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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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During the period from 21 to 30 April 2026, based on information from mass media law enforcement agencies and security structures of the CARICC member states seized **617.29 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 11.75 kg, opium – 18.19 kg, cocaine – 0.01 kg, cannabis-group drugs – 319.07 kg, synthetic drugs – 251.89 kg, and potent substances – 16.38 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	11.75	0	0	0	0	0
Opium	5	0	0	0	0	13.19
Cocaine	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
Cannabis group drugs	99.42	2	3.41	189.1	0	25.14
Synthetic drugs	5.34	75.87	0.02	170.66	0	0
Potent substances	0	0	0	0.2	0	16.18
Total	121.51	77.87	3.43	359.97	0	54.51

During the same period other countries around the world seized **6 tons and 762.9 kg of narcotics and psychotropic substances, including: cocaine – 217 kg, cannabis-group drugs – 2 tons and 545.6 kg, synthetic drugs – 3 tons and 909 kg, and potent substances – 91.3 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN

21.04.2026 Police officers and border guards conducted a joint operation to combat drug trafficking. During the operation, Eldar Jafarli, a man with a prior criminal record, was detained. He was found to be in possession of **28 kg of marijuana**. It was found that the detainee was a key figure involved in smuggling drugs into the country.
<https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/zaderzhan-odin-iz-osnovnyh-lic-vvozivshih-narkotiki-v-stranu-video>

24.04.2026 During operations conducted by Directorate General for Combating Drugs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Azerbaijan, more than 49 kg of narcotics were seized. A total of **34.88 kg** was seized from detained 35-year-old Allahshukur Ismayilzade, and **14.7 kg of marijuana** laced with harmful substances was confiscated from previously convicted 29-year-old Jeyhun Sultanov. It was found that the detainees had acquired drugs for the

purpose of subsequent sale. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/glavnoe-upravlenie-provelo-operaciyu-izyato-49-kg-modificirovannoj-marihuany-foto-video>

29.04.2026 Officers from Absheron District Police Department conducted operations to combat drug trafficking. During the operations **3.7 kg of heroin and methamphetamine** were found in possession of Orkhan Aliyev, a previously convicted individual; **5.84 kg of marijuana, heroin, and methamphetamine, and 100 methadone tablets** were found in possession of Elchin Mehdiyev; **2.15 kg of heroin** from Emil Abdullayev, **2.2 kg of heroin and methamphetamine** from Gulzada Aliyeva, and a total of **2.76 kg of marijuana, heroin, and methamphetamine** from Mehdi Rzayev, Gakhira Garayev, and Parvana Safarova. The operations resulted in the seizure of more than 16 kg of narcotics. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-absheronskom-rajone-provedena-seriya-operacij-sredi-zaderzhannyh-est-i-zhenshiny-video>

30.04.2026 Officers from the Masalli District Police Department conducted an operation to combat illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. A total of **14 kg of marijuana, heroin, and opium** were found in possession of the suspect 24-year-old Pirali Agayev. The man stated that he had acquired drugs with the intention of transporting and selling in Baku. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/operaciya-v-masally-zaderzhan-24-letnij-muzhchina-s-narkotikami-video>

30.04.2026 Officers from the Oguz District Police Department conducted a routine operation to combat drug trafficking. During the operation, 39-year-old Parviz Mahmudov and 34-year-old Khanlar Abdullaev, both of whom had prior convictions, were detained on suspicion of drug trafficking. More than **13 kg of marijuana** were found in their possession. The detainees stated that they had purchased drugs with the intent to sell. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-oguze-u-zaderzhannyh-narkokurerov-obnaruzhen-13-kg-marihuany-video>

KAZAKHSTAN

21.04.2026 Ministry of Internal Affairs continues to operate under the principle of “law and order.” Experience shows that drug dealers use various chemical precursors to organize clandestine production of synthetic narcotics and psychoactive substances. Using covert methods of acquisition, storage, and transportation, criminals attempted to establish production of particularly dangerous synthetic drugs. Thus, as a result of a series of operational-search and special measures carried out by the police in Astana, a cache was discovered in a garage cooperative — 200 canisters with a total weight of **4 tons**, containing **precursors** for manufacture of synthetic drugs. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsiya-presekla-proizvodstvo-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov-v-astane/>

24.04.2026 Police officers in the Abai region, acting on intelligence, detained a 21-year-old driver; during a search of his vehicle they discovered and seized over **2 kg of hashish oil** ready for distribution. The suspect confessed to distributing concentrated drug on instructions of a manager of an online drug store. <https://polisia.kz/ru/mvd-v-dvuh-regionah-iz-yaty-krupnye-partii-narkotikov/>

24.04.2026 A 26-year-old woman who distributed particularly large quantities of drugs via online platforms was arrested in the capital region. During a personal search and a search of her rented apartment, authorities seized two packages weighing over **1 kg** of the synthetic drug **A-PVP**, electronic scales, packaging materials, and over 100 Ziplock bags intended for distribution. <https://polisia.kz/ru/mvd-v-dvuh-regionah-iz-yaty-krupnye-partii-narkotikov/>

24.04.2026 During a routine operation, police officers stopped a man who was distributing narcotics in Shymkent. The suspect was selling illegal substances via stashes. At the time of his arrest, police found and seized **72 packets of psychotropic substances** that had been prepared for further distribution. <https://www.caravan.kz/news/sbychika-narkotikov-s-desjatkami-svertkov-zaderzhali-v-shymkente/>

27.04.2026 A drug laboratory producing synthetic drugs was shut down in East Kazakhstan region. As a result of a series of investigative and law enforcement operations, activities of two individuals aged 26 and 22 were halted. It was found that drug dealers had purchased a private house on the outskirts of a remote village, where they had set up production of synthetic drugs. During a search police seized homemade laboratory equipment, **70 kg** of finished synthetic **Alpha-PVP**, as well as approximately **4 tons** of chemical reagents and **precursors** used in drug manufacturing. <https://polisia.kz/ru/laboratoriya-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov-presechena-v-vko/>

28.04.2026 Officers from the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Mangistau Region Police Department, in cooperation with officers from the Tupkaragan District Police Department, detained two individuals suspected of illegally possessing and distributing synthetic drugs via stashes during an investigative operation in the village of Akshukyr. During a personal search and a search of a rented apartment, they found and seized 227 packets containing the synthetic drug **mephedrone**. According to forensic report, total weight of the seized synthetic drugs was over **200 grams**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/deyatel-nost-zakladchikov-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov-presechena-v-mangistauskoj-oblasti/>

28.04.2026 As a result of an operation Pavlodar police dismantled a major distribution network for synthetic drugs, seizing over a thousand single-use doses. A personal search of suspect revealed approximately 60 stashes ready for sale. During a search of the suspect's apartment, police seized a shipment of synthetic and psychotropic substances. According to expert conclusion, the seized substance is **mephedrone**; total weight of the seized substances amounted to more than **1.2 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/minus-1000-doz-v-pavlodare-likvidirovan-krupnyj-narkokanal/>

28.04.2026 Police identified and arrested a 22-year-old man suspected of selling synthetic drugs. Approximately 1 kg of illegal substances was found in the kitchen of the suspect's rented apartment. On windowsill were 8 plastic bags containing a powdery substance with a distinctive odor, including approximately **500 g of mephedrone** and approximately **400 g of alpha-PVP**. It was found that the suspect had been renting various apartments on a short-term basis to store drugs. <https://polisia.kz/ru/sbychik-sintetiki-v-osobo-krupnom-razmere-zaderzhan-v-stolitse/>

30.04.2026 During an operation in Alatau district of Almaty police cracked down on a branch of an online store run by a 20-year-old drug dealer. During a personal search of drug courier

police seized 127 packets of **mephedrone** and **2,000 ecstasy tablets** ready for distribution and nearly 1 kg of synthetic drugs at his residence. Total weight of the seized substances amounted to **2.5 kg**, equivalent to approximately 6,000 single doses that did not reach consumers. He received payment in the form of cryptocurrency.
<https://polisia.kz/ru/mvd-prodolzhaet-bor-bu-s-narkoprestupnost-yu-v-almaty-presechena-deyatel-nost-narkokur-era/>

KYRGYZSTAN

21.04.2026 Law enforcement authorities in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, detained two men suspected of smuggling drugs via international mail. The operation was carried out by customs officials and the Counter Narcotics Service of the Kyrgyz Ministry of Internal Affairs. According to the agency, the detention took place on 26 March as a result of a special operation that used a "controlled delivery" method to intercept a suspicious package from abroad. The day before, on 21 March, employees of the "Kyrgyz Post" International Mail Exchange Centre discovered a suspicious shipment from Thailand during a customs inspection. A hidden substance of herbal origin was found in a folding chair, which was inspected using an X-ray scanner. It was preliminarily concluded that it was **hashish** weighing approximately **700 grams**. <https://topnews.kg/proisshestviya/127693-narkotiki-iz-tailanda-sprjatali-v-stule-v-bishkeke-zaderzhany-podozrevaemye.html>

22.04.2026 According to information provided by press service of the Bishkek City Police Department, a trafficking ring involved in illegal trade of psychotropic substances and their precursors was dismantled in the capital of Kyrgyzstan. Officers from GUVd's Counter Narcotics Service received information that a man was illegally importing psychotropic substances and precursors from China for subsequent sale through an online store, as well as for use in production of synthetic drugs. During investigative operations in the area of Kurmanzhan Datka street, a citizen identified as A.E., born in 1990, was detained. During an identity check and a search of detention site, substances identified as **precursors** — hydrochloric acid and methylpropionophenone, which are used in the production of synthetic drugs — were discovered and seized. Total weight of seized substances was **69.9 kg**. <https://topnews.kg/proisshestviya/127929-v-bishkeke-presechen-kanal-nezakonnogo-oborota-psihotropnyh-veschestv-i-prekursorov.html>

23.04.2026 Officers from the Kyrgyz Ministry of Internal Affairs detained a 25-year-old man named K.A.S., who is suspected of distributing synthetic drugs. Investigators claim that he not only possessed illegal substances but also sold them. During a personal search, **19** packaged **doses** of a drug called "**spice**" were found on the detainee. Furthermore, he indicated locations of his stashes, from which additional drugs were also seized. <https://topnews.kg/proisshestviya/128444-v-bishkeke-zaderzhali-podozrevaemogo-v-rasprostraneni-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov.html>

24.04.2026 Police officers in the Chui region discovered a case of illegal drug possession. On 21 April the Alamedinsky District Police Department received a report regarding possible production and storage of narcotic substances in a house in the village of Konstantinovka. During a search of the specified address, a dark green plant-based substance with a characteristic odor was found, weighing **2.5 kg**. An examination determined that it was dried

marijuana, a narcotic substance. <https://topnews.kg/proisshestvija/128864-v-odnom-iz-domov-konstantinovki-nashli-25-kg-marihuany-zaderzhan-podozrevaemyj.html>

28.04.2026 At around 11 o'clock in the evening, a mobile patrol from the Chui District Internal Affairs Department stopped an Opel on the Tokmok–Koshoy highway, 3 km from the start of the road. The driver was 27-year-old I.Zh. During a search of the vehicle, 21 packages of **hashish** weighing a total of **214 grams** were discovered. <https://topnews.kg/proisshestvija/129594-na-trasse-tokmokokshoj-v-ocele-nashli-21-svertok-s-gashishem.html>

30.04.2026 Law enforcement officers in the Sokuluk district detained a young man suspected of illegally possessing psychotropic substances. On 14 February, a traffic police checkpoint in the village of Ak-Zhol received a tip about a possible drug discovery. An investigative team was dispatched to the scene and confirmed the report. According to results of forensic chemical analysis, the seized substance was identified as the synthetic cannabinoid **MDMB-4en-PINACA**, with a total weight of **3 grams**. <https://topnews.kg/proisshestvija/130060-v-sokuluke-zaderzhan-podozrevaemyj-v-hranenii-psihotropov.html>

RUSSIA

21.04.2026 Officers from UMVD of Russia in the Penza Region detained a 35-year-old local resident on Lyadova street in Penza on suspicion of drug trafficking. During a personal search police seized 25 packets containing a powdery substance, a cell phone, an air gun, a knife, and a folding shovel from the suspect. During a search of the scene at the man's residence, police discovered and seized two packets containing a white powdery substance, empty zip-top bags, scales, and electrical tape. According to expert report, the substances weighing more than **360 grams** contain a narcotic derivative, **N-methylephedrone**. According to the man, he works for an online store as a wholesale and retail "stash handler". <https://мвд.рф/news/item/83899525/>

21.04.2026 Officers from GU MVD of Russia in the Rostov Region shut down a drug laboratory. Two residents of the region with prior convictions were detained on suspicion of manufacturing narcotics on a particularly large scale. Preliminary findings indicate that the laboratory had been operating in the Azov district since May 2025. The perpetrators produced more than 100 kilograms of banned substance each month for sale through an online store on dark web. Various chemical equipment and reagents were seized from the laboratory, along with approximately **75 kilograms of mephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/83905281/>

21.04.2026 Investigators from UMVD of Russia in Vladimir Region detained two Moscow residents who had set up an illegal operation to produce a synthetic narcotic. It was found that criminals had established an underground drug laboratory in a private home located in a village in the Aleksandrovsky district. During a search of the property, police discovered a chemical reactor, 16 plastic containers with a capacity of 10 and 20 liters containing a chemical liquid, a laptop, six mobile phones, and eleven bank cards. Plastic bags containing a white powdery substance were also found there. Test results confirmed that the seized items included over **14 kg** of an **N-methylephedrone** derivative, as well as the precursors

used to manufacture it. According to available information, “salt” was intended for sale in various regions of the country. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/83901907/>

21.04.2026 Officers from UMVD of Russia in Krasnogorsk, following an investigation, detained a 49-year-old man from Kirov suspected of drug trafficking. It was found that the suspect had set up a room for growing cannabis in a rented apartment. During a search of the residence, investigators discovered and seized: 36 plants visually similar to cannabis, a plant-based substance, lighting equipment, electronic scales, fertilizers, a vacuum sealer, and packaging bags. According to expert conclusion, the seized plant material is a narcotic substance derived from the cannabis plant – **marijuana** with a total weight of over **1 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/83926625/>

21.04.2026 Officers from the Vorkuta OMVD of Russia stopped activities of a 50-year-old local resident who was engaged in the illegal distribution of narcotics in the Komi Republic. The suspect was caught red-handed by police near the entrance to an apartment building in Vorkuta while setting up another drug stash. During a search of his clothing, investigators found several zip-top bags containing approximately 5 grams of mephedrone. Further investigation led police to discover a large cache of illicit drugs that the suspect had previously hidden in the courtyard of a residential complex near a dumpster area. From this cache investigators seized **1.4 kg of hashish** bricks and approximately **1 kg of ephedrone** derivatives. In addition, operatives identified locations of 22 more stashes that the drug dealer had set up in entryways of residential buildings. Contents of these stashes have been sent for analysis. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/83934418/>

22.04.2026 Officers from OMVD of Russia “Sovetsky” received intelligence regarding illegal possession of narcotics by a 43-year-old resident of Zelenokumsk. During a search of his residence and adjacent property, police discovered and seized a plastic bag containing a beige-colored substance. According to results of forensic analysis, seized substance was determined to be a **synthetic narcotic** with a total weight of **250 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/83971487/>

22.04.2026 Officers of MVD and UFSB of North Ossetia dismantled a drug laboratory in Alagirsky district. Initially, investigators were searching for a 19-year-old man from Moscow who was wanted for document forgery. It was discovered that he had been hiding in the republic since November 2025 and had organized production of mephedrone. During surveillance, they documented a drug stash in the village of Mizur, then detained a 25-year-old courier with 42 grams of the drug on the Vladikavkaz–Alagir highway. After that, the man from Moscow himself was detained: a laboratory was discovered in his rented apartment, over 580 grams of finished mephedrone were seized, and another stash was found in a wooded area near the village of Mairamadag. Total weight of the seized drugs: over **630 grams of mephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/83981379/>

23.04.2026 Officers from the Krasnoyarsk Regional Drug Control Department detained two Krasnoyarsk residents, born in 1999 and 2003, on charges of attempting to sell a large quantity of drugs via contactless methods. The men worked as wholesale distributors for an online store. When their car was stopped on Severnoye highway, approximately **100 grams of synthetic drugs** were found under the seat. Additionally, a coffee cup containing **200**

grams of hashish intended for contactless distribution was discovered in the village of Drokino. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84052695/>

23.04.2026 Following execution of an investigative operation, officers from UMVD of Russia in Krasnoselsky District detained an unemployed local resident who was selling the psychotropic substance amphetamine through online stores in St. Petersburg and Leningrad region. Electronic scales, packaging materials, 50 pre-packaged and ready-to-sell “stash,” five bags, and a plastic container containing the narcotic substance were seized at the man’s residence. According to forensic analysis, three bags and one “stash” contained more than 290 grams of **amphetamine**; the remaining items will be examined as part of forensic analysis. Total weight of seized psychotropic substances: **1,265 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84061765/>

23.04.2026 In the town of Mikhailov in the Ryazan region investigators from UNK noticed a man showing signs of drug intoxication. During a search of the 48-year-old resident of the Rostov region, they found a package containing 2.5 grams of **synthetic drugs**. Later, his 47-year-old friend was detained at a hotel, and five plastic weight plates were discovered in the trunk of their car, containing approximately **5 kg** of the same drug. The men were transporting shipment from the Moscow region to the southern regions but stopped to rest in Mikhailov, where one of them caught attention of police. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/83989015/>

23.04.2026 Officers from GU MVD of Russia in Altai Krai detained a young man born in 2007 at a bus stop during an investigative operation. During a personal search, they seized 68 packets of **ephedrone** with a total weight of **68 grams**. Later, during an examination of crime scene, they found 8 plasticine molds containing narcotics in hiding places the suspect had set up. In addition, during a search of the detainee’s residence, more than **115 grams of ephedrone** were seized, along with plasticine, zip-top bags, scales, and packaging materials. As police determined, young man was a supplier for an underground online store and had been engaged in criminal activity since March 2026. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84071837/>

23.04.2026 Officers from GU MVD of Russia in Perm Krai uncovered and dismantled an underground drug laboratory. Three residents of the regional capital have been detained on suspicion of manufacturing narcotics. Preliminary findings indicate that illicit operation was set up last November in a warehouse in one of the villages of the Perm municipal district. During a search of the drug factory, more than **30 kg of synthetic narcotics** and over **2,000 liters of precursors** were discovered. A 100-liter reactor, 278 pieces of laboratory equipment, and other items of evidentiary value were also seized. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84076356/>

23.04.2026 Drug control officers in Pervouralsk, Sverdlovsk region, stopped illegal cannabis cultivation. More than **2.2 kg of marijuana**, over **890 g** of ground **cannabis**, and **31 cannabis plants** were seized from a garage on Tolbukhina street. Three local residents (born in 1987, 1988, and 1995) were detained; one had a prior conviction for drug offenses. They had set up tents in the garage and were keeping records, watering, and fertilizing the plants. Scales, phones, and bank cards were seized. One of the detainees claimed that he was unaware that his actions were illegal. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84086204/>

23.04.2026 Officers from UMVD of Russia in the Kurgan Region jointly stopped a vehicle driven by a resident of the regional capital in the city of Kurgan. A 36-year-old man was a passenger in the car. According to investigators, individuals were returning to Kurgan from a neighboring region, where they had picked up a “heavy” stash of narcotics for further distribution. During a search of the vehicle, police discovered and seized more than **3 kg of mephedrone**. In addition, police detained an 18-year-old man from Kurgan who was also a “link” in the criminal chain. Approximately **50 grams of hashish** were found at the young man’s residence, and photographs of “stashers” were discovered on his mobile device. Drugs were seized. Contents of a stash were examined and found to be approximately **400 grams of mephedrone**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84092996/>

23.04.2026 During an operation in a wooded area on the outskirts of Krasnokamsk, officers from GU MVD of Russia in the Perm Krai detained two residents of Perm. They found a bag containing an unknown substance in their possession. Forensic analysis showed that the bag contained a large quantity of **N-methylephedrone**, weighing over **1 kg**. During a search of the residence of one of the suspects, operatives seized over **757 grams of hashish**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84054516/>

23.04.2026 Directorate General for Combating Smuggling of the Federal Customs Service, in cooperation with the Federal Security Service and their Belarusian counterparts, successfully dismantled a drug trafficking ring. Investigators discovered contraband in an unoccupied building in the Leningrad region, where a truck from Belarus had arrived. The truck’s cargo area contained paint cans, which criminals had used as secret compartments to transport drugs. During inspection, customs officers opened six containers, inside which they found 150 slabs of a dark brown substance. An expert analysis confirmed that the seized shipment consisted of **hashish** with a total weight of **14.5 kg**. According to experts, street value of this quantity of narcotics exceeds 43.5 million rubles. <https://news.ru/society/fsb-perekryla-kanal-postavki-narkotikov-v-lenoblast>

24.04.2026 Officers from GU MVD of Russia in the Moscow Region detained a woman from the Chelyabinsk region and a man from the Tyumen region following an investigation into suspected drug trafficking. Last November, they rented a house in the village of Dalnye Prudishchi, Leninsky district, where they set up a laboratory for production of synthetic drugs. During a search of the premises, operatives discovered and seized a tablet press and packages containing an unknown substance, canisters and containers with liquid, glass flasks, plastic and metal containers with the substance, and other equipment necessary for drug production. According to expert conclusion, the substance submitted for analysis contained over **1 kg of α-PVP**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84080662/>

24.04.2026 Following the investigation of intelligence leads, operatives from GU MVD of Russia in Moscow detained a 28-year-old Moscow resident on suspicion of distributing a potent substance. During a search of his apartment in the Kosino-Ukhtomsky district of the capital, police discovered and seized 302 capsules containing substances. The suspect also indicated a location in the stairwell on Oranzhereynaya street where he had managed to hide stashers. There, police found a package containing 96 capsules with substances. According to analysis, some of the capsules, with a gross weight of over **200 grams**, contain the

psychoactive drug **pregabalin**. The remaining samples have been sent for further examination. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84101980/>

24.04.2026 Officers from UMVD of Russia in Elista detained a resident of the Moscow region traveling by car from the Leningrad region at a stationary traffic police checkpoint at the 286th kilometer of Federal Highway R-22 "Caspian." During an inspection, 11 containers of a powdery substance were discovered in the vehicle's fuel tank. According to expert report, the substance contains **8,977 grams** of the narcotic drug **mephedrone**. Police discovered that the man is an interregional wholesale courier and dealer who planned to sell mephedrone via hidden stashes in a neighboring region. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84147069/>

24.04.2026 Drug control officers stopped a vehicle on the M-5 "Ural" highway in the Penza region, in which a resident of the Nizhnelomovsky district was traveling with his wife and child. They seized his phones, bank cards, and a shovel. It was found that the man had picked up a wholesale shipment of drugs (about 1.5 kg), divided it up, and made 11 stashes in the Mokshansky district. The seized items were sent for analysis. According to expert report, the substance submitted, weighing about **1,400 grams**, contains the narcotic drug **mephedrone**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84144089/>

24.04.2026 Authorities in Lipetsk discovered 61 packets of drugs on women from neighboring countries. During a search of one of the detainees, 28 packets of drugs were found in her jacket pockets. Another 33 were found in the second woman's bag. An analysis determined that the seized substance was **methadone**, with a total weight of over **15 grams**. Women arrived in Lipetsk to organize sale of drugs through hidden stashes. <https://lipetsktime.ru/news/incidents/zhenshin-iz-blizhnego-zarubezhya-zaderzhali-s-61-svetkom-narkotikov-v-lipecke/>

24.04.2026 A court in Kursk imposed a preventive measure on a local resident accused of trafficking more than 15 kilograms of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. He was taken into custody. The man is charged with two particularly serious crimes. According to investigators, he acted as a "warehouse courier," participating in illegal distribution of drugs. During a search of the Mercedes in which the young Kursk resident was traveling, 40 packages of drugs were seized. In addition, a particularly large quantity of illegal substances was found in his apartment. In total, more than **15 kg of synthetic drugs** were confiscated. <https://dddkursk.ru/lenta/2026/04/24/127397/>

25.04.2026 Police in the Rostov region cracked down on an organized drug ring operating in Rostov-on-Don, Shakhty, and Novocherkassk. Five local residents (aged 22–41, including a 24-year-old woman) grew cannabis themselves and manufactured and sold drugs through an online store. In Novocherkassk, three suspects were detained in a Lada Granta; over 200 packets of methylephedrone (about 300 g) were found in a child's car seat. Two more suspects were detained later. Searches yielded results: another 100 g of methylephedrone and 4.5 kg of marijuana were seized from the car owner, and 16 cannabis plants and 10 kg of marijuana were seized from ringleader. In total, **300 g of methylephedrone, 14.5 kg of marijuana, and 3 kg of cannabis** were recovered. Information about stashes in three cities was also found. Roles were assigned within the group: an organizer, three male couriers, and a female packer. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84229302/>

27.04.2026 Officers from UMVD of Russia "Dmitrovskoye" detained a local resident who had rented a house in the village of Astretsovo to grow cannabis. He had equipped the room with climate control, ventilation, and lighting. During the search, **12 cannabis plants** were seized, along with approximately **900 grams of marijuana**, electronic scales, a vacuum sealer, and packaging materials. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84353173/>

27.04.2026 Drug control officers in the Tver region detained three men who had set up a cannabis production facility in two rented houses. A 45-year-old man from the Kaluga region rented houses, purchased seeds, installed lighting, irrigation, and ventilation systems, and was also responsible for distribution. A 58-year-old man and his 20-year-old son were responsible for cultivation and packaging. Items seized: **30 kg of marijuana, 347 cannabis plants**, and an unregistered smoothbore shotgun with 38 rounds of ammunition. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84360631/>

28.04.2026 During an operation to identify individuals involved in illicit trafficking of narcotics in the Nizhny Novgorod region in April this year, officers from the regional GU MVD of Russia stopped a vehicle driven by a 30-year-old man on a section of the M-7 highway within the Volodarsky municipal district. A search of the vehicle resulted in the discovery of a backpack and a bag containing a brick of an unknown substance. According to expert analysis, all of the seized items were determined to be approximately **2 kg of methadone**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84440842/>

28.04.2026 During an investigative operation officers from the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Kabardino-Balkarian Republic stopped a Hyundai Solaris. Two residents of a neighboring region were inside the vehicle. Upon searching the vehicle's interior, police discovered five packages containing a white powdery substance. During further questioning of the suspects, investigators learned of a hidden compartment in the vehicle's interior, from which 682 packages containing an unknown substance were seized. Forensic analysis confirmed that the seized substance was **methadone**, with a total weight exceeding **175 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84455141/>

28.04.2026 As a result of investigative operations conducted by officers of OMVD of Russia "Yegoryevsky" a resident of a Central Asian country was stopped near a house on Mamontova street on suspicion of drug trafficking. During a personal search of the suspect, police officers discovered and seized 508 packets containing a powdery substance. According to expert report, the seized packets contained **methadone** with a total weight of over **250 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84444735/>

28.04.2026 While acting on intelligence, officers from UNK MVD of the Republic of Mordovia in Saransk stopped a 22-year-old resident of Novy Urengoy. During a personal search, investigators found 90 packets of hashish on him. Later, at his rented apartment, investigators seized another 50 packets of the illegal substance, as well as packaging materials, electronic scales, and smoking accessories. According to the suspect, who acted as a drug courier, he initially flew from Novy Urengoy to Nizhny Novgorod, where, on instructions of his handler, he retrieved **hashish** weighing a total of more than **195 grams** from a cache. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84430211/>

29.04.2026 Acting on intelligence, officers from UMVD of Russia in Omsk Region detained a 22-year-old Omsk resident late at night on Karl Marx avenue as he was leaving a flower shop. During a personal search, police found a package on him which, as later confirmed by forensic analysis, contained cocaine. During a subsequent search, investigators seized an additional **5 grams of cocaine** and approximately **67 grams of mephedrone** from a garage rented by the suspect, along with equipment used for packaging illicit substances. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84487470/>

29.04.2026 Officers from UMVD of Russia in Leninsky city district, as a result of investigative operations, detained a 27-year-old native of a neighboring country who had set up a drug laboratory in a rented house within a gardening non-profit association in Leninsky city district. During a search, police seized more than **2.5 kg of hashish** (confirmed by laboratory analysis), 22 containers of an oily liquid, powder, shredded tobacco, scales, and a vacuum sealer. The suspect admitted that he had received instructions via a messaging app and planned to sell products in the Moscow region. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84494899/>

29.04.2026 Officers from UNK UMVD of Russia in the Kostroma Region carried out a successful operation to arrest drug couriers. During the operation, the vehicle in which the suspects were traveling was stopped. During a search of the vehicle, a bag was found in the trunk containing two plastic bags. According to report, detainees were transporting nearly **2 kg of synthetic drugs**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84521790/>

29.04.2026 Police officers in the Bezhitsky district of Bryansk detained a 40-year-old local woman with a prior conviction for drug possession. During a search, officers discovered and seized 26 plastic packets containing a suspicious substance from a pocket of the detainee's jacket. Another 87 similar packets were found in her apartment. Later, using coordinates found in the woman's cell phone, police discovered about a dozen "stash" set up by the suspect. Experts determined that the seized substances were **synthetic drugs** with a total weight of up to **140 grams**. <https://www.bragazeta.ru/news/2026/04/29/u-zhitelnicy-bryanska-policiya-izyala-113-svjortkov-s-narkotikami/>

30.04.2026 As a result of investigative operations, officers from GU MVD of Russia in the Nizhny Novgorod Region discovered that a resident of St. Petersburg with a history of multiple convictions was the organizer of an underground drug laboratory. To produce synthetic drugs, he rented a plot of land in a suburban community in the Luzhsky district of the Leningrad region. While transporting a shipment of drugs to the Nizhny Novgorod region to set up a wholesale stash, the man was detained by police officers. During searches of the drug laboratory, police found and seized **34 canisters of precursors**, 17 bottles of liquid and a bag of powdered substances, laboratory equipment, and 9 trays containing **synthesized crystals** with a total weight of approximately **2 kg**. All seized items were taken by police to the Forensic Science Center for examination. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/84602031/>

30.04.2026 Officers from UMVD of Russia in Tula Region detained a businessman from Tula suspected of drug trafficking following a tip-off. In the village of Fedyashevo in the Yasnogorsk district law enforcement officers discovered a shipping container on a plot of land owned by the businessman, inside which unknown substances were stored in various containers. Upon examination of one of the containers, it was determined that it contained a

narcotic drug, an **N-methylephedrone** derivative, weighing approximately **5 kg**. In total, police seized one plastic barrel, 11 plastic containers, 2 buckets, and 9 canisters filled with substances of varying consistencies. According to preliminary estimates, their total weight may be around 100 kg. Currently, all seized items have been sent for chemical analysis.
<https://мвд.рф/news/item/84610492/>

30.04.2026 Officers from UMVD of Sakhalin Region received intelligence indicating that a 38-year-old foreign national might be involved in organizing a drug distribution ring in the island region. A migrant had ordered a shipment of illegal synthetic substances on dark web. Soon, he was sent coordinates of a hiding place where a courier had stashed the illegal purchase. The foreign national went to specified location and retrieved a package containing his order. Immediately afterward, he was detained by police officers. The package containing the suspicious substance found on the man was sent for analysis. Laboratory tests confirmed that substance in the package was a mixture containing **mephedrone**. Total weight of the narcotic substance was **26 grams**. <https://citysakh.ru/news/127078>

30.04.2026 Two citizens of Uzbekistan in Orenburg were detained for two months on charges of attempting to illegally sell drugs. According to investigation, three packages containing a mixture of drugs with a total weight of approximately **100 grams**, including **N-methylephedrone**, were discovered and seized from one of the women's backpacks. Drugs were prepared for sale online via hidden stashes. Drugs, scales, and packaging materials were also seized at the hotel where women were staying.
<https://eanews.ru/orenburg/20260430110555/dve-migrantki-arestovany-v-orenburge-za-popytku-sbyt-narkotiki>

UZBEKISTAN

22.04.2026 Officers from the State Security Service, in conjunction with law enforcement and customs officials, conducted a special operation. During the operation in the Khojaabad district, a resident of Margilan, born in 1973 and with a prior criminal record, was apprehended. The suspect was arrested in a field where he was digging up a cache containing **24.5 kg** of the narcotic substance "**hashish**." These narcotics had been smuggled into the country by drug couriers from Kyrgyzstan. <https://upl.uz/incidents/62249-news.html>

23.04.2026 Officers from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, in cooperation with the State Security Service, carried out a series of special operational activities. Specifically, two individuals were detained in Tashkent while transporting 500 units of potent drugs. Based on their statements, three more individuals were detained who had organized a drug laboratory in the city of Akhangaran in the Tashkent region. Authorities discovered and seized **9 kg of pregabalin, 500 grams of tropicamide, and 600 units of pregabalin** packaged in capsules. <https://upl.uz/incidents/62287-news.html>

23.04.2026 Law enforcement officers in the city of Almalyk uncovered a drug laboratory where potent pharmaceuticals were being manufactured and packaged. It is reported that the illegal operation was set up at the home of one of the suspects. A total of **6 kg of pregabalin and 500 grams of tropicamide** were seized at his residence.
<https://upl.uz/incidents/62287-news.html>

25.04.2026 Officers from the Anti-Smuggling Department of the Customs Committee's Surkhandarya Regional Directorate, in cooperation with State Security Service officers, conducted a special operation. During the operation, a 27-year-old foreign national was detained after handing over several packages containing the narcotic substance "opium" to a 36-year-old citizen in the Termez district. It was found that the foreign national had concealed **203 grams of opium** in his rectum and crossed border, believing he had evaded customs inspection. However, a suspicious object was detected inside his body using a special scanner, and the foreign national was placed under surveillance.
<https://upl.uz/incidents/62390-news.html>

28.04.2026 On April 24 this year, in the Urtachirchik district of the Tashkent region prevention officers noticed a suspicious man. When they approached him, the man fled and threw a bag containing an unknown substance into a field. After the suspect was apprehended, it was discovered that the bag contained four packets of **marijuana**, with a total weight of **84 grams**. The suspect himself was a citizen born in 1975 with a history of multiple prior convictions. <https://upl.uz/incidents/62454-news.html>

28.04.2026 Law enforcement officers conducted a special operation in the Shaykhantakhur district of Tashkent. During the operation, a man was detained; **20 packets** containing a narcotic substance were found in his possession. According to the detainee, packets contained the narcotic substance "**hashish**." A check of his cell phone showed that he had previously managed to distribute stashes of narcotics at 14 locations. A search of his apartment also uncovered another **37 packets** containing various narcotic substances. <https://upl.uz/incidents/62487-news.html>

30.04.2026 Officers from the State Security Service, in conjunction with customs officials, conducted a special operation. During the operation in the Kagan district of Bukhara region, a Lacetti vehicle was stopped and inspected; the driver was a resident of Bukhara, born in 1993, who had a prior conviction for a similar offense. Upon inspection of the vehicle, it was discovered that the man was transporting **993 grams** of the narcotic substance "**opium**," hidden in the engine compartment in place of air filter. The man confessed that he had received narcotics from a resident of the Termez District, born in 1980, who had smuggled drugs out of Afghanistan. Based on this information, the suspect was also apprehended in the Surkhandarya region. He was found to be carrying **5 kg of opium**, and another **7 kg** of the same narcotic substance was discovered in his home. <https://upl.uz/incidents/62522-news.html>

30.04.2026 Officers from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, in conjunction with State Security Service personnel, conducted a special operation. During the operation in the Buvaydinsky district of the Fergana region, an Onix vehicle was stopped and inspected; the driver was a female resident of the Altyaryk district, born in 1990. Upon inspection of the vehicle, it was discovered that the woman was transporting **504 grams** of the narcotic substance "**hashish**." She was transporting drugs for the purpose of further distribution. <https://upl.uz/incidents/62523-news.html>

OTHER COUNTRIES

INDIA

26.04.2026 During a large-scale operation, the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) detained a man near the India-Nepal border on charges of drug trafficking. The operation led to the seizure of more than **327 kg of marijuana**, valued at over 20 crore rupees, officials said on Sunday. <https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/law-order/3887374-major-drug-bust-at-indo-nepal-border-327-kg-of-marijuana-seized>

ITALY

23.04.2026 A major police operation spanning the provinces of Mantua and Treviso led to the seizure of a total of **170 kg of cocaine** and the arrest of three Albanian nationals believed to have been running a logistics hub for drug distribution in northern Italy. The operation began on 20 April with the stopping of a vehicle driven by a 48-year-old man in Roverbello, in which a hidden compartment was discovered containing approximately 20 kg of cocaine and more than half a kilogram of hashish. A subsequent search of an apartment in Porto Mantovano, which served as a warehouse, led to the seizure of another 150 kg of cocaine, 56,000 euros in cash, three modified vehicles with secret compartments, and five mobile phones. <https://lamilano.it/en/mantua/Major-drug-trafficking-operation-between-Mantua-and-Treviso%3A-170-kg-of-cocaine-seized--three-arrests/>

NIGERIA

26.04.2026 From 21 to 30 April 2026, the Nigerian National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) conducted a major nationwide operation during which a significant quantity of illicit substances was seized. Key results included the seizure of **10,000 Captagon tablets** in Kwara State, as well as **161,900 tramadol capsules** concealed in a secret compartment of a cargo truck. In addition, more than **1,100,000 opioid tablets and 1,430 kg of cannabis** were seized, and 20 tons of cannabis grown on eight hectares of land were destroyed <https://www.thisdaylive.com/2026/04/27/ndlea-intercepts-terror-drug-captagon-in-kwara-arrests-suspects-nationwide-in-major-anti-narcotics-sweep/>

UAE

30.04.2026 A gang of 13 people involved in drug trafficking was arrested in the United Arab Emirates. According to the National Anti-Narcotics Bureau, the raid resulted in the seizure of **56.6 kg of narcotics, 8,159 psychotropic pills**, and a large shipment of e-cigarettes containing hashish oil. Total value of the seized items amounted to approximately 3.3 million dirhams. The criminal group consisted of citizens from Asian and African countries. They were led by a ringleader located outside the UAE. With the support of Bahraini intelligence services, the gang leader was arrested abroad and extradited to the UAE. <https://russianemirates.com/news/uae-news/v-khode-odnogo-reyda-v-oae-iz-yali-56-tonn-narkotikov/>

USA

21.04.2026 Nicholasville Police Department reports a significant amount of cocaine was removed from the streets during a major anti-drug operation. Investigators stated on Tuesday, 21 April, that **47 kg of cocaine** had been seized. It is worth more than 2 million dollars. <https://fox56news.com/news/local/nicholasville-police-seize-47-kilograms-of-cocaine-worth-over-2m-in-drug-bust/>

23.04.2026 During a large-scale two-day operation in Houston, law enforcement officials seized a total of **520 kg** of pet food that tested positive for **methamphetamine**, as well as **118 kg** of liquid **methamphetamine** and **2 kg** of finished crystalline **methamphetamine**. <https://www.khou.com/article/news/local/houston-drug-bust-meth-livestock-feed-seizure-meta-title/285-903d4e16-451d-4f49-ba41-dc81b32d7e23>

23.04.2026 According to a press release from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) dated 23 April 2026, more than 100 kilograms of illegal drugs were seized in New Jersey as a result of a counter-narcotics operation, including **42.7 kg** of powdered **fentanyl**, equivalent to approximately 5 million lethal doses, about 52 kg of methamphetamine, as well as more than 2 kg of cocaine and other substances. <https://www.dea.gov/press-releases/2026/04/23/major-drug-trafficker-charged-following-historic-fentanyl-and-meth>

24.04.2026 U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents seized more than **1,360 kg of methamphetamine**, with an estimated street value of 4,924,960 dollars, concealed in a cargo trailer at the Otay Mesa commercial facility. The shipment was listed on the manifest as corrugated cardboard boxes. <https://southpasadenan.com/major-drug-seizure-cbp-intercepts-3000-pounds-of-meth-at-border/>

28.04.2026 During a large-scale police operation codenamed "Operation Trash Panda" conducted in Northern California, more than **1,230 kg of methamphetamine** were seized, marking the largest methamphetamine seizure in Calaveras County history and one of the largest in U.S. history. During searches conducted by more than 100 law enforcement officers, approximately 1,443 pounds of finished methamphetamine and another 1,270 pounds of the substance in various stages of production were discovered, along with **1,900 cannabis plants**, **50 kg** of processed **marijuana**, and 12 firearms. Eight suspects were arrested, including one individual who was on the National Terrorist Watch List. <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/2-700-pounds-of-meth-seized-in-northern-california-one-of-largest-drug-busts-in-us-history/>

28.04.2026 U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents discovered a large shipment of drugs in a cargo trailer that crossed the Farr Bridge from Reynosa, Mexico, into Texas on 21 April. During an inspection, it was discovered that packages containing a powder that tested positive for **methamphetamine** were being transported in the truck under the guise of pallets of ceramic tiles. A total of 200 packages weighing more than **400 kg** were seized. Estimated street value of the shipment is 8.1 million dollars. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/meth-found-shipment-disguised-tiles-us-border/>

28.04.2026 During an operation conducted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Houston Police Department, approximately **730 kg** (1,600 pounds) of **methamphetamine** were seized in the Aldine area. Drugs were hidden in bags of horse feed. In addition to the large shipment of drugs, law enforcement officials arrested five people

suspected of involvement in this distribution network.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9SLT3JCEaCs>

SRI LANKA

28.04.2026 Sri Lankan law enforcement authorities detained 22 Buddhist monks at Bandaranaike International Airport, north of Colombo, for transporting more than 110 kg of drugs. The seizure was the largest in the airport's history. According to reports, on the evening of 25 April, officers from the police narcotics bureau seized approximately **112 kg of cannabis and hashish** concealed in luggage of monks arriving from Thailand. Total value of the contraband exceeds 1.1 billion Sri Lankan rupees (approximately 3.45 million dollars). According to newspaper, investigation showed that the operation was coordinated by three monks from a temple in the Jamburaliya district in the west of the country. Remaining 19 members of the group were recruited by them via Facebook. According to preliminary data, young monks, many of whom are under 30, were lured with promises of free airfare, lodging, and meals. They were told they would be transporting "educational materials and sweets" for schoolchildren. According to the Daily Mirror, the Police Narcotics Bureau also detained the alleged organizer in Gampaha district. Investigations found that the group had carried out a similar operation involving 12 monks last month and reportedly planned another trip in the near future. <https://oxu.az/ru/v-mire/smi-v-shri-lanke-zaderzhali-monahov-za-perevozku-bolee-110-kg-narkotikov>