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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 March 2026, based on information from media law enforcement agencies and security structures of CARICC member states seized **679.68 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 6.79 kg, opium – 12 kg, cocaine – 1.7 kg, cannabis-group drugs – 550.48 kg, synthetic drugs – 54.78 kg, and potent substances – 33.93 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	6.5	0	0	0.29	0	0
Opium	0	0	0	0	0	12
Cocaine	0	0	0	1.7	0	0
Cannabis group drugs	72.56	303.7	0.32	90.77	0	83.13
Synthetic drugs	4.63	0.04	0.14	49.52	0	0.45
Potent substances	0	0	0	30	0	3.93
Total	83.69	303.74	0.46	172.28	20	99.51

During the same period, other countries around the world seized **10 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: opium – 613.6 kg, cocaine – 1 tons 6 kg, cannabis-group drugs – 2 tons, synthetic drugs – 6 tons 382.4 kg, and potent substances – 0 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN

22.03.2026 On 21 March, during a police operation officers seized **500 methadone tablets**. The agency reported that decisive measures to combat drug trafficking are continuing. <https://oxu.az/ru/obshestvo/v-azerbajdzhane-za-sutki-izyato-bolee-40-kg-narkotikov>

23.03.2026 Individuals involved in illegal transportation and storage of narcotics were detained in Shabran. During the operation, 30-year-old Kyanan Jebrailov and 36-year-old Anar Magherramov, a previously convicted individual, both residents of the Khachmaz District, were detained. A total of **7.6 kg of marijuana, heroin, and hashish resin** was discovered and seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/zhiteli-hachmazskogo-rajona-zaderzhany-v-shabrane-s-krupnoj-partiej-narkotikov-foto-video>

23.03.2026 As a result of operational activities conducted by officers of the Lankaran District Police Department, the sale of a large shipment of narcotics smuggled into Azerbaijan was thwarted. 38-year-old Farid Kishiyev was detained as a result of these operations. He was found to be in possession of more than **12 kg of marijuana**, which had been purchased for delivery to various addresses in Baku. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/zaderzhan-muzhchina-pytavshijsya-perevezti-narkotiki-iz-lyankarana-v-baku-video>

26.03.2026 During a recent operation in Baku, the following individuals with prior convictions were detained: Tural Abdullayev, Murad Tagiyev, Turan Guliyev, Jeyhun Mammadov, Isa Heydarov, and Dovlet Dovletov. More than **10 kg of heroin, methamphetamine, and marijuana** were found in their possession as well as **1,727 narcotic pills**. It was found that drugs were intended for sale. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-baku-izyali-bolee-10-kg-narkotikov>

30.03.2026 Azerbaijan's State Border Service foiled the smuggling of more than 51 kg of narcotics from Iran. Smuggling was stopped on the service territory of the "Lankaran" border detachment. In total, border guards seized **51.56 kg of marijuana** - 41.28 kg on 22 March and 10.28 kg on 25 March. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/pogranichni-ki-presekli-kontrabandu-bolee-51-kg-narkotikov-iz-irana-v-azerbajdzhan>

30.03.2026 Officers from the Agjabedi District Police Department conducted an operation against illicit trafficking of narcotics and psychotropic substances. Mohammad Mosazadeh, an Iranian national, and Rashad Aliyev were detained in the village of Ashaghy Avshar. They were found in possession of **2 kilograms** of narcotics, **heroin and methamphetamine**. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-agdzhabedinskom-rajone-zaderzhan-grazhdanin-irana-zapopytku-nezakonnogo-vvoza-narkotikov-foto-video>

KAZAKHSTAN

27.03.2026 Officers of the Department for Combating Drug Crime of the Mangistau Region Police Department in Aktau conducted investigative operations. Four individuals were detained during the operations. A search and inspection resulted in the seizure of **3.7 kg of marijuana**. Mobile phones and electronic scales were also seized as physical evidence. <https://polisia.kz/ru/pochti-4-kg-narkotikov-iz-yali-u-zaderzhannyh-v-aktau/>

30.03.2026 Drug control officers in the Ulytau region shut down a major drug trafficking route originating in southern regions of the country. Five individuals involved in drug trafficking were detained during an operation on the Zhezkazgan–Karaganda highway. During a search of the vehicle, police seized 13 packages of **marijuana** weighing a total of over **300 kg**. According to preliminary estimates, seized quantity amounts to up to one million single doses, and its estimated value on black market could reach three million U.S. dollars. <https://polisia.kz/ru/perehvat-na-doroge-v-oblasti-ulytau-likvidirovan-krupnyj-kanal-postavki-narkotikov/>

31.03.2026 Police officers in Petropavlovsk detained a 33-year-old local man in an Audi. During a personal search, four packets containing a powdery substance were seized from the man. Another 25 packets were found and seized from the vehicle. Analysis showed that the

substance was the synthetic drug **α-PvP**, with a total weight of **40 grams**.
<https://polisia.kz/ru/kanal-postavki-sintetiki-presekli-politsejskie-v-sko/>

KYRGYZSTAN

25.03.2026 A suspect in illegal trafficking of drugs and weapons was detained in Chui region. On 19 February, as part of a criminal investigation conducted by the Tokmok City Police Department, a search was carried out at the home of a citizen known as D.N., born in 1970, who is temporarily residing in the village of Tort-Kul in Kemin district. During a search law enforcement officers discovered and seized dark green substances with a characteristic odor, as well as a bag containing a plant-based substance. An examination showed that the seized substances were narcotics: **281 grams** of cannabis (**marijuana**) and **1 gram of hashish**.
<https://topnews.kg/proisshestviya/119048-u-zhitelja-keminskogo-raiona-nashli-narkotiki-i-oruzhie.html>

26.03.2026 In Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyzstan, law enforcement authorities detained a young couple suspected of trafficking synthetic drugs. According to information from the agency, on 19 March 2026 officers from the anti-drug unit conducted a search of a man born in 1993 and a woman born in 2004, during which they found packages of synthetic drugs wrapped in black electrical tape. The detainees agreed to cooperate with police and indicated locations where **14 stashes of synthetic drugs** were concealed.
<https://topnews.kg/proisshestviya/119645-v-bishkeke-raskryli-zakladchikov-narkotikov-obnaruzheny-14-tajnikov.html>

30.03.2026 A suspect in drug trafficking was detained, press service of the Chui Region Police Department reported on 30 March. On 10 December 2025, the Sokuluk District Police Department received information that a man was selling Afghan hashish in Bishkek and Chui region. As part of investigation, police officers purchased hashish for 1,500 soms, and on 26 March they arrested the suspect, A.A., born in 1968. They found **40 grams of hashish** in his possession.
<https://svodka.akipress.org/news:2440651/?from=svodka&place=search&sth=890b63a858364def4d5b9f3cdc9788ac>

RUSSIA

23.03.2026 Two women from Voronezh, aged 34 and 29, are suspected of selling illegal substances. Police shut down a drug ring. During a search on Peshe-Streletskaia street law enforcement officers discovered **80 grams of heroin**. The suspects admitted that they planned to distribute drugs contactlessly via "stash points." Forensic analysis confirmed the substance's composition. It was discovered that the suspects had prior convictions.
<https://moe-online.ru/news/incidents/1253856/amp>

23.03.2026 Operatives of MVD of Russia and MVD of the Republic of Belarus completed a joint operation. Members of a transnational organized group suspected of organizing illegal production of methadone were detained. Thanks to coordinated efforts, the suspect and his accomplice, a Russian citizen, were detained in February this year in Chekhovskiy district of Moscow region. A laboratory was discovered, from which more than **11 kg of methadone**, precursors, and specialized equipment were seized. During a search of another private home

in the Mozhaisk district of Moscow region rented by the suspects, approximately **2 kg of methadone** prepared for sale was seized. In this way, cooperation and timely exchange of information between colleagues from MVD of Russia and MVD of the Republic of Belarus allowed for prevention of more than 65,000 single doses of this dangerous drug from entering drug markets. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/81609731/>

23.03.2026 Officers of GU MVD of Russia in the Moscow Region stopped a taxi at the 101st kilometer of the M-2 "Crimea" highway to check the driver's documents; a 44-year-old resident of Tula was a passenger in the vehicle. During the conversation with police officers, the man appeared noticeably nervous and behaved suspiciously. During a personal search, police officers discovered and seized two bags containing **179 small packages** of a substance from side pockets of the suspect's personal bag. According to expert report, contents of the packages are the narcotic substance **mephedrone** and also contain a derivative of the narcotic substance N-methylephedrone. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/81644547/>

23.03.2026 Police patrol officers on duty in the Central District of Togliatti noticed two men who, upon seeing the officers, noticeably quickened their pace and attempted to flee. Law enforcement officers stopped the young men. During a personal search, police discovered 15 packets of a white powdery substance in clothing of one of the local residents. Investigators went to residence of the detained man born in 2006. During a search of the apartment, criminal investigators seized a backpack found inside the premises, which contained more than 20 packets of a powdery substance, as well as various packaging tools. An analysis showed that all seized packages contained more than **800 grams of synthetic narcotics** and **212 grams of heroin**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/81288943/>

23.03.2026 Early in the morning, at the 317th kilometer of the Yekaterinburg–Tyumen highway, officers from the Traffic Police Regiment of the State Traffic Safety Inspectorate of UMVD of Russia in the Tyumen Region stopped a Volkswagen Polo to check the driver's documents. During conversation with police, the driver, a 40-year-old native of the Sverdlovsk region, showed noticeable signs of nervousness. Suspecting the man of transporting prohibited substances, law enforcement officers decided to search his vehicle. In the presence of witnesses, police officers discovered four plastic bags concealed under the passenger seat cover. An analysis showed that the seized substance was **mephedrone** with a total weight of approximately **2 kilograms**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/81627087/>

23.03.2026 Police officers received intelligence indicating that a resident of Galich was in possession of narcotics as a result of a series of special operations. Officers from the Galich Criminal Investigation Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia detained the suspect. During a search, over 30 kg of illegal substances were discovered and seized (**20 kg of cannabis**, nearly **9 kg of a narcotic-containing plant derivative**, **3 kg of hashish**, as well as synthetic drugs weighing a total of approximately 1.5 grams). <https://мвд.пф/news/item/81651217/>

23.03.2026 Officers from OMVD of Russia in Prokopyevsk received information about an upcoming sale of a large shipment of illegal substances. Working together with traffic police inspectors, they stopped a taxi in which suspects were transporting drugs. During a personal

search of the detainees, police seized 11 packages containing narcotics. An examination conducted by forensic experts found that the seized packages contained **carfentanil**. Total weight of drugs was approximately **5 grams**, which constitutes a particularly large quantity for this type of illegal substance. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/81622136/>

24.03.2026 Officers from the Russian MVD, together with colleagues from GU MVD of Russia in the Moscow Region and UMVD of Russia in the Leninsky Urban District, detained a man from Chelyabinsk region. He is suspected of drug trafficking. As a result of investigative operations, police uncovered a drug production facility located in the village of Petrushino in the Leninsky Urban District. During a search of the house and garage, investigators discovered canisters containing precursors, containers with powdered and liquid substances, laboratory equipment, and other items of evidentiary value. According to expert conclusion, the mixtures, weighing more than **20 kilograms**, contain **mephedrone**. In addition, police seized over **1 kg of mephedrone** from a cache in a forest near the town of Domodedovo; suspect had prepared drugs for online sale. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/81713808/>

24.03.2026 During the day, at the 253rd kilometer of the Tyumen–Tobolsk–Khanty-Mansiysk federal highway traffic police inspectors from the Tyumen Region Traffic Police Regiment of UMVD of Russia stopped a Haval crossover. A 30-year-old resident of Novosibirsk was behind the wheel of the foreign-made vehicle. While his documents were being checked, the man appeared noticeably nervous, which prompted police to search the vehicle. In the center console, beneath the gearshift, police officers discovered five clear bags containing a white powder. Another package was concealed beneath the floor mat of the front passenger seat. A forensic analysis confirmed that the substance seized was **N-methylephedrone**. A total of approximately **3 kg** of “salt” was recovered. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/81741231/>

24.03.2026 During an investigative operation, officers from the Drug Control Department of UMVD of Russia in the Yaroslavl Region identified and detained a man born in 2004 who was involved in illegal trafficking of narcotics. During a search of a house located in the Yaroslavl district, where the suspect carried out his criminal activities, police discovered and seized laboratory equipment and canisters containing chemical reagents necessary for illegal production of narcotics. According to tests conducted, it was found that the substances submitted for analysis contained the narcotic drug **mephedrone**, with a total weight of over **3.5 kg**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/81721567/>

24.03.2026 Police officers in Barnaul detained two young men after discovering a shipment of narcotics in their possession. The operation was carried out by officers from the Drug Control Department in conjunction with the State Traffic Police of the Pervomaisky District. The detainees were residents of Novoaltaysk and Barnaul, born in 2005 and 2006. According to police, young men purchased a large quantity of drugs in the Novosibirsk region and were transporting it in a rented Mitsubishi vehicle. More than **50 grams of hashish** were seized during a search, which was later confirmed by experts. <https://www.amic.ru/news/dvuh-druzey-s-optovoy-partiey-gashisha-zaderzhali-v-barnaule-580425>

24.03.2026 Officers from the Directorate General for Combating Smuggling of the Federal Customs Service of Russia and the Central Postal Customs Office foiled a particularly large-scale drug smuggling operation. During investigative operations in Moscow, customs officials inspected a package from Thailand containing approximately **1 kg** of tetrahydrocannabinol

(**marijuana**) packed in hair wax jars. The goods were being shipped from capital to a recipient in Novgorod. The suspect was detained by customs officers upon receiving the package. He was a 33-year-old man with multiple prior convictions, including for drug trafficking. https://www.alta.ru/cfo_news/126626/

25.03.2026 Officers from UMVD of Russia in Bryansk, in cooperation with colleagues from the regional FSB office, disrupted illegal activities of seven individuals involved in a scheme to supply narcotics into the region. Law enforcement officers detained four suspects, including alleged leader of the group, in late February this year and seized a total of approximately 4 kg of illicit substances. Recently, as a result of investigative operations, detectives organized a special operation to detain three more members of the drug ring. In the apartment of one of them, a 29-year-old man who served as a wholesale packager, investigators discovered approximately **1 kg of various narcotics**, such as hashish, mephedrone, methadone, cocaine, alpha-PVP, and MDMA. The second member of the group arrested recently, a 33-year-old resident of Bryansk, was a mid-level drug courier. During a personal search, police seized approximately **1 kg** of similar prohibited substances. The third person involved in illegal trafficking of narcotics was a 37-year-old man who acted as a retail distributor. Detectives found 40 plastic packets of methadone ready for sale on his person. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/81832163/>

26.03.2026 Officers from UMVD of Russia in the Penza Region stopped a car driven by a 35-year-old man from Ulyanovsk on a highway in the Kuznetsk District. During a search of the vehicle, a hidden compartment was discovered under the hood, from which law enforcement officers retrieved two gripper bags containing approximately **330 grams of marijuana**. As a result of their investigative work, police investigators, in collaboration with colleagues from the regional office of the Federal Security Service (FSB) of Russia, tracked down a 46-year-old supplier of “weed.” During an official trip to the city of Livny in the Oryol region, law enforcement officers raided the suspect’s residence and, during a search, discovered approximately **16 kilograms of marijuana** in his possession. As it became clear, drug dealer had set up a complete production cycle: he grew cannabis at his dacha, processed it, and stored finished marijuana in baby bathtubs for subsequent wholesale distribution throughout the country. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/81898459/>

26.03.2026 Transport police in Orenburg region, in cooperation with colleagues from the regional FSB office, shut down illegal activities of a former railway worker who was growing cannabis in the basement of his private home in the Sovetsky district of Orsk. During the operation, investigators discovered a small plantation and marijuana ready for consumption. In total, the investigative team seized **22 grams of marijuana and more than 8 kg of cannabis** from the scene. The man had previously been convicted on multiple occasions. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/81893828/>

26.03.2026 Detectives from the Criminal Investigation Division at Kaliningrad Station, part of the Western Transport Directorate of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs, arrested two local residents, aged 32 and 40, suspected of committing a series of serious and particularly serious crimes. Operatives apprehended the younger accomplice red-handed in the area of the Kaliningrad-Sortirovochny–Aivazovsky railway section. During a search of the suspect, who was planning to set up stashes, investigators discovered more than **38 grams of marijuana**. As it was discovered, the man was working in cahoots with an older associate.

The latter had set up a laboratory in his apartment for growing narcotic plants and producing “marijuana” for resale. During a search of the 40-year-old suspect’s residence, law enforcement officers seized approximately **450 grams of marijuana** and found an entire cannabis plantation equipped with an irrigation and lighting system.
<https://мвд.рф/news/item/81917063/>

26.03.2026 Officers from the Krasnodar Regional Transport Police Department of MVD of Russia identified a 20-year-old resident of the Seversky district suspected of attempting to traffic a large quantity of narcotics. While acting on intelligence in the urban-type settlement of Afipsky, transport police officers detained the young man. During the arrest, the suspect attempted to destroy evidence of crime by discarding a plastic package containing narcotics. According to analysis, the seized package contained a narcotic substance, an **N-methylephedrone** derivative, weighing over **100 grams**. During a search of the suspect’s residence, police found and seized clear plastic bags, electrical tape, and electronic scales.
<https://мвд.рф/news/item/81893600/>

26.03.2026 Acting on intelligence, officers from MVD of Ingushetia arrived at an open area in the Gamurziyevsky Administrative District of Nazran and, with the assistance of a police dog, discovered a cache containing a package of **clephedrone** weighing approximately **1.2 kg**. As a result of further investigative operations, officers from UNK MVD in the Republic of Ingushetia detained two suspected drug dealers, residents of the Nazran District. Information confirming their involvement in illegal trafficking of controlled substances was found on the men’s phones. After examining data from the suspects’ devices, investigators located several additional drug caches previously set up by them along the “Sunzha–Malgobek” and “Troitskoye–Karabulak” highways. From these caches police seized a total of more than **500 grams of clephedrone**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/81931264/>

26.03.2026 Traffic police officers from the State Traffic Safety Inspectorate of GU MVD of Russia in the Moscow Region stopped a foreign-made vehicle at the 101st kilometer of the M-2 “Crimea” highway to check driver’s documents; a 47-year-old woman from Lipetsk region was a passenger in the vehicle. While speaking with police officers, the woman appeared noticeably nervous and behaved suspiciously. During a personal search, a plastic bag containing a powdery substance, containers with the substance, glass tubes, and rolls of electrical tape were discovered and seized from under the jacket worn by the detainee and from her handbag. According to expert conclusion, contents of one of the packages are the narcotic substance **mephedrone** weighing more than **1 kg**.
<https://мвд.рф/news/item/81921734/>

27.03.2026 Officers from the Patrol and Post Service of UMVD of Russia in Nizhnevartovsk, while acting on intelligence in the vicinity of a gardening cooperative, detained a 24-year-old woman from Irkutsk region suspected of drug trafficking. During the operation, police officers seized 16 packets containing a white powdery substance. Items indicating preparation for drug distribution were discovered and seized in the suspect’s rented apartment: electrical tape, packaging materials, electronic scales, and a powdery substance. Forensic analysis determined that the seized substance contained the narcotic derivative **N-methylephedrone**. Total weight of the seized “synthetics” exceeded **180 grams**.
<https://мвд.рф/news/item/81991831/>

27.03.2026 Officers from UNK UMVD of Russia in the Tambov Region foiled activities of an interregional drug trafficker, a taxi driver from Moscow born in 1974. His vehicle was stopped by a Tambov Traffic Police patrol on the R-22 "Caspian" highway. During a search of the vehicle, drug control officers discovered packages containing white powder. Some were hidden under the steering panel on the driver's side, while others were found in two light fixtures, or "checkerboards," mounted on the taxi's roof. Substances were seized and sent for analysis, which determined that they were **N-methylephedrone** with a total weight of over **1 kg**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/81990696/>

27.03.2026 Officers from GUNK MVD of Russia, in collaboration with colleagues from Moscow, disrupted illegal activities of three members of an organized group. First, police detained a 26-year-old resident of a North Caucasus republic of Russia. During a personal search and in caches equipped by him, they found and seized 240 capsules containing pregabalin. As a result of further joint efforts, police officers identified and detained two more suspects, residents of Moscow and Moscow region. During searches conducted at the accomplices' residences, more than **30 kg of pregabalin**, computer equipment, communication devices, and other items of evidentiary value were seized. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/82022002/>

27.03.2026 St. Petersburg and Leningrad Region Directorate of the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) dismantled a drug trafficking ring. The criminal group, consisting of members of the Azerbaijani ethnic community, was trafficking illegal drugs on a particularly large scale. Investigators seized **24 kg of hashish and 1.7 kg of cocaine** from foreign nationals. <https://78.ru/news/2026-03-27/u-azerbaidzhanskoi-opg-v-peterburge-izyali-svishe-25-kg-narkotikov>

27.03.2026 Officers from UMVD of Russia in the Murmansk Region detained a 29-year-old Murmansk resident suspected of attempting to sell a large quantity of drugs. Investigators caught him red-handed near a house on Bochkova street. During a personal search they found packages containing a substance on the man. Forensic analysis showed that it was a synthetic drug, so-called "**chemical hashish**," with a total weight of over **50 grams**, which is considered a large quantity. Police discovered several more packages in the suspect's garage and car. The suspect, who has a prior criminal record, admitted to the crime. <https://murmantv.ru/news-n-43999--v-murmanske-zaderzhali-muzhchinu-s-krupnoj-partiej-himicheskikh-narkotikov>

29.03.2026 A foreign national was detained with a shipment of drugs in the Vsevolozhsky district of St. Petersburg. On 26 March in Murino, drug enforcement officers stopped a 34-year-old woman from a neighboring country. She was carrying 42 packages containing a plant-based substance with a total weight of over **50 grams**. An analysis confirmed that the 31st package contained nearly 26 grams of **hashish**. The rest of contents of packages have yet to be examined. <https://78.ru/amp/news/2026-03-29/v-murino-poimali-inostranku-s-50-grammami-gashisha>

30.03.2026 An illegal act committed by a local resident was uncovered by officers of OMVD of Russia in the Uritsky District during the course of investigative operations. Police identified a suspect in illegal possession of a plant-based narcotic substance. At the man's residence and in his garage, police officers discovered and seized several glass jars and sports nutrition

containers filled with a substance believed to be a narcotic. According to an analysis conducted by forensic chemists, the man was in possession of **3.88 kg of marijuana**.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/82190453/>

31.03.2026 Officers from the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs' Presnensky District Department arrested three men suspected of attempting to sell a large quantity of marijuana. Acting on intelligence, police officers detained two Moscow residents and a foreign national residing in the capital on Bolshaya Nikitskaya street. Two construction bags containing plant-based substances packaged in smaller bags were seized at the scene and from a parked SUV. A bag containing a container and seven packages of the plant-based substance, as well as a package with three homemade joints containing the plant-based substance, was also seized. Total weight of the seized items exceeded **5 kilograms**. According to test report on a portion of seized items, they contained the narcotic substance cannabis (**marijuana**). It was found that the seized drugs were intended for subsequent sale.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/82251207/>

UZBEKISTAN

21.03.2026 Officers from the Tashkent Regional Office of the Department under the General Prosecutor's Office in conjunction with officers from other law enforcement agencies conducted a special operation. Two citizens were detained during the operation, and **32 units** of the potent drug "**Regapen 300 mg**" and **2 units of "Pregabalin 150 mg"** were seized. Similarly, in the Yakkasaray district of Tashkent, two more citizens were detained while attempting to sell **50 units** of the drug "**Regapen**." Criminal cases were initiated in both instances. <https://upl.uz/incidents/61370-news.html>

24.03.2026 A special operation was conducted in the Surkhandarya region by border guards of the State Security Service (SGB) and officers of the regional customs office. During the operation, a MAN truck entering Uzbekistan from Afghanistan via the "Termiz-Avtomobil Yuli" border crossing point was inspected. The driver was a resident of the Termez district of Surkhandarya region born in 2001. The inspection discovered that cargo compartment of the vehicle was carrying potatoes. However, a thorough search found that 222 pieces of the narcotic substance "**hashish**" were concealed beneath potatoes. In total, an attempt was made to smuggle **72.3 kg** of the narcotic substance across the border.
<https://upl.uz/incidents/61423-news.html>

25.03.2026 Officers of the State Security Service's Border Guard Service successfully intercepted a large shipment of narcotics. They detained a resident of Afghanistan's Kunduz province, born in 1974, who had crossed the state border illegally. The suspect crossed the Amu Darya river in a boat carrying two sacks. The sacks contained 10 packages holding **10.35 kg** of the narcotic substance "**hashish**." It is reported that he was delivering drugs into Uzbekistan. <https://upl.uz/incidents/61479-news.html>

25.03.2026 Officers from internal affairs agencies, in conjunction with State Security Service officers, conducted a special operation. During the operation, a "Cobalt" vehicle was stopped at a stationary traffic police checkpoint in the Gallaaral district of the Jizzak region. The driver, born in 1981, refused to exit the vehicle, so windows of his car were broken and the man was detained. A search of the vehicle showed that the perpetrator was transporting **338 grams of**

marijuana. His intent was to sell the narcotics. During a search of his home, another **19 grams of marijuana** and electronic scales were discovered and seized.
<https://upl.uz/incidents/61449-news.html>

26.03.2026 Officers from internal affairs agencies, in conjunction with State Security Service personnel, conducted a special operation. During the operation, a search was carried out at the home of a resident of the Bostanlyk district, born in 1985. The search yielded several matchboxes and paper packets containing the narcotic substance "**marijuana.**" A total of approximately **116 grams** of drugs were seized. Additionally, the search uncovered illegal possession of a hunting rifle. <https://upl.uz/incidents/61483-news.html>

27.03.2026 Officers from the State Security Service, in collaboration with law enforcement bodies, conducted a special operation. A drug laboratory was detected in the Sergely district during the operation. It was discovered that a resident of the Chinaz district, born in 2003, had rented an apartment and set up a drug laboratory there. He was assisted in his work by an acquaintance, also a resident of the Chinaz district. During a search of their apartment, **3.5 kg** of the potent drug "**Pregabalin**" and **45 liters of precursors** were seized. Total value of the seized substances amounted to 4.5 billion soums.
<https://upl.uz/incidents/61513-news.html>

28.03.2026 During an investigation conducted by officials from the Department under the General Prosecutor's Office, in cooperation with other law enforcement agencies, it was found that a citizen had been detained in the Beshbola mahalla of Fergana for selling the narcotic substance hashish for 2.8 million som. During a search of his residence, law enforcement officers discovered and seized **558 units** of the drug "**Regapen,**" which is classified as a potent psychotropic substance. <https://anhor.uz/news/drug-case/>

30.03.2026 Officers from internal affairs agencies, with the assistance of State Security Service personnel, conducted a special operation in the Chilanazar district of the capital. During the operation, two individuals were detained; they were traveling through the district in a "Gazel" vehicle and were in possession of potent substances. A total of **391 capsules** containing **potent substances** and 59 vials of an unknown liquid were found in the vehicle. In addition, another accomplice was apprehended; he was traveling in a Damas vehicle. A further **368 units of potent drugs** were found in his possession. Based on this individual's statements, authorities were able to identify their supplier. A drug laboratory and various illicit substances were discovered at the supplier's residence. <https://upl.uz/incidents/61585-news.html>

31.03.2026 Officers from internal affairs agencies, in conjunction with State Security Service personnel, conducted a special operation in the Chilanazar district. During the operation, a citizen who was acting suspiciously was subjected to a personal search. During the search, two types of **narcotic substances** with a total weight of **450 grams** were found on the individual. According to the detainee, he had acquired these narcotic substances for further distribution and retrieved it from a cache in the TTF area. It is reported that the detainee had previously been convicted. <https://upl.uz/incidents/61642-news.html>

31.03.2026 Pensioners involved in drug trafficking were detained in the Surkhandarya region. According to information from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, elderly residents of border areas conspired with drug traffickers from Afghanistan and smuggled opium into Uzbekistan. During

the operation, an elderly courier carrying narcotics was detained. Law enforcement later identified other members of the group. Money was confiscated from one of the detainees, and 5 grams of drugs were confiscated from the other. During a search of the alleged group leader's home, a significant amount of drugs was discovered: 12 packages of **opium** weighing a total of more than **12 kilograms**, along with equipment for drug use. <https://topnews.kg/v-mire/120900-v-uzbekistane-razoblachena-gruppa-pensionerov-kotorye-vtjanulis-v-narkobiznes.html>

OTHER COUNTRIES

UNITED KINGDOM

24.03.2026 Border Force officers seized approximately **1 ton of cocaine**, worth around £80 million, during a major anti-drug operation at a British port. The shipment was discovered at the London Gateway port in Essex on Friday. Drugs were concealed in a cargo container that arrived from Panama. The container was carrying a shipment of ceramics and kitchenware and was bound for Norway, officials said. <https://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/one-tonne-cocaine-worth-80m-33654259>

INDIA

21.03.2026 During a major anti-drug operation on Saturday, police in Agra Malwa district, Madhya Pradesh, seized **613.6 kg of poppy** worth 1.22 crore rupees from a truck. A truck heading to Punjab was intercepted following a tip-off about drugs being transported under the guise of soybean bags. Of the 325 bags, the banned substance was found in 31. <https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/law-order/3845766-major-poppy-husk-seizure-on-agar-sarangpur-road?amp>

CANADA

26.03.2026 Royal Canadian Mounted Police in British Columbia announced that they had foiled an operation to smuggle methamphetamine to Melbourne, Australia, hidden in jars of pickled cucumbers. Police report that investigation was conducted in cooperation with the Australian Federal Police and the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), resulting in the seizure of **115 kilograms of methamphetamine** in January at a container facility in Tsawassen, British Columbia. Two male suspects, aged 40 and 63, were arrested in Australia on 17 March, and a 46-year-old foreign national was arrested on the same day in Kelowna, British Columbia. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/rcmp-methamphetamine-pickle-jars-9.7143935>

NIGERIA

30.03.2026 Agents from the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) cracked down on a major cocaine trafficking operation and carried out numerous seizures of hard drugs across the country. **5.80 kilograms of cocaine** bound for Delhi, India, were seized at the airport. In addition, **1.9 kilograms of methamphetamine and 1,840 kilograms of cannabis** were seized across the country. <https://blueprint.ng/ndlea-busts-cocaine-hidden-in-dry-fish/>

SAINT LUCIA

26.03.2026 On 26 March, a joint operation involving the Customs and Revenue Department and the Gang, Narcotics, and Firearms Unit (GNFU), with support from other units of the Royal St. Lucia Police Force (RSLPF), resulted in a successful seizure of both drugs and cash. During a routine inspection of a shipment, officers noticed an anomaly that warranted a more thorough search. This led to the discovery of approximately **150 kg of cannabis and 10 kg of hashish**. Hashish is valued at 405,760 dollars, and cannabis at approximately 3,742,250 dollars. <https://thevoiceslu.com/2026/03/major-drug-bust-at-port-castries-over-4-million-worth-of-narcotics-seized/>

USA

23.03.2026 A traffic stop on a road in Donelson led to a major methamphetamine seizure. According to the Nashville Metropolitan Police Department, officers seized approximately **102 kg of methamphetamine** during a stop of a Chrysler Pacifica. Police reported that drugs were packed into several large bags inside the vehicle. Two brothers, who are suspects, were taken into custody. <https://countryherald.com/news/nashville-tn-drug-bust-225-lbs-meth-seized-in-donelson-traffic-stop/>

26.03.2026 U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents at the Otay Mesa cargo terminal seized more than 400 kg of liquid methamphetamine concealed in a truck's fuel tank. The seizure occurred on 2 March when CBP officers inspected a tractor-trailer entering the United States from Mexico. During the inspection, CBP officers opened the tractor-trailer's fuel tank and inserted a probe, discovering an unknown gel-like substance mixed with diesel fuel. CBP agents removed a total of 29 five-gallon buckets of the liquid substance from the fuel tank. A CBP agent conducted a field test on the liquid, which identified **methamphetamine**; total weight was **428 kg**. <https://www.border-security-report.com/us-cbp-officers-seize-over-900-pounds-of-liquid-methamphetamine-in-tractor-trailer-fuel-tank/>

THAILAND

23.03.2026 Chiang Mai Police Department announced the seizure of **21,002,000 methamphetamine tablets** and **320 kilograms** of crystal **methamphetamine** during a series of five recent operations, in which 10 suspects were arrested and 6 vehicles were confiscated. This was announced by Police Lieutenant General Kritthaphon Yisakorn, Police Commissioner, at the headquarters of Police Region 5 in Muang Chiang Mai District. <https://www.khaosodenglish.com/news/2026/03/23/police-seize-21-million-meth-pills-320-kg-crystal-meth-across-five-cases/>

UKRAINE

30.03.2026 Law enforcement agencies cracked down on a criminal group involved in the manufacture and distribution of narcotic and psychotropic substances in the Ivano-Frankivsk region. Four suspects were detained during the operation: two 18-year-olds, one minor, and a 37-year-old accomplice. 24 searches were conducted as part of the investigation. As a result, more than **165 kg of amphetamine** were seized. <https://inkorr.com/ru/na-ivano-frankivskini-likvidovano-narkolaboratoriu-zatrimano-4-osobi-viluceno-zbrou-ta-165-kg-amfetaminu-313605>