lyrica" tablets** (156 packages), and packaging materials were seized during the operation. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83316219/>

13.04.2026 Officers from UMVD of Russia in Podolsk detained a 49-year-old resident of the Klimovsk neighborhood suspected of selling marijuana. During a search of the suspect's home, police discovered and seized 12 plastic bags containing a plant-based substance.

According to expert report, contents of the bags are **marijuana** with a total weight of over **1.5 kg**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83330374/>

13.04.2026 Police officers in Zheleznogorsk prevented a drug shipment from entering the Krasnoyarsk Krai. They discovered more than **1.6 kg of hashish and marijuana** in the Audi of a 50-year-old woman from Ufa, along with 21 packages of **hashish** weighing a total of **4.3 kg** in the woods. Police officers, accompanied by a K-9 handler and his service dog named Groza, searched the vehicle and discovered a hidden compartment concealed beneath the roof lining. Inside were 20 packages of **hashish** weighing a total of **12.8 kg** and 13 packages of **marijuana** weighing a total of **5.3 kg**. In addition, another **500 grams of drugs** were found in a rented apartment in Krasnoyarsk. <https://gtrkrb.ru/novosti/428690-krasnoyarskom-krae-policeyskie-izyali-25-kilogrammov-narkotikov-zhitelnicy-ufy>

14.04.2026 As part of a criminal investigation and operational search activities, officers from UMVD of Russia for the North Caucasus Federal District detained a 38-year-old resident of Bataysk suspected of drug trafficking. During a search of the suspect's residence conducted by traffic police officers, a greenhouse equipped for growing cannabis was discovered in the basement. Investigators seized cannabis plants and cuttings, as well as plastic bags, glass jars, cardboard boxes containing an unknown substance, and flower pots with growing cannabis plants. According to expert report, the seized substance is **marijuana** with a total weight of over **2.7 kg**, and parts of the narcotic plant **cannabis** with a total weight of over **68 kg**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83359295/>

14.04.2026 Officers from UNK GU MVD of Russia in Krasnoyarsk Krai determined that the suspects, born in 1976 and 1982, had organized distribution of plant-based narcotics. To do this, they found instructions online for growing drug-containing plants, purchased soil, cannabis seeds, fertilizer, and special lighting and ventilation equipment, which they set up in a garage unit and an apartment in Krasnoyarsk. In total, men grew **152 cannabis** plants, which were seized by police along with **3 kg** of harvested **marijuana** and **7 kg of cannabis** parts prepared for subsequent illegal sale. In addition, approximately **500 grams of marijuana** were seized from the residence of one of the detainees. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83385957/>

14.04.2026 Officers from UNK GU MVD in the Altai Krai shut down an online drug marketplace run by five residents of Barnaul (aged 21–57). The underground store sold hashish, marijuana, and synthetic drugs. Accomplices purchased some of the substances on darkweb and produced the rest themselves: the 27-year-old organizer grew cannabis and mushrooms at his parents' home, involving his father in the operation (to care for plants), his two younger brothers as packers and stashers, and another brother who ran the online platform. All have been detained. The following items were seized during searches: **26 cannabis** plants, approximately **300 g of marijuana**, **66 g of hashish**, **142 g of a hashish oil** substitute, dried mushrooms, scales, bank cards, and a laptop. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83405735/>

14.04.2026 During an investigative operation conducted by officers of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs Department at Moscow-Kurskaya Station on the Luch railway line identified a 37-year-old man from the Kaluga Region suspected of drug trafficking. At the duty station of the Local Police Department at the Serpukhov railway station, during a personal search

conducted in the presence of witnesses, they found and seized two vacuum-sealed bags containing a gray-green substance from the suspect. According to analysis conducted, the seized substance is a narcotic drug – **marijuana** – with a total weight of **867 grams**.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/83333066/>

14.04.2026 While investigating information obtained through operational channels, operatives from OMVD of Russia in the Tikhoretsky District detained a 20-year-old resident of the Moscow region suspected of trafficking synthetic drugs. It was found that the young man worked as a drug courier and transported a large shipment of illegal substances to various regions of the country for further illegal distribution via contactless methods. Law enforcement officers seized approximately **1.5 kg of mephedrone** and about **20 g** of the derivative **N-methylmephedrone** from the suspect's vehicle, as confirmed by forensic analysis. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83424300/>

14.04.2026 A 36-year-old resident of the Pskov region was transporting **45 kg of mephedrone** to the Omsk region for resale, but local traffic police officers in the Tyumen region foiled his plans. During a search of a Hyundai Sonata, they discovered and seized 45 plastic bags containing powder. A large shipment of drugs failed to reach its destination thanks to vigilance of Tyumen traffic inspectors. <https://pravdaurfo.ru/pravda-zhizni/sotrudniki-gai-v-tyumenskoj-oblasti-obnaruzhili-kurera-s-45-kilogrammami-narkotikov/>

14.04.2026 Operatives from OMVD of Russia in Ryazan Region received information that a large quantity of a plant-based narcotic – marijuana – was being stored in the home of a 54-year-old resident of the village of Kipchakovo in Korablinsky district. Officers from UNK prepared a special operation designed to prevent the suspect from escaping or destroying drugs and evidence before his arrest. Police searched residence and discovered bags containing a dried plant mixture and packages with plant fragments. An examination showed that **5,515 grams of marijuana and 382 grams** of parts of the drug-containing **cannabis** plant were stored in the house. <https://7info.ru/ryazan/incidents/v-dome-ryazancza-izyali-55-kg-marihuany/>

14.04.2026 A large shipment of drugs was prevented from reaching streets of the Astrakhan region thanks to coordinated efforts of law enforcement. Officers of UMVD of Russia in the Astrakhan Region stopped illegal activities by a local resident in the Chernoyarsky district. During a search of the suspect's residence, operatives found an entire "arsenal" of containers with suspicious contents. Forensic analysis confirmed that the seized substance was cannabis (**marijuana**). Total weight of the drugs reached an impressive **1.2 kg**.
<https://worldinform.ru/articles/id-tainik-s-marihuanoi-v-domovladenii-astrahanca-obnaruzhili-krupnuyu-partiyu-narkotikov.html>

14.04.2026 Officers from the regional FSB office dismantled a clandestine synthetic drug laboratory in the Privolzhsky district of the Ivanovo region. Law enforcement officers detained a local resident born in 1978 who had turned his private home into a workshop for synthesizing illegal substances. During a search, investigators discovered more than **14 kg** of the finished derivative **N-methylephedrone**. In addition to the final product, suspect had more than **1.5 tons** of chemical reagents and **precursors** in his possession. The laboratory was equipped with professional equipment for filtering and crystallizing psychotropic

substances. Packaging materials prepared for distribution of large batches were also found on site. <https://www.pravda.ru/news/districts/2344670-fsb-drugs-production-ivanovo/>

15.04.2026 Officers from the Orenburg District Department of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs received intelligence indicating that two local residents may be involved in distribution of potent substances within Orenburg. During a search at one of the city's post offices, police seized a package containing 300 capsules of an unknown substance owned by suspects. Testing showed that the seized substance was the potent drug **pregabalin**, weighing **107 grams**. It was determined that the suspects, two roommates aged 23 and 26, intended to distribute seized capsules in regional capital by stashing in various locations. Detained individuals explained to law enforcement officers that they had ordered prohibited substance via a messaging app. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83469178/>

15.04.2026 Officers from OMVD of Russia "Bologovsky" conducted an operation that resulted in the arrest of three drug couriers. Suspects were traveling in a Skoda. During a search of the vehicle, police discovered a backpack in the back seat containing bags with 80 plastic packets. Forensic analysis confirmed the presence of the narcotic substance **mephedrone** in two of the packets. Total weight of all packets exceeds **150 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83510086/>

16.04.2026 Officers from GUNK MVD of Russia, in collaboration with colleagues from the Moscow region and the city district of Solnechnogorsk, seized a large shipment of cocaine. A resident of the Moscow region who was attempting to organize distribution of drugs in the capital region was detained. During the operation, which involved operatives and traffic police officers, **4 kg of cocaine** were discovered. This amounts to approximately 8,000 single doses and is classified as a particularly large quantity. Street value of the seized drugs is estimated at 70 million rubles. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83558435/>

16.04.2026 During an operation carried out by officers from the Drug Control Division of UMVD of Russia in the Krasnoselsky District, a 32-year-old unemployed man was detained in his apartment after purchasing approximately 7 grams of hashish on darkweb via a stash in Polezhaevsky Park. Operatives identified a 19-year-old foreign national as suspected distributor. During a search at the Makarovets gardening cooperative, bottles and bags containing substances, as well as packaging materials, were seized. An examination confirmed that one of the bottles contained **1.5 kg of hashish oil**. The remaining seized items (**1.9 kg**) will be examined. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83578346/>

16.04.2026 Officers from UMVD of Russia in Kemerovo received information about an upcoming shipment of a large consignment of illegal substances. During an investigation, police stopped a Kia Rio on a street in the regional capital; a 34-year-old local woman was behind the wheel. During a search of the vehicle's trunk, police discovered and seized a package containing the illegal substance, rolls of electrical tape, packing materials, and electronic scales. According to forensic analysis, the seized narcotic substance was **methadone** weighing approximately **200 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83592516/>

16.04.2026 Officers from GU MVD of Russia in the Altai Krai while acting on intelligence detained a man who had arrived from Central Asia on a street in the Zheleznodorozhny district of Barnaul on suspicion of involvement in illegal distribution of controlled substances. Police

conducted a search of the apartment rented by foreign national, during which they discovered nine large packages containing an unknown substance in a suitcase under the bed, as well as packaging materials and scales. An examination showed that six briquettes contained **599 small packets**. According to expert conclusion, their contents were the synthetic drugs **mephedrone** and “**salt**”. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83565882/>

17.04.2026 Acting on a tip, officers from GU MVD of Russia in St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region detained a local resident suspected of drug trafficking. At the suspect’s residence, they discovered more than **190 grams** of the narcotic substance **mephedrone**, electronic scales, and packaging materials. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83652693/>

17.04.2026 Officers from GU MVD of Russia in the Moscow Region as a result of investigative operations detained a 32-year-old resident of Solnechnogorsk suspected of drug trafficking. It was found that the suspect had set up a laboratory for manufacture of illicit substances in a two-story cottage in the village of Khlyby. The suspect had previously been convicted of a similar offense. During a search operatives discovered and seized a substance used for drug production, 29 plastic bottles of various sizes containing chemical liquids, and specialized laboratory equipment. According to expert report, the seized items constitute a **precursor** for manufacture of approximately **4 kilograms** of a narcotic substance. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83670514/>

17.04.2026 At the “Rubezh” checkpoint near Novocheboksarsk, traffic police officers from the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Chuvash Republic stopped a Volkswagen Jetta driven by a woman from St. Petersburg. As operatives suspected, the woman was transporting narcotics in the car: approximately **6 kg of mephedrone** and nearly **3 kg of marijuana**. Subsequently, during a series of operational, investigative, and forensic activities, a possible link between the detainee and an underground laboratory in the Moscow Region was established. The drug laboratory's activities were shut down. During a search of the house, police discovered over **200 grams of a mephedrone** derivative and **30 containers of precursors**. The suspect attempted to sell another **15 kg of mephedrone** by setting up stashes in the Moscow region. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83678948/>

17.04.2026 Officers from the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Republic of Crimea shut down a large-scale smuggling ring dealing in prohibited substances. On the “Tavrida” federal highway, near the town of Belogorsk, operatives with the support of a traffic police crew stopped a Skoda Rapid driven by a 21-year-old resident of the Simferopol district. During a search of the vehicle using a police dog, officers discovered a hidden compartment in the rear bumper: two plastic bags containing a white powdery substance were attached to shock absorber with plastic clamps. Experts determined that contents of the packages were the synthetic drug **N-methylephedrone**, with a total weight of approximately **2 kg**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83670504/>

17.04.2026 Law enforcement authorities in the Tambov region cracked down on five local residents who had set up an underground drug production operation on a particularly large scale. Operatives from the Federal Security Service, with the support of the Russian Guard, detained all five suspects. It was found that perpetrators had set up a drug laboratory in a production facility owned by one of them and located in the Gavrilovsky municipal district. Chemical equipment, reagents, and nearly **97 kg** of finished **mephedrone** were seized from

the facility. Police also found over **5,000** liters of various **precursors**.
<https://life.ru/p/1864610>

20.04.2026 Officers from UMVD of Russia in the Astrakhan Region detained a local resident during an investigative operation in the Sovetsky district of Astrakhan. Operatives found that the suspect intended to sell 11 packages of **marijuana** weighing a total of **59 grams**. During a subsequent search of the detainee's residence, police discovered and seized a 40-liter plastic bag, also filled with a plant-based substance. An examination confirmed that contents of the bag were **2,165 grams of marijuana**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/83814774/>

20.04.2026 Acting on intelligence, officers from UMVD of Russia in Omsk Region detained a 38-year-old woman near Oktyabrsky Bridge who was driving a Geely. During a search of the vehicle, police found a vacuum-sealed bag containing powder on floor mat beneath the front passenger seat. According to expert report, substance seized from the vehicle is **999 grams** of the synthetic drug **N-methylephedrone**. During a subsequent search of the apartment the woman was renting, they found unpackaged powder, **13 packets** containing the substance, and packaging materials. Prior to her arrest, suspect had retrieved a particularly large amount of the deadly powder from a stash in the Kormilovsky district. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/83812850/>

20.04.2026 Following investigation of intelligence reports, officers from the Criminal Investigation Division of OMVD of Russia "Vnukovsky" in Moscow detained a 58-year-old resident of the capital on the grounds of a suburban community in the village of Marushkinskoye. During a personal search of the man's bag, police officers discovered seven packages containing substances. According to results of an analysis of seized items, they contained a narcotic — **cocaine** with a total weight of over **337 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/83832700/>

20.04.2026 Officers of the State Traffic Police's Highway Patrol Regiment in the Tyumen Region stopped a Cherry vehicle for a document check in the evening at the 37th kilometer of the Tyumen-Khanty-Mansiysk federal highway. Traffic police inspectors decided to search the vehicle, during which they discovered a sports bag on the front passenger seat. Inside the bag were three packages containing a white powder. An examination confirmed that the seized substance was approximately **3 kg** of the drug **mephedrone**. Investigations revealed that the suspect had retrieved drugs from a stash in the Leningrad region and was supposed to conceal them in a forest near the city of Noyabrsk. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/83831648/>

20.04.2026 Officers from GU MVD of Russia in the Moscow Region detained two residents of the Moscow region suspected of drug trafficking. It was found that suspects had rented a house and an outbuilding in one of the non-commercial gardening associations in the Solnechnogorsk urban district, where they had set up a laboratory for synthesizing illegal substances. During the search, law enforcement officers seized 40 containers and bags containing a beige powdery substance, approximately **800 liters of precursors** in canisters, laboratory equipment, and other devices used for drug production. Chemical analysis showed that substance in nine of seized containers, weighing a total of more than **9 kg**, contained the narcotic drug **mephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/83813884/>

20.04.2026 During an investigative operation at the 41st kilometer of the Vologda–Kola highway, officers from OMVD of Russia Vytegor'sk stopped a Newstar vehicle driven by a resident of Vytegra. Upon seeing a patrol car approaching, the man attempted to dispose of two packages containing a prohibited **synthetic substance** weighing a total of **1,930 grams** by throwing them into a wooded area. An investigative team arrived at the scene, seized the packages, and sent them for analysis. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/83830478/>

TAJIKISTAN

17.04.2026 An attempt to smuggle **25 kg of hashish** was foiled in Tajikistan at the border in the Khatlon region. On 17 April, three Afghan nationals illegally crossed the border in the Farkhor district and engaged in armed resistance. Two were neutralised during the operation, while one fled. Two Kalashnikov assault rifles, a shotgun, ammunition, and two bags containing 25 packages of the drug were seized. A criminal case has been opened. <https://avesta.tj/2026/04/17/na-granitse-tadzhikistana-presechena-popytka-kontrabandy-narkotikov/>

UZBEKISTAN

13.04.2026 Officers at the border customs post at Tashkent International Airport conducted an additional inspection of a foreign national who had arrived in the capital on a flight from Bangkok. During inspection they discovered 12 plastic bags containing **6.3 kg** of the narcotic substance "**marijuana**". <https://upl.uz/incidents/62010-news.html>

14.04.2026 A woman was detained in Tashkent after attempting to smuggle someone else's bag through airport customs. Officials inspected the luggage of a woman arriving from Istanbul, Türkiye. They discovered **598 tablets** of the synthetic drug **MDMA** inside packages of peanuts. The shipment is estimated to be worth approximately \$20,000. <https://repost.uz/prizvali-ne-soglashatsya-na-takoe>

15.04.2026 Special operations were conducted by SGB officers in collaboration with customs officials and other law enforcement agencies. During the operations, two employees of a commercial bank in the city of Yangiyul were detained. They had been digging up a cache containing **485 grams** of the synthetic narcotic "**Alpha-PVP**" in a field in the Yangiyul district, after which they transported everything to the home of an acquaintance born in 1998. <https://upl.uz/incidents/62046-news.html>

15.04.2026 Officers from the State Security Service, in cooperation with customs officials and other law enforcement agencies, detained a resident of Tashkent with a prior criminal record, born in 1993, as well as his accomplice, born in 1995. The perpetrators dug up **2.38 kg** of the synthetic narcotic substance "**Alpha-PVP**" from a stash in a field located in the Yukorichirchik district and were transporting it in their car. It is reported that criminals purchased this narcotic substance through a drug shop on the "Telegram" messenger, and drugs themselves were delivered from the Russian Federation. <https://upl.uz/incidents/62046-news.html>

15.04.2026 Customs officers at the Tashkent International Airport conducted an additional inspection of a foreign national who had arrived on a flight. It is reported that the man

crossed the border via the “green” channel. During inspection, two packages containing dietary supplements were found in his bag. However, according to labeling on packages, they were supposed to contain 760 capsules, while the actual number turned out to be **920**. In addition, the capsules were not white, but yellow and red. According to forensic report, the capsules contained the synthetic narcotic substance “**alpha-PVP**.” Furthermore, during investigation, the suspect confessed that a large cache of the narcotic substance “**hashish**” was waiting for him in a field in the Yukorichirchik district. Approximately **500 grams** of this substance were also seized as physical evidence. <https://upl.uz/incidents/62050-news.html>

18.04.2026 Border guards from the State Security Service discovered 4 plastic bags on the banks of the Syr Darya River that had been left behind by unknown individuals. The incident occurred in the territory of the Shodikozik MSG in the Besharyk district of the Fergana region. Upon inspection of these bags in the presence of witnesses, it was discovered that they contained a total of 48 packages of **hashish** weighing **47 kg** and 15 packages of **opium** weighing **7.8 kg**. These substances had been smuggled into Uzbekistan from a neighboring country. <https://upl.uz/incidents/62130-news.html>

18.04.2026 Officers from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the State Security Service conducted a special operation in the Yangikhayot district of Tashkent. Fazliddin, a man with a prior criminal record, was detained, and drugs were found in his possession. Based on his testimony, Konstantin and Vasily, who also have prior convictions (including for murder, drug trafficking, and robbery), were also detained. Drugs were also seized. 45 packets and 2 bags of drugs were found on Vasily in the Sergeli district, and 602 grams were found on his wife Kristina (convicted of theft). Vasily pointed out a stash on the roof containing more than 1 kg of drugs. A total of **1.78 kg of heroin** worth 2.598 billion soums was seized. <https://upl.uz/incidents/62131-news.html>

OTHER COUNTRIES

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

19.04.2026 Authorities in the Dominican Republic seized more than **1.5 tons of cocaine**. This was reported by the National Drug Control Directorate. According to the agency, approximately 1,700 packages of drugs and fuel tanks were discovered on board a speedboat off the coast of the province of Pedernales. The operation involved naval, air, and ground forces, as well as intelligence services and the prosecutor’s office. They conducted real-time monitoring to intercept the vessel. However, suspects abandoned the boat, exchanged fire with security forces, and fled into the area of national park. <https://24.kz/ru/news/in-the-world/764152-1-6-tonny-kokaina-izyali-v-dominikane>

ITALY

19.04.2026 In Rome’s Prima Porta neighborhood, police uncovered a large drug cache worth approximately 2 million euros. During the operation, more than **480 kg** of drugs, mainly **hashish**, as well as **5 kg of marijuana**, were seized. Three men were arrested: a 53-year-old Roman businessman, a 38-year-old unemployed man, and his 66-year-old father. Drugs were stored in a private house and an apartment; packaging equipment was also

seized. <https://www.agenzianova.com/ru/news/roma-scoperto-deposito-di-droga-per-due-milioni-di-euro-tre-arresti/>

20.04.2026 Carabinieri in Naples seized more than **593 kg of hashish and 3 kg of cocaine**, as well as €78,000 in cash. Two men were arrested: a 54-year-old Spaniard and a 38-year-old Moroccan. The Spaniard was charged with possession of drugs with intent to distribute, while the Moroccan was charged with drug trafficking, as well as assault and battery. <https://lamilano.it/ru/Неаполь/Наркоторговля-в-Неаполе-серьезно-пострадала%3А-изъято-566-кг-гашиша--арестованы-двое-мужчин./>

MALI

16.04.2026 Customs authorities in Mali successfully seized **82 kg of cannabis** on 13 April 2026 at the Heremakono border post, a key transit point on the corridor connecting Mali and Burkina Faso. Drugs were found on two female passengers traveling in a minibus arriving from a neighboring country. <https://apanews.net/mali-customs-seize-major-cannabis-haul-at-heremakono/>

THAILAND

19.04.2026 While on patrol in Chiang Rai Province (Thailand), military personnel exchanged fire with a group of smugglers (8–10 people). After the firefight, abandoned backpacks were discovered containing **92 kg** of crystalline **methamphetamine** ("ice") packed in tea bags. It is estimated that the seized drugs are worth tens of millions of baht. Smugglers managed to escape into Myanmar. <https://www.chiangraitimes.com/news/chiang-rai/chiang-rai-soldiers-seize-crystal-meth/>

TÜRKİYE

14.04.2026 Ministry of Interior announced that 200 kilograms of drugs were seized during an operation off the coast of Istanbul. In the operation carried out by the gendarmerie and the coast guard, six members of an organized crime group were detained. According to a post on the ministry's official social media account, a joint operation was conducted in the Black Sea under coordination of the Gendarmerie General Command. During the operation, which uncovered a drug trafficking network in the Black Sea, **200 kg of cannabis** were discovered and seized on a boat off the coast of Istanbul, and six suspects, who are members of an organized crime group, were detained. <https://ru.haberler.com/russian-news-19748877/>

19.04.2026 Turkish security forces discovered **106 kg of cocaine** on a cargo ship flying the Panamanian flag. The operation to intercept drugs involved joint efforts by personnel from Türkiye's National Intelligence Organization, the Gendarmerie, and the Coast Guard. According to reports, the vessel was stopped by the Coast Guard while traveling from the coast of Kocaeli toward Istanbul. During a search of the ship, 106 kg of cocaine were discovered concealed among containers and confiscated. <https://oxu.az/ru/v-mire/tureckie-silovye-struktury-obnaruzhili-106-kg-kokaina-na-gruzovom-sudne-pod-flagom-panamy>