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

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Between 21 and 31 May 2026, based on information from media sources law enforcement agencies and security structures of CARICC member states seized **816.01 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 19.32 kg, opium – 55 kg, cocaine – 0.11 kg, cannabis-group drugs – 645.45 kg, synthetic drugs – 91.1 kg, and potent substances – 5.03 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	8	0	0	11.32	0	0
Opium	40	4.4	0	0	0	10.6
Cocaine	0	0.11	0	0	0	0
Cannabis group drugs	334.43	66.9	0	73.01	0	171.11
Synthetic drugs	10.05	18.41	0	54.65	0	7.99
Potent substances	0	0	0	5.03	0	0
Total	392.48	89.82	0	144.01	0	189.7

During the same period, other countries seized **3 tons 566.3 kg of narcotics and psychotropic substance, including cocaine – 292 kg, cannabis-group drugs – 3 tons 265.8 kg, synthetic drugs – 52.3 kg, and potent substances – 8.5 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN

25.05.2026 On 23 May, joint comprehensive operational and military exercises were conducted by personnel from the State Border Service and the Ministry of Internal Affairs on the premises of the "Lankaran" Border Detachment of Border Troops. The operation prevented the smuggling of **38.13 kg of marijuana** and **2,890 tablets** of the psychotropic substance **"Methadone M-40"** from Iran to Azerbaijan.
<https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/gospogransluzhba-i-mvd-proveli-sovmestnuyu-operaciyu-foto>

26.05.2026 Directorate General for Combating Drug Trafficking of the Ministry of Internal Affairs conducted operations to combat drug trafficking in the capital and across the regions. During operations carried out in Baku and Sumgait as well as in the Masalli district, the following individuals with prior convictions were detained: Aliaga Nagiyev, Javid Agasyev, Mikail Khudashov, and Hikmet Huseynov. They were found in possession of **40 kg of opium, marijuana** laced with harmful substances, and **500 methadone tablets**. It was found that

the detainees were acting as drug couriers on behalf of foreign drug traffickers. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/masshtabnaya-antinarkoticheskaya-operaciya-v-azerbajdzhane-izyaty-opium-marihuana-i-metadon-foto-video>

26.05.2026 On 22 May, an attempt to smuggle drugs was foiled on the premises of the "Goytepe" Border Detachment of the Border Troops of the State Border Service of Azerbaijan. As a result of search and operational activities, they seized **35.2 kg of marijuana** and **3,000 tablets** of the psychotropic drug "**Methadone M-40**," which were being smuggled from Iran into Azerbaijan. <https://oxu.az/ru/proisshestviya/iz-irana-v-azerbajdzhan-pytalis-nezakonno-vvezti-krupnyu-partiyu-narkotikov-foto>

27.05.2026 As a result of customs inspections conducted by officers of the Balaken Customs Office a particularly large shipment of marijuana was discovered and seized. At the "Mazymgara" customs post, a truck transporting watermelons from Iran to Georgia was inspected using stationary X-ray equipment. During inspection, which involved a service dog from the canine unit, a package was discovered at the bottom of the watermelon crates, concealed from customs inspection using a special method. As a result, a particularly large shipment of **marijuana** weighing a total of **110.3 kg** along with packaging was seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/operaciya-po-izyatiyu-krupnoj-partii-narkotikov-na-tamozhne-video>

27.05.2026 Police officers in the Bilyasuvar district discovered a total of **47 kg of marijuana and opium** as well as **10,104 methadone tablets**, which had been smuggled into the country using a paraglider. Upon receiving narcotics at a prearranged location, 62-year-old Jalal Gahramanov and 35-year-old Rashid Mammadaliyev, both with prior convictions, were detained and taken to district police station. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/zaderzhany-lica-dostavivshie-v-stranu-krupnyu-partiyu-narkotikov-s-pomoshyu-paraplana-video>

27.05.2026 During a recent operation conducted by officers of the Directorate General for Combating Drugs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Astara District, individuals attempting to smuggle a large shipment of drugs into the country were apprehended. During the operation, 38-year-old Tural Bekirov, who had a prior criminal record, and 53-year-old Mekhman Abdurakhmanov were detained. A total of **45 kg of marijuana and 650 methadone tablets** were found and seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/mvd-provelo-operaciya-v-astarinskom-rajone-video>

28.05.2026 Officers from the Terter District Police Department conducted an operation that led to the arrest of Said Ismayilov, who is suspected of drug trafficking. He was found in possession of **2 kg of marijuana and 1.18 kg of hashish**. During questioning Said Ismayilov admitted that he had purchased drugs, which had been smuggled from Iran, with the intention of selling in the Terter district. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-terterskom-rajone-zaderzhan-podozrevaemyj-v-kontrabande-narkotikov-iz-irana-video>

28.05.2026 Officers from the Salyan District Police Department detained Orkhan Bagirov, a man with a prior criminal record, during an operation; he is suspected of cultivating narcotic plants. During a search of the suspect's residence and adjacent yard, police found 101 **cannabis** plants weighing a total of **27 kg**, which had been cultivated in accordance with

proper agricultural practices. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-salyane-zaderzhan-ranee-sudimyj-muzhchina-vyrashivavshij-bolee-100-kustov-konopli>

29.05.2026 During operations conducted by officers of the Absheron District Police Department, they intercepted 19 kg of narcotics and psychotropic substances. As a result of the operation, 47-year-old Emin Akhmedov, who worked in international freight transport, was detained on suspicion of the said criminal offense. **8 kg of heroin and more than 3 kg of methamphetamine** were found in the heavy-duty truck he was driving. As part of other operations conducted by department officers, two more suspects in organization of drug trafficking were detained: 44-year-old Ramil Hasanov and 38-year-old Ilham Dzhumshudoglu. A total of approximately **8 kg of narcotics** were seized. They stated that they had acquired illicit substances for the purpose of selling in Baku and the Absheron district. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/perevozchik-kontrabandist-u-dalnobojsnika-na-absherone-izyali-bolee-10-kg-narkotikov-foto-video>

30.05.2026 An attempt to smuggle a large shipment of narcotics from Iran into Azerbaijan was prevented. As a result of search and operational activities conducted in the area of responsibility of the "Goradiz" Border Detachment of the State Border Service, the smuggling of **20.62 kg of marijuana** and **470 tablets** of the psychotropic substance "**Methadone M-40**" from the Islamic Republic of Iran into the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan was foiled. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/operaciya-na-granice-izyaty-narkotiki-i-sotni-psihotroynyh-tabletok>

KAZAKHSTAN

21.05.2026 In the middle of May, officers from drug control units seized several particularly large shipments of synthetic drugs. A resident of Almaty was detained and over **2 kg of alpha-PVP** was seized during a search of her residence. The suspect has confessed to charges. Another suspect was detained in a major city. During a search of the young man's residence, police seized approximately **1 kg of synthetic drugs** and psychotropic pills. <https://polisia.kz/ru/mvd-preseklo-kanaly-sbyta-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov-v-ryade-regionov-strany/>

21.05.2026 In the second half of May, officers from drug control units seized several particularly large shipments of synthetic drugs. A drug courier from Almaty region was detained in the East Kazakhstan region; under the direction of a manager of an online drug store he was delivering drugs to various regions. During a search of the suspect's premises, police seized over **2 kg of synthetic drugs**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/mvd-preseklo-kanaly-sbyta-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov-v-ryade-regionov-strany/>

21.05.2026 In the middle of May, anti-drug units seized several particularly large shipments of synthetic drugs. A drug courier was arrested in the Karaganda region on the Almaty–Yekaterinburg highway while transporting a large shipment of synthetic drugs; approximately **1 kg of alpha-PVP** was seized from the vehicle. <https://polisia.kz/ru/mvd-preseklo-kanaly-sbyta-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov-v-ryade-regionov-strany/>

22.05.2026 Activities of a distributor of illegal substances were stopped in the capital. A 35-year-old resident of the capital, suspected of possessing and distributing narcotics, was identified during an investigation. During his arrest at his residence, police discovered packages containing a green substance with a distinctive odor, presumably marijuana. It was later discovered that the man had rented another apartment where he stored illegal substances. On the balcony police found **10 plastic packages** containing a white powdery substance with a specific odor, presumably **mephedrone**, as well as containers with remnants of substance, zip-top bags, electronic scales, and electrical tape of various colors. <https://polisia.kz/ru/krupnuyu-partiyu-narkotikov-iz-yali-u-zhitelya-astany-arendovavshego-dve-kvartiry/>

25.05.2026 Police officers in the capital detained an 18-year-old resident suspected of distributing narcotics. During a search of his residence, police found a large cache of illegal substances. Inside an empty bottle of ice cream syrup, they discovered a yellow liquid with a distinctive odor, identified as cannabis resin. In addition, two containers of a yellow liquid substance, identified as hashish oil, were seized. Furthermore, a plastic container was found containing packages wrapped in electrical tape of various colors, inside which was a plant-based substance with a specific odor. A total of approximately 500 packages of **hashish** were seized. Total weight of seized narcotics exceeded **1 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/sladkaya-maskirovka-narkotiki-v-butylke-iz-pod-siropa-obnaruzhila-politsiya-u-zhitelya-stolitsy/>

25.05.2026 KNB continues efforts to combat drug trafficking. A foreign national was detained at Aktau Airport in an attempt to smuggle 114 capsules containing **opium** with a total weight of **1 kg** inside his body. A citizen of Kazakhstan was detained at the capital's airport after bringing **12 kg of hashish oil** from a South Asian country. <https://tengrinews.kz/crime/inostranets-pyitalsya-vvezti-kazahstan-kilogramm-opiya-600015/>

25.05.2026 KNB continues efforts to combat drug trafficking. Since April the agency shut down 9 international and 2 regional drug trafficking networks, and dismantled one phytolaboratory. Illegal activities by a persistent criminal group suspected of smuggling and distributing large quantities of poppy straw, as well as producing narcotics from this raw material, were stopped. A total of **3.4 kg of opium, 9 kg of hashish, 11.4 kg of synthetic drugs, 18.5 kg of hashish oil, 26.4 kg of marijuana, 110 grams of cocaine, and 20 tons of poppy straw**, as well as over **150 liters of precursors** were seized. 23 citizens of Kazakhstan and 3 foreigners were detained. Pre-trial investigations are underway into all reported incidents. <https://tengrinews.kz/crime/inostranets-pyitalsya-vvezti-kazahstan-kilogramm-opiya-600015/>

26.05.2026 Officers from the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the East Kazakhstan Region Police Department shut down operations of two individuals involved in illegal trafficking of narcotics through an online store. Two residents of other regions—a 34-year-old woman and a 22-year-old man—were detained during the operation. They served as packers and couriers in a criminal scheme to distribute illicit substances. During a search of the vehicle in which the detainees were traveling, they found and seized packages containing substances, as well as items used for packaging and wrapping drugs. According to expert analysis, the seized substances are the synthetic narcotic **α-PVP** with a total weight of

approximately **900 g** as well as **mephedrone** weighing about **100 g**.
<https://polisia.kz/ru/fasovshhiki-internet-magazina-narkotikov-zaderzhany-v-vko/>

RUSSIA

21.05.2026 As a result of a series of investigative operations, officers from GU MVD of Russia in Krasnodar Krai detained a 42-year-old local resident suspected of illegally manufacturing and possessing drugs for subsequent contactless distribution. During a search of the man's private property in the Adler district of Sochi, police discovered a room equipped as a laboratory for synthesizing **mephedrone**. Operatives seized more than **400 grams** of finished drug, precursors and equipment for its production, scales, and packaging materials.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/85982546/>

21.05.2026 Officers from OMVD of Russia in the city of Donskoy, Tula Region, followed a criminal lead as a result of investigative operations and detained a 44-year-old local resident involved in drug crimes and illegal manufacture of weapons. During a search of the man's private home, police discovered dried plant material with a characteristic cannabis odor. According to expert findings, the seized substance is **marijuana** with a total weight of approximately **8 kg**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/86089853/>

21.05.2026 Officers from UMVD in the Republic of Bashkortostan detained a 38-year-old local resident with a history of multiple prior convictions in Ufa on suspicion of drug trafficking. Police found and seized two plastic bags containing a plant-based substance from the suspect's vehicle. According to analysis, contents were found to be a narcotic substance—hashish weighing more than 10 grams. Additionally, during a search of the suspect's apartment, operatives discovered and seized two plastic bags containing a similar narcotic weighing more than 48 grams. Police determined that the man had purchased the substance for further distribution in Ufa. A total of more than **58 grams of hashish** was seized.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/86111734/>

21.05.2026 Officers from GU MVD of Russia in Krasnoyarsk Krai detained a resident of Sosnovoborsk, born in 1977, who had a prior criminal record, on suspicion of illegally distributing controlled substances. During a search of the garage used by the suspect, as well as stashes he had set up, police discovered approximately **680 grams of heroin and 189 grams of methadone**, as well as electronic scales, a coffee grinder, and packaging materials.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/86078491/>

22.05.2026 Officers from GU MVD of Irkutsk Region disrupted illegal activities of two women and one man suspected of selling methadone and carfentanil. Operatives received information that synthetic drugs were being sold in the Ziminsky district. During investigation operatives detained a 49-year-old local woman, from whom they seized a package containing 0.427 grams of the synthetic drug **carfentanil**. In addition, police detained a 59-year-old accomplice of the suspect, as well as a drug dealer who supplied the women with synthetic drugs. During a search of the man's residence, police seized a package weighing approximately **13 grams**. Seized substances were sent for analysis.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/86253114/>

22.05.2026 Police in Khabarovsk detained a 62-year-old man from the Moscow region who was distributing drugs via stashes. In a wooded area of the Zheleznodorozhny district, he hid nine packets and two bags containing more than 380 grams of the substance. During a search of his rented apartment, police seized three more packets of **A-PVP** (about 100 grams), packaging materials, electrical tape, and scales. Total weight of the seized drugs: nearly **0.5 kg**. Previously convicted of serious crimes, the suspect had worked for a year as a stash point operator on darkweb, receiving payment in cryptocurrency, which he converted into rubles. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/86216451/>

22.05.2026 Acting on intelligence, officers from Drug Control Unit of UMVD of Russia in Surgut stopped illegal activities at a local pharmacy. During the operation, police officers documented illegal sale of a potent medication which, according to an analysis, contained the potent substance **tropicamide** with a total weight of 5.8 grams. Subsequently, police officers conducted a search of the pharmacy. They found and seized more than **300 packages** of restricted-use medications, as well as what is believed to be counterfeit products. Law enforcement officers detained a 39-year-old suspect with a prior criminal record. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/86218553/>

22.05.2026 Traffic police patrol in the Pervomaisky district of the Altai Krai noticed two men near a cemetery who were hiding something by a tree. They were found to be 38- and 40-year-old men from the Novosibirsk region who had set up a drug cache. Data on stashes in three regions was found on their phones, from which more than 2,000 packets of **mephedrone** (over **1 kg**) were seized. The detainees admitted that they had been working as couriers for a drug market for six months: they received large shipments in the Novosibirsk region and delivered them in a Mitsubishi Outlander to stashes. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/86125918/>

22.05.2026 Police officers, backed by a SOBR team, detained a 22-year-old resident of the Moscow region. A bag containing a substance (2.5 g) was found on him. Containers, bags, scales, and fertilizers were seized from his apartment in Khimki. In a second rented apartment on the same street, they discovered another 6 containers, bags, a container, scales, a vacuum sealer, 145 plants, and cultivation equipment. According to tests conducted, it was determined that the seized substances are a narcotic drug—**marijuana** with a total weight of over **700 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/86155315/>

22.05.2026 A Kia Optima was stopped overnight on the R-254 "Irtys" highway in the Tyumen region. 15 bags containing over **7 kg** of powder (part of which was **heroin**) were found in a gas cylinder in the trunk. A 30-year-old resident of St. Petersburg, who worked as an interregional courier, was transporting drugs from the northern capital to Novosibirsk for repackaging. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/86299824/>

22.05.2026 Two residents of the Podgorsky district of the Voronezh region were detained by FSB officers for illegal production of synthetic drugs. The suspects are two local men, aged 22 and 19, who organized production of illegal substances directly in the private home of a group member. Drugs were produced in large quantities. Housing expenses, creation of the laboratory, and purchase of chemicals were financed through cryptocurrency payments from members of a Ukrainian criminal group. During the special operation, law enforcement

officers seized approximately **17.8 kg** of finished **alpha-PVP**, over **1 ton of precursors**, and specialized equipment for synthesizing drugs. <https://vrn.vestipk.ru/archives/276449>

23.05.2026 A 38-year-old man was arrested in St. Petersburg for selling drugs on the street. During a search of his anime-themed apartment, police discovered and seized 372 grams of various substances, **226 grams** of which were pure **mephedrone**. Electronic scales, containers, and packaging materials prepared for distribution were also found in the apartment. <https://pulsfid.ru/news/animeshnik-s-mefedronom-peterburzhca-zaderzhali-s-krupnoy-partiey-narkotikov-138376026>

24.05.2026 Patrol officers in the Surgut district detained two foreign nationals (born in 2003 and 2006) who had emerged from the woods. During a search, **241 grams of methadone** were seized from one of them. A search of their residence yielded 179 packets of **mephedrone** with a total weight of **246 grams**, along with scales and packaging. The detainees had traveled from Moscow to set up stashes. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/86220566/>

24.05.2026 Officers from Sochi City Internal Affairs Directorate shut down a laboratory producing synthetic drugs. Two local residents, aged 25 and 27, who organized the illegal "business," were detained. At the residence of one of the suspects, operatives discovered and seized a glass beaker containing a brown substance, a plastic container with traces of the substance, and a package of capsules. Forensic analysis showed that the seized substance was **mephedrone** with a total weight of over **870 grams**. During further investigative operations, police discovered and seized laboratory equipment and canisters containing precursors for drug production that perpetrators had hidden in the forest. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/86238879/>

25.05.2026 As a result of investigative operations, police officers in the Privolzhsky district of the Astrakhan region stopped illegal activities involving the operation of a drug laboratory and large-scale illegal distribution of synthetic drugs. A local resident born in 1998 was detained. During a search, narcotics officers seized 6 glass flasks, 5 bottles containing drug precursors, and various equipment. According to expert report, the seized items contain **N-methylephedrone** with a total weight of **76 g**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/86527585/>

25.05.2026 A car used by a 22-year-old drug dealer to return to his home republic was stopped by police officers at the "Rubezh" checkpoint near Novocheboksarsk. On the suspect's phone, police found photos of stashes hidden in a wooded area along I. Yakovlev avenue in Cheboksary. Subsequently, an investigative team discovered and seized 67 packages of **hashish** in that area. As a result, distribution of approximately **90 grams** of drugs was prevented. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/86528878/>

25.05.2026 Officers from OMVD of Russia "Yegoryevsky" detained a 32-year-old local resident with a prior criminal record who is suspected of attempting to sell narcotics. Acting on intelligence, police stopped his vehicle at the 17th kilometer of the M-5 "Ural" highway. Under the steering column of the vehicle police officers discovered six plastic bags containing a powdery substance. Upon further inspection of a second vehicle, a garage, and hiding places set up by the suspect, operatives seized another 132 bags with similar contents.

According to expert report, the seized substance is **amphetamine** with a total weight of **3 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/86528390/>

25.05.2026 As a result of investigative operations, officers from OMVD of Russia "Vologda" stopped a foreign-made car driven by a St. Petersburg resident born in 2002 on Highway A-114 at the entrance to the regional capital. During a search of the vehicle, they found and seized 10 bricks of a dark-colored solid substance. According to results of analysis, the substance is a narcotic of herbal origin (**hashish**) with a total weight of **957 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/86579972/>

26.05.2026 Officers from patrol and station duty unit of UMVD of Russia in Vladivostok noticed a young man who became visibly nervous upon seeing police. During a search, they found a plastic bag containing several small packages on the young man. Forensic analysis of the seized packages confirmed presence of the synthetic narcotic **4-CMC** (clephedrone). Total weight of the seized substance was **130 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/86681595/>

25.05.2026 A 55-year-old citizen of Tajikistan was detained on Sakhalin. During a personal search, police seized 19 packets of heroin (9.39 grams) from him, and at his residence found another 491 packets of heroin (121.54 grams). A total of **131 grams of heroin** was seized. <https://sakh.online/news/24/2026-05-25/na-sahaline-zaderzhali-muzhchinu-s-krupnoy-partiey-geroina-514136>

26.05.2026 MVD officers in Ryazan's Sovetsky district stopped illegal activities of a 45-year-old unemployed woman from Krasnodar Krai who was acting as a wholesale drug courier. A total of **1,106 grams of N-methylephedrone and 150 grams of MDMA** were seized during the operation from her car, hidden stashes, and her residence. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/86700698/>

26.05.2026 As a result of investigative operations, officers from ONK UVD in Sochi caught a 34-year-old local resident red-handed trafficking in potent substances. After verifying information obtained through investigative channels, police officers apprehended the suspect at a parcel pickup point in the resort city. He had purchased **2 kg of pregabalin** abroad for illegal distribution. At the suspect's residence, police discovered and seized 6,000 empty capsules, a special device for filling them—a capsule filler—as well as **100 capsules of pregabalin**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/86728982/>

27.05.2026 A 25-year-old resident of the Irkutsk district was detained during an operation in the parking lot of Irkutsk Airport. Matchboxes containing marijuana (over 17 grams) were seized from his car. During a search of his home, another 34 boxes and a container of marijuana (weighing a total of nearly 183 g) were found, as well as tobacco laced with hashish oil (over 19 g). In a rented house in the village of Markova, police found 56 cannabis plants (about 5 kg), over 600 g of marijuana prepared for sale, and plant parts (over 200 g). In total, police seized over **800 g of marijuana, 5.2 kg of cannabis, and 19 g of hashish oil**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/86815739/>

27.05.2026 Officers from GU MVD of Russia in the Rostov Region shut down operations of an organized criminal group consisting of six individuals. Three drug dealers were arrested, and approximately **700 grams of synthetic drugs and more than 800 grams of**

marijuana were seized. Also arrested were a 28-year-old coordinator with a prior criminal record and a 27-year-old operator of an online store. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/86888271/>

27.05.2026 Rosgvardia officers in Vladivostok detained two residents of the Moscow region (a 23-year-old woman and a 20-year-old man) on Russkaya street in a forest area. 10 packets of mephedrone (80 g) were found in their bags. Subsequently, all of the mephedrone stashes they had hidden (320 g) were seized, and during a search of their residence, another 8 packets (60 g) were found. Total seized **mephedrone** amounted to **460 grams**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/86833488/>

27.05.2026 Acting on intelligence, officers from UMVD of Russia in Sevastopol foiled illegal activities of a 38-year-old resident of Krasnoperekopsk who intended to sell controlled substances. During a search of the rented apartment, police found a plastic bag containing marijuana in refrigerator, along with 48 plastic packets of "drug herb" ready for sale. Total weight of the seized drugs amounted to approximately **100 grams of marijuana** and nearly **5 grams of mephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/86697136/>

27.05.2026 A clandestine drug laboratory producing α -PVP was dismantled by officers UNK UMVD of Russia in the Tver Region. Drug control operatives detained a 43-year-old man with a prior criminal record, a native of the Orenburg region, who had rented a house in the Staritsky district, where he was manufacturing the deadly substance. Police discovered and seized approximately **10 kg of α -PVP** from the "chemist," along with equipment for production, laboratory glassware, **320 liters of drug precursors** stored in 18 canisters, and containers with traces of the substance. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/86911246/>

28.05.2026 Officers from MU MVD of Russia "Mytishchi" detained a 37-year-old resident of a neighboring country suspected of drug trafficking. It was found that in November 2025 the suspect rented a two-story house in the village of Protasovo, where, on instructions of an anonymous handler, he set up a full-scale synthetic drug production operation. As a result of investigative operations, police discovered a clandestine drug laboratory and detained its organizer. During an inspection of the scene, operatives discovered and seized crystalline substances in various containers. According to expert report, contents of one of the containers are the narcotic drug **methadone** weighing approximately **500 g**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/86962296/>

29.05.2026 Officers from UMVD of Russia in Vladimir Region detained a 36-year-old resident of Vladimir following investigative operations. During a search of the man's country house located on a plot of land in one of the villages in the Kirzhachsky district, police officers discovered and seized **127** growing **cannabis plants** and approximately **12 kg** of dried "**marijuana**". <https://мвд.рф/news/item/87151359/>

29.05.2026 Officers from GUNK MVD of Russia, in collaboration with colleagues from the Sverdlovsk region, detained a previously convicted resident of St. Petersburg. Acting on intelligence, police stopped a vehicle at the 290-kilometer mark of the M-12 "Vostok" highway in the Sverdlovsk region. During a search of the vehicle, they found seven packages containing an unknown substance with a total weight of over **7 kg**. According to an analysis, part of the seized substance is a mixture of narcotics containing **heroin and methadone**.

The remaining prohibited substances were sent for testing.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/87171422/>

29.05.2026 Nearly 1 kilogram of synthetic drugs was discovered in the apartment of an unemployed local resident in St. Petersburg. On Tuesday, 26 May, at around 10 a.m. a search was conducted in the Vyborgsky district of the northern capital at the apartment of a 36-year-old unemployed local resident as part of an ongoing criminal investigation. Police officers discovered more than **900 grams of synthetic drugs**.
<https://neva.today/news/2026/5/29/749239>

29.05.2026 A 55-year-old man was detained in Izhevsk during a police operation in a wooded area along the Yakshur-Bodinsky Highway. During a personal search, a package weighing 247.8 grams was seized from him. Another stash containing 250 grams of synthetic drugs was found in his apartment, hidden under his bed. Total weight of the seized drugs: nearly **500 grams of synthetic drugs**. <https://gorodglazov.com/udmurtia/41727>

29.05.2026 FSB officers in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk detained a 32-year-old man from the Samara region while he was receiving a package containing **3 kg of mephedrone** concealed in tin cans. During searches in Sochi and Vladivostok they seized another **8 kg of mephedrone**.
<https://sakh.online/news/24/2026-05-29/sahalinskoe-ufsb-nakrylo-mezhregionalnyy-kanal-sbyta-8-kg-narkotikov-514594>

30.05.2026 Two local residents, born in 2006 and 2007, were detained in the Trusovsky district of Astrakhan while attempting to dispose of five packages. A forensic examination showed that the seized substance was a derivative of ephedrone (**methcathinone**) weighing **10 grams**. Another Astrakhan resident, born in 2007, was detained during investigation; a search of his person yielded 36 packages containing the same substance weighing **60 grams**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/86849317/>

30.05.2026 Officers from the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs' Ussuriysk Department, acting on intelligence, identified and detained a 41-year-old Vladivostok resident with a prior criminal record as he attempted to conceal heroin. 29 packets were seized from his jacket pocket, and another 6 packets were found near his home on Chicherina street. Total weight of the seized substance exceeded **10 grams**. According to expert analysis, all samples submitted for forensic examination tested positive for **heroin**.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/87095379/>

30.05.2026 During an investigative operation, officers from UMVD of Russia in the Ulyanovsk Region detained two residents of the regional capital with prior criminal records on the Kazan–Buinsk–Ulyanovsk highway in the Leninsky district of Ulyanovsk. A package containing over **1 kg of methadone** was found under the seat of their vehicle. Electronic scales, packaging materials, as well as methadone, amphetamine, and MDMA with a total weight of over 6 grams intended for small-scale wholesale sales were seized from the residence of one of the detainees. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/87172196/>

31.05.2026 A mini-greenhouse used for growing cannabis was discovered in the private home of a 49-year-old local resident in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk. Authorities seized **18 cannabis plants**, as well as **29 grams of hashish oil** (cannabis oil) packaged in syringes and small

packets, which the man had produced for personal use.
<https://мвд.рф/news/item/87341177/>

UZBEKISTAN

21.05.2026 Law enforcement officers conducted an operation in the Sergeli district. During the operation, a suspicious Spark vehicle was inspected in the Khonbodtepa neighborhood; a young man and a young woman were inside. Upon inspection, packages containing narcotics were discovered in the vehicle. In total, they found 114 packages containing **77 grams** of the narcotic substance "**hashish**". <https://upl.uz/incidents/63249-news.html>

23.05.2026 A suspicious individual was spotted by a prevention inspector and cadets from the Ministry of Internal Affairs Academy in the Almazar district. When they attempted to stop and search him, he tried to flee from law enforcement officers. After his arrest, it was discovered that the man was carrying packages containing narcotics and had been stashing them in secret locations. It was found that the man had managed to distribute **20 stashes** of drugs throughout the district. All of them were seized in accordance with established procedures. Additionally, during a search of his temporary residence in the Yunusabad district authorities discovered the narcotic substance "**mephedrone**," electronic scales, and other items necessary for packaging drugs.
<https://upl.uz/incidents/63293-news.html>

27.05.2026 Law enforcement officers identified two suspicious individuals on Fergana Yuli street in the Mirabad district. Upon inspection, it was discovered that the two men, natives of the Samarkand region born in 2007 and 2008, were in possession of **33 packets** containing the narcotic substance "**hashish**." It is reported that criminals were concealing their criminal activities under the guise of food delivery, moving around the city with a thermal box. <https://upl.uz/incidents/63395-news.html>

28.05.2026 Law enforcement officers conducted a special operation in the Kibrai district of the Tashkent region. During the operation, two men, born in 1989, were detained after retrieving a bag from a cache in a field; the bag contained **21.5 kg** of narcotics, including **hashish, opium, and methamphetamine**. It was discovered that orders to retrieve these drugs had been given to them by leader of their criminal group, a man born in 1972. Based on his testimony, another member of the criminal group, a man born in 1963, was detained. He had come to a cache in a field in the Uyichin district of Namangan region. **5 kg of hashish** were found in his possession. It is reported that this citizen had a prior criminal record.
<https://upl.uz/incidents/63425-news.html>

29.05.2026 Officers from the State Security Service, in conjunction with customs officials, conducted a special operation in the Zangiati district of the Tashkent region. During the operation, a native of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, born in 1994, was detained. At the time of his detention, the man was in possession of a water pump that he had received from abroad. A package containing narcotic substances was hidden inside the device. A total of **968 grams** of the synthetic narcotic substance "**Alpha-PVP**" was detected and seized.
<https://upl.uz/incidents/63433-news.html>

29.05.2026 On 20 May this year, law enforcement officers conducted the “Koradori-2026” operational and preventive measures. During the operation, the home of a resident of the Baghdad District suspected of drug trafficking was searched. Some **24 opium poppy plants** were discovered on the man’s property. A search of his home also uncovered approximately **30 kg of poppy straw**. <https://upl.uz/incidents/63434-news.html>

29.05.2026 On 21 May this year, law enforcement officers conducted a special operation in the Jandara district of Bukhara region. During the operation, the home of a local resident suspected of involvement in drug trafficking was searched. During the search of his garden plot, **600 plants containing narcotic substances** were discovered, including cannabis and opium poppies. Each plant was between 50 and 70 centimeters tall. According to expert report, more than **9 kg of narcotic plants** were seized. <https://upl.uz/incidents/63453-news.html>

OTHER COUNTRIES

INDIA

23.05.2026 Customs officials at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in Delhi detained two Thai nationals arriving on a flight from Bangkok and seized six vacuum-sealed packages of hydroponically grown **marijuana** weighing a total of approximately **47.8 kg**. Its market value is estimated at approximately 48 crore rupees (about \$5.75 million). This is one of the largest drug seizures at IGI Airport in recent times. <https://www.etvbharat.com/en/state/hydroponic-weed-worth-rs-48-crore-seized-from-2-thai-nationals-at-igi-airport-enn26052304386>

27.05.2026 A joint operation by the Indian Coast Guard and the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) off the coast of Gujarat (Mundra Port) on the night of 25-26 May 2026 resulted in the seizure of **115 kg of cocaine** with an estimated value of approximately 1,150 crore rupees (approximately \$138 million). Drugs were discovered when suspicious bags began to be thrown overboard from the container ship MV Europe—operatives quickly seized five such bags. Upon opening them, they found 115 packages of white powder weighing approximately 1 kg each, which was found to be cocaine. <https://www.newzdaddy.com/gujarat-coast-stunned-by-huge-mundra-cocaine-seizure/>

IRELAND

24.05.2026 In North Dublin, the Irish police (Gardaí), in collaboration with Revenue Customs Services, seized approximately **75 kg of cannabis** worth around €1.5 million during a joint operation on 22 May. A man in his 30s was arrested on suspicion of involvement in the crime and is currently in custody. <https://www.irishmirror.ie/news/irish-news/crime/man-held-after-15m-cannabis-37197137>

27.05.2026 In County Clare, Ireland, a joint operation by customs officials and police resulted in the seizure of **210 kg of marijuana** (cannabis herb) with an estimated value of approximately €4.2 million. A man in his 40s was arrested and appeared in Ennis District Court. <https://clareherald.com/news/crime-legal/man-due-in-court-after-major-shannon-drugs-seizure/>

NIGERIA

31.05.2026 Officials from the NDLEA (Nigeria's National Drug Law Enforcement Agency) conducted a series of raids in Lagos, Kaduna, Niger, and Enugu. They seized **3 kg of ketamine, 1,700 kg of cannabis, and 22,000 tramadol tablets**. <https://thefact.ng/ndlea-intercepts-drugs-hidden-in-water-purifiers-makes-multiple-arrests/>

USA

22.05.2026 CBP officers used a spotlight to stop a smuggler's boat off the coast of Puerto Rico that was carrying approximately 391 pounds (**177 kg**) of **cocaine**. The incident occurred on 13 May, when an aircraft spotted a suspicious 25-foot blue vessel northwest of the island. During an attempt to apprehend the vessel, those on board began throwing packages into the water, but agents ultimately seized five packages, and three citizens of the Dominican Republic were detained. <https://www.ktvb.com/article/news/local/routine-traffic-stop-fremont-county-largest-meth-seizure-idaho-history/277-0a2a92b4-bb13-42fb-8e8f-c8ad205618b2>

22.05.2026 During a routine traffic stop on Highway 20 near Chester, Idaho, Fremont County deputy sheriff seized 115.4 pounds (**52.3 kg**) of **methamphetamine**. Total value of the seizure is estimated to exceed 1.5 million dollars. This is the largest shipment of methamphetamine ever seized in the state's history. <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/deputy-uncovers-largest-meth-haul-in-idaho-history-during-traffic-stop-on-highway-20/ar-AA23LnRD>

FRANCE

30.06.2026 During a joint anti-drug operation by French and Moroccan police near the port of Le Havre, more than 1.2 tons of drugs were seized—**1,125 kg of marijuana, 30 kg of cannabis pollen, and 78 kg of hashish**. Seven people were detained on suspicion of involvement in smuggling operation. <https://www.moroccoworldnews.com/2026/05/311712/french-moroccan-police-team-up-in-major-drug-trafficking-case/>