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

11.08.2026-20.08.2026

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Between 11 and 20 August 2026, based on information from mass media law enforcement agencies and security structures of CARICC member states seized **1 ton 106.29 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 1 kg, opium – 0 kg, cocaine – 1 kg, cannabis-group drugs – 845.81 kg, synthetic drugs – 128.39 kg and potent substances – 131.07 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	0	0	0	0.5	0	0.5
Opium	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cocaine	0	0	0	0.02	0	0
Cannabis group drugs	251.15	208.3	0	274.67	0	111.69
Synthetic drugs	1.51	28.8	2	87.43	0	8.65
Potent substances	0	0	0	0	0	131.07
Total	252.66	237.1	2	362.62	0	251.91

During the same period, other countries around the world seized **6 tons 594.3 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including cocaine – 3 tons 336 kg, cannabis-group drugs – 86 kg, synthetic drugs – 3 tons 157 kg and potent substances – 15.3 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN

11.08.2026 35.08 kg of marijuana and 1,980 M-40 methadone tablets were seized as a result of border inspections and operational activities in the area of responsibility of the "Goradiz" Border Detachment of the Border Troops Command.
<https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/azerbajdzhanskije-pogranichni-izyali-iz-oborota-bolee-35-kg-narkotikov>

11.08.2026 55 packages of marijuana with a net weight of **25.08 kg** were discovered at the "Astara" customs post in Azerbaijan during an inspection of a truck carrying peppers from Iran to Russia; packages were concealed in the bottom of the crates.
<https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/iz-irana-v-rossiyu-pytalis-provezti-narkotiki-sredi-percev-foto-video>

12.08.2026 Three individuals with prior convictions for drug offenses—Ceyhun Heydarov, Maherram Ibrahimov, and Elvin Askerov—were detained in the Garadag and Surakhani districts of Baku. Authorities seized **46 kg of marijuana**, which had been smuggled into the country on behalf of foreign drug traffickers. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/operaciya-mvd-zaderzhany-tri-cheloveka-video>

13.08.2026 An Iranian citizen was detained on the premises of the Goradiz Border Detachment in Azerbaijan; **7.49 kg of marijuana and 1,810 M-40 methadone tablets** were seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-azerbajdzhane-presechena-kontrabanda-iz-irana-bolee-7-5-kg-narkotikov>

15.08.2026 Eljan Huseynov, 34, was arrested in the Narimanov district of Baku. **5 kg of hashish** and psychotropic pills were seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/proisshestviya/policiya-provela-operaciyu-v-baku-zaderzhan-podozrevaemyj-video>

15.08.2026 9 kg of marijuana were seized from a car driven by 45-year-old Rafail Isaev in the city of Masally; the suspect was taken into custody. <https://oxu.az/ru/proisshestviya/iz-avtomobilya-v-masally-izyali-9-kg-narkotikov-foto>

15.08.2026 A 40-year-old woman, H. Nurmamedova, was arrested in Imishli. More than **10 kg of marijuana** were seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/proisshestviya/v-imishli-zaderzhana-40-letnyaya-zhenshina>

17.08.2026 Elman Balagözov, a 52-year-old man with a prior criminal record, was arrested in the Balaken district of Azerbaijan. A total of **185 cannabis plants and 21 kg of marijuana** were discovered in a cornfield and a criminal case was initiated. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-balakenskom-rajone-zaderzhan-byvshij-osuzhdyonnyj-zakultivaciyu-narkosoderzhashih-rastenij-video>

KAZAKHSTAN

11.08.2026 Police in Almaty and the Almaty region dismantled two drug distribution networks: a 33-year-old man was detained in Almaty; during a search of his vehicle they seized 130 packets of powder and at his residence found electronic scales, packaging materials, and additional drugs; total weight of seized **mephedrone** was **2 kg** (equivalent to 10,000 single doses), which prevented its widespread distribution. <https://polisia.kz/ru/mvd-presekaet-kanaly-postavki-narkotikov/>

11.08.2026 Officers of the “Delta Dolina” Interdistrict Department, in collaboration with military personnel, detained a local resident near the village of Tasotkel in the Shu district of the Zhambyl region as part of the “Karasora-2026” special operation. The man had set up two tents in a sandy area and was storing bags of harvested narcotic plants there. During a search they seized **123 kg of dried marijuana** as well as gloves, a sickle, and other tools. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-zaderzhali-zhitelya-zhambylskoj-oblasti-pytavshegosya-sbyt-123-kg-marihuany/>

11.08.2026 Police in Astana uncovered drug possession in the apartment of a 28-year-old man during an operation: plastic tubes containing a substance packaged for resale were found in a closet; more than 100 single doses of **hashish** with a total weight of over **1 kg** were seized, along with electronic scales and packaging materials. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsiya-iz-yala-bolee-100-razovyh-doz-narkoticheskogo-veshhestva-u-zhitelya-stolitsy/>

13.08.2026 Police officers in the Mangistau region, as part of the “Karasora-2026” special police operation and in coordination with the prosecutor’s office conducted a search of a storage facility in the village of Atameken in the Munaily district. Five bags containing a plant-based substance were discovered; forensic analysis confirmed that it was **marijuana** with a total weight of **83.3 kg**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/nezakonnoe-hranenie-bolee-83-kg-marihuany-presecheno-v-mangistauskoj-oblasti/>

14.08.2026 Police in Petropavlovsk detained a man whose backpack contained 120 packets of a powdery substance. It was discovered that he had picked them up in Astana and was supposed to hide in stashes throughout the city, but did not have time to do so because he was detained. An analysis showed that the seized substance was the synthetic drug **α-PVP** with a total weight of over **273 g**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/120-svertkov-s-narkotikami-v-ryukzake-zhitelya-stolitsy-zaderzhali-politsejskie-v-sko/>

14.08.2026 Two non-residents—a 33-year-old woman and a 22-year-old man—were detained in Ust-Kamenogorsk during the “Karasora-2026” special police operation, which disrupted activities of a group distributing psychotropic substances: during a personal search and an inspection of their bag police seized 34 packets containing a substance identified by forensic analysis as **α-PVP**, with a total weight of **28 grams**; an investigation is underway. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-iz-yali-34-svertka-s-psihotropnym-veshhestvom-v-vko/>

14.08.2026 A 32-year-old man was detained in Astana as part of the “Karasora” special police operation; he was acting as a “stash”: He was traveling in a rented car; a package containing approximately 1 kg of alpha-PVP was found in his backpack, and two plastic containers with **mephedrone and cannabis resin** were found in a kitchen cabinet at his residence; total weight of all seized drugs exceeded **2 kg**; the detainee stored and distributed substances to dealers. <https://polisia.kz/ru/svyshe-2-kg-narkotikov-iz-yali-politsejskie-v-astane/>

14.08.2026 Prosecutor's office and the KNB department in Abai region carried out an operation to disrupt a synthetic drug supply chain from Astana: a Semey resident who systematically delivered drugs for distribution within the region was detained, and more than **2 kg of synthetic drugs** worth over 50 million tenge were seized. <https://rus.baq.kz/zhitelya-semeya-zaderzhali-po-delu-o-postavkah-narkotikov-iz-astany-320039513/>

19.08.2026 A man was detained in Almaty on a staircase of an apartment building with a suspicious substance: 53 packages wrapped in electrical tape were seized during a personal search and approximately **100 grams of a powdery substance** (the exact content and weight are being determined by forensic analysis) were found in a rental apartment he had rented just one day before his arrest; packaging materials and electronic scales were also seized. The suspect had previously been convicted of theft; a criminal case was opened

against him and he was placed under arrest as a preventive measure.
<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DcOp2nYtATI/>

20.08.2026 Ministry of Internal Affairs shut down a clandestine synthetic drug laboratory in Ekibastuz, Pavlodar region: two brothers were detained for setting up a synthesis operation in a garage in the courtyard of a residential building; more than **10 kg** of the psychotropic substance **α-PVP, 860 liters of chemical liquids** (including a 300-liter reactor vessel), laboratory glassware, scales, and personal protective equipment were seized. It was found that their activities were coordinated by a supervisor via Signal messaging app, who left stashes of precursors. <https://polisia.kz/ru/mvd-deyatel-nost-laboratorii-po-proizvodstvu-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov-presechena-v-ekibastuze/>

KYRGYZSTAN

14.08.2026 GKNB officers in Kyrgyzstan cracked down on an international criminal group involved in supply and distribution of highly dangerous synthetic drugs during a special operation. Three Kyrgyz citizens born between 2000 and 2002, who had organized a steady supply chain, were detained. During a search of their vehicle and a personal search they seized 6,000–7,000 single doses (approximately **2 kg of synthetic drugs**) with a market value exceeding 10 million soms. <https://topnews.kg/proisshestviya/149655-gknb-zaderzhal-troih-podozrevaemyh-v-rasprostraneni-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov.html>

RUSSIA

11.08.2026 Officers from UNK UMVD in Sakhalin arrested a foreign national who had arrived by water transport with a wholesale shipment of synthetic psychostimulants. During a personal search, they seized **2 kg** of an **alpha-PVP** derivative and **1 kg of mephedrone** and in another region recovered an additional **800 g of mephedrone** from a stash he had previously hidden, bringing the total amount to over 3.8 kg. He was acting on instructions from online coordinators. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/93925041/>

11.08.2026 A 50-year-old local resident with a prior criminal record was arrested in Stupino (Moscow region) after he was found growing cannabis among raspberry bushes on a summer cottage plot in the village of Meshcherino. Authorities seized **96 cannabis plants** and **21 dried plants**; forensic analysis confirmed that they were **marijuana**. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/93943628/>

11.08.2026 A 39-year-old Moscow resident was arrested on Vvedenskogo street in Moscow for setting up a laboratory to produce plant-based drugs in his apartment. Authorities seized **68 cannabis plants**, a grow box with a lighting and ventilation system, 11 canisters of liquid, 5 bags of a substance, drying equipment, electronic scales, a vacuum sealer, and laptops. The total weight of the plant parts (**marijuana**) was more than **2.2 kg**; the suspect planned to sell drugs. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/93897262/>

11.08.2026 A 56-year-old local resident was arrested in Pskov in a specially equipped garage where he was growing cannabis plants. Parts of plants with a total weight of more than 2.5 kg (equivalent to **663 g of dried marijuana**) were seized, which constitutes a large quantity. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/93958161/>

12.08.2026 A car driven by a 42-year-old local resident with a prior criminal record was stopped in the Kirovsky district. During a personal search, they found a bag containing **20 grams of methadone** and an additional **137 grams of methadone** were discovered at his residence, an apartment on Alpiysky lane. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/94059782/>

13.08.2026 Patrol officers in Irkutsk noticed a woman digging in the ground in a wooded area of the Leninsky district. A package was found near her, and later, based on coordinates from her phone, another cache was discovered, yielding nearly **25 grams** of a mixture of **methadone and carfentanil**. The woman had been working as a courier for an online store since June 2026. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/94149305/>

13.08.2026 Traffic police officers in Moscow pulled over a taxi, and a passenger in the back seat voluntarily pointed out a backpack containing illegal substances. 3 bags of **marijuana** weighing a total of about **800 g** were seized from the 45-year-old Moscow resident with a prior criminal record and **25 cannabis plants** and dried plant parts were found at his residence. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/94108455/>

13.08.2026 A 43-year-old local woman was detained in Saratov; **25 grams of mephedrone** were seized during a personal search, and another **155 grams** were found during a search of her apartment. Drugs had been prepared for contactless distribution. <https://sarinform.ru/news/incident/v-saratove-u-mestnoy-zhitelnitsy-izyali-180-grammov-narkotikov>

14.08.2026 FSB officers in Cherepovets detained two men (aged 40 and 35) who had set up a drug laboratory in a private home. A total of **767 grams of synthetic drugs** were seized from the laboratory itself, and an additional 1.8 kg was seized from stashes in the Yaroslavl (over 512 grams), Ivanovo (over 701 g), Kostroma (over 401 g), and Vladimir (about 201 g)—a total of more than **1.8 kg**. The total amount exceeded 2.5 kg, with a market value of about 9 million rubles; drugs were distributed via stashes. <https://rweek.ru/2026/08/14/в-ярославской-и-соседних-областях-пре/>

14.08.2026 A 61-year-old resident of Barnaul with a prior criminal record was arrested; during a search of his home authorities seized approximately **7 kg of marijuana**, numerous containers and equipment for manufacturing drug as well as an unregistered smoothbore shotgun, ammunition and more than 400 g of gunpowder. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/94253981/>

14.08.2026 Officers from the Rostov LO MVD on water transport in Rostov-on-Don detained a 46-year-old local woman with a prior criminal record while she was hiding a stash. During a search of the area with a K-9 unit, they seized 46 packages, and additional packages were found at her residence. In total, over **190 grams of methadone** and more than **500 grams of heroin** were seized, along with a variety of packaging materials. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/94282658/>

17.08.2026 A 59-year-old woman was arrested in the village of Lenin near Krasnodar for organizing production of synthetic drugs in her own home. Authorities seized laboratory equipment, glass containers holding approximately **3 kg of mephedrone**, canisters of precursors, scales and packaging. She was acting on instructions from a supervisor via a

messaging app; drugs were intended for sale through an online store on darkweb.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/94462763/>

17.08.2026 A non-resident was detained in Astrakhan; a package containing **51 grams of N-methylphedrone** was seized. The detainee explained that he had purchased drug online to resell it through his own online store in the city. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/94478391/>

17.08.2026 A man born in 1983 with a prior criminal record was detained in Rybinsk; a personal search revealed 3 packets of cocaine with a total weight of 1.9 g and 1.26 g of amphetamine. During a search of his residence, they found a box containing plastic bags with a total of more than **20 grams of amphetamine**.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/94531672/>

18.08.2026 A courier who hid drugs for an online store was arrested in Ufa. During a personal search as well as from stashes and a search of his residence, police seized over **650 grams of hashish** and about **50 grams of mephedrone**.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/94565253/>

18.08.2026 Two drug plantations set up by a local resident on forested plots in the Svetlovsky urban district of Kaliningrad were eradicated. More than 950 **cannabis** plants with a total weight of over **200 kg** were discovered in the plots, which were equipped with a groundwater collection system; **320 g of marijuana** were seized from the owner, and **190 g of marijuana** were seized from his neighbor and assistant.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/94538083/>

18.08.2026 A local woman was detained in Crimea between two train stations with a package of drugs. During the subsequent investigation, the organizer of the drug shipments—a native of Krasnoperekopsk—was identified; a search of his person yielded **60 grams of methadone**, jewelry scales, and packaging materials.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/94617357/>

19.08.2026 During a joint operation by OMVD and UFSB in the Penza region, they seized three unregistered hunting rifles and approximately **100 grams of marijuana** from a villager. The suspect admitted to being a gun collector and said he had grown the marijuana for personal use. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/94691183/>

19.08.2026 Two natives of Rostov-on-Don were detained in Dedovsk (Moscow region) after renting a house in a suburban community to use as a drug laboratory. During the search, they seized **10 kg** of a crystalline substance—more than 5 kg of which, according to analysis, is an **ephedrone** derivative—as well as approximately **700 liters of chemical liquids**, incubators, glass tubes, a vacuum pump, and mixing equipment. They planned to distribute finished product via stashes in the Moscow region. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/94691008/>

19.08.2026 A 39-year-old man was arrested in Tver; **17 cannabis plants**, 14 bags of a plant-based substance (marijuana), fertilizer, and electrical equipment for lighting and ventilation were found in his home. Weight of the plant parts in two of the bags seized was 372 g; total weight of the entire crop was approximately **1.5 kg of marijuana**.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/94729637/>

19.08.2026 **35 cannabis plants** were discovered growing on a local resident's backyard plot in Karachayevsk (Karachay-Cherkessia), and four glass jars and one plastic bottle containing dried plant material were found on the property; forensic analysis confirmed that the material was **marijuana** with a total weight of more than **600 g**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/94740732/>

20.08.2026 An 18-year-old native of Novosibirsk was detained in Barnaul as part of the "Mak" special police operation. During a search, officers seized more than 50 small bags of **cocaine** weighing a total of **18 grams** and **2 grams of hashish**, as well as packaging materials. Scales, tweezers, gloves, and zip-top bags were seized from his residence. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/94983417/>

20.08.2026 In the village of Termalny, Kamchatka, police found **cannabis** plant parts weighing a total of **7,755 g** (a large quantity) in a sauna on the property of a 69-year-old retiree. Plants had been grown in a rented greenhouse by a 62-year-old tenant, who had dried them in the sauna for personal use. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/94826928/>

20.08.2026 A local resident was detained in Nizhnevartovsk. During a personal search, authorities seized 17 packages from her; over 100 similar packages were found in the surrounding area; and another 57 packages, along with electronic scales, packaging materials, and electrical tape, were discovered in her apartment. Forensic analysis identified the substance as a **mephedrone** derivative, with a total weight of approximately **30 g**. The suspect admitted that she had purchased drugs online to distribute via stashes. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/94724174/>

20.08.2026 A laboratory for production of synthetic drugs in a private home in the village of Zalazino near Likhoslavl (Tver region) was dismantled. Laboratory equipment, a reactor, 73 20-liter canisters (**1,460 liters**) containing **precursors**, and 14 containers holding **66 kg** of a powdered substance were seized. Of this amount, more than **11 kg** has been confirmed as a **synthetic narcotic**; the remainder is undergoing analysis. Estimated market value is more than 100 million rubles. A local resident was detained; he had purchased the house with money from his handlers and synthesized drugs following instructions sent via a messaging app. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/94844027/>

20.08.2026 A 42-year-old local resident was arrested in Mezhdurechensk. During a search of a rented apartment in Kemerovo, they found a large number of packages: about **10 grams of ecstasy**, nearly **250 grams of marijuana**, about **340 grams of hashish**, and more than **630 grams of synthetic drugs**—with a total weight exceeding 1.2 kilograms—as well as packaging equipment. Drugs were purchased via contactless methods for distribution in the Kuzbass region. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/94852575/>

20.08.2026 A 26-year-old local resident with a prior criminal record was arrested in the Paninsky district (Voronezh region). A bag containing a plant-based substance weighing **812 grams** in its dried state was seized from an outbuilding; forensic analysis confirmed it was **marijuana**. The suspect explained that he had found wild cannabis plants and was storing for his own personal use. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/94903731/>

UZBEKISTAN

11.08.2026 Law enforcement officers in the Yakkasaray district of Tashkent detained two men (born in 1993 and 1992; the second had a prior conviction for document forgery and fraud) while they were distributing stashes of hashish. During a search of their “Nexia-3” vehicle, they seized **20 grams of hashish oil** and during a search of one of the men’s residence discovered **2 kg** of various substances (**hashish, marijuana, and hashish oil**). It was also discovered that the suspects had rented an apartment in the Mirzo-Ulugbek district and set up a drug laboratory there, distributing about 10 kg of drugs through it each month. <https://upl.uz/incidents/65625-news.html>

12.08.2026 Officers at the “Tashkent-AERO” customs complex detained a citizen who was transporting 20 packets of drugs weighing a total of about 11 g in a box that had previously contained children’s juice, which led to a search of his residence, where they found **3.15 kg** of various drugs—**heroin, mephedrone, marijuana**, and others. The actual owner of illegal substances was later detained and a criminal case was opened. <https://uznews.uz/ru/news/111962>

13.08.2026 Two passengers (a native of the Jizzakh region born in 2004 and a Tashkent resident born in 1993) were searched at Tashkent International Airport during a special operation after arriving on a flight from Bangkok and passing through the “green” corridor. **4.6 kg of mephedrone** was discovered and seized from their luggage—hidden in two empty wine bottles and plastic containers—and a search of their residences turned up **1.5 liters of hashish oil and 8 liters of precursors** used in drug synthesis. A third suspect (a resident of the Jizzakh Region, born in 1997) was also detained; **635 grams** of the synthetic substance **alpha-PVP**, intended for production and distribution, were seized. <https://upl.uz/incidents/65686-news.html>

13.08.2026 A joint operation by law enforcement agencies and the State Security Service in the Mirzo-Ulugbek district of Tashkent led to the arrest of a man born in 1980, with 5 grams of narcotics seized from him during a search. A large quantity of narcotics was also discovered in his home. Subsequently, based on his testimony, an accomplice born in 1979 was detained and 585 grams of hashish were found in his possession. Total weight of the seized drugs amounted to **1.12 kg of hashish**. <https://upl.uz/incidents/65685-news.html>

15.08.2026 Officers from the Anti-Smuggling Department and other law enforcement officials in the Andijan region stopped a vehicle whose driver was suspected of trafficking potent drugs. During the inspection they seized 34 units of the drug Tropicamide and a search of his residence found another 81 units of the same drug, for a total of **115 units of Tropicamide**. <https://upl.uz/incidents/65753-news.html>

15.08.2026 An operational and preventive operation was conducted in the Bukhara region using a helicopter, during which a resident of the Bukhara district was identified who had been growing narcotic plants on his personal plot. Cannabis plants were disguised as ordinary trees due to their unusual height, but officers identified the plantation and seized **46 cannabis plants**. The owner admitted that he had planned to sell the harvest. <https://upl.uz/incidents/65772-news.html>

19.08.2026 A resident of the Urtachirchik district, born in 2002 and with a prior criminal record, who had arrived from Bangkok, was detained at the Tashkent airport. Among the food items in his luggage, authorities discovered **978 grams of cannabis oil and 500 grams of psychotropic substances**, packaged in such a way as to evade inspection. The smuggling attempt was foiled. <https://upl.uz/incidents/65862-news.html>

19.08.2026 A Damas vehicle was stopped in the Tashkent district with two passengers (born in 1987 and 1989) from the Fergana region, who were transporting **12,992 packets** of coffee containing the potent substance **Sibutramine**, which had been smuggled in from a neighboring country. The perpetrators planned to sell the products in Uzbekistan. <https://upl.uz/incidents/65863-news.html>

19.08.2026 A man born in 1989 was detained near a local cemetery in the Izboskan district of the Andijan region while selling **11.72 kg of marijuana** for 6 million soums. A search of his cell phone revealed that he also sold drugs via Telegram, showing potential buyers "circles" of the product, which helped prove his systematic criminal activity. <https://upl.uz/incidents/65869-news.html>

19.08.2026 A large-scale operation stopped activities of a transnational organized crime group: a minor born in 2009 was detained after receiving a package from Russia containing a saw, inside of which were **180 grams of alpha-PVP**. His testimony led to the arrest of a young man and a young woman who had already made six stashes of hashish oil, as well as a man born in 1992 who had received a delivery containing a hammer drill with **500 grams of alpha-PVP**, and whose home was searched, resulting in the seizure of an additional **50 grams of alpha-PVP**. In addition, a man born in 1999 (who had a prior conviction for theft) was detained in the Yunusabad district while recovering **500 grams of alpha-PVP** from a cache on instructions of his handler; all individuals involved are members of the same group. <https://upl.uz/incidents/65883-news.html>

20.08.2026 Distribution of synthetic drugs was foiled in several areas of the Bukhara region: a man was detained on Gizhduvan street with **3 g of "spice,"** and he identified the seller, who was arrested while selling "spice" and alpha-PVP for 1.5 million sum. A third accomplice was then detained in a "Cobalt" car with 77 packets (**457 g**) of "spice," and based on information from his phone, another 29 stashes (**30 g**), already packaged, were seized. It was found that the group had planned to distribute drugs in the Navoi, Jizzakh, and Samarkand regions. Total value of the seized drugs amounted to 843 million soums. <https://upl.uz/incidents/65890-news.html>

20.08.2026 Law enforcement officers and SGB agents in the Tashkent district detained a man born in 1991 (who had a prior conviction for drug offenses) in a BYD vehicle—200 grams of mephedrone were seized, and during a search of his residence another 300 grams were found, for a total of **500 grams of mephedrone**. He served as a stock clerk for an online drug store. At the same time, two men (born in 1992 and 1990, one with a prior conviction) were detained in the Shaykhantakhur district in a BYD vehicle with **400 grams** of drugs (**mephedrone and hashish**). It was found that they had been selling drugs for a year through their own Telegram channel, distributing stashes. <https://upl.uz/incidents/65895-news.html>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

21.08.2026 In Queensland (Australia), as part of Operation Minjiang—which is part of an investigation into the largest cocaine seizure in the country’s history—a man was arrested at Brisbane Airport. Total amount seized during the operation was **2.78 tons of cocaine and 142 kg of methamphetamine**. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-08-21/qld-arrests-made-cocaine-operation-minjiang/107062996>

BOLIVIA

12.08.2026 Police in Bolivia stopped a bus carrying the São Paulo soccer club, finding **86 kg of cannabis** (tetrahydrocannabinol) in four packages; three drivers were arrested, and the club was provided with another bus. <https://oxu.az/ru/v-mire/avtobus-san-paulu-s-86-kg-narkotikov-zaderzhan-policij-v-bolivii>

UNITED KINGDOM

19.08.2026 15.3 kg of fentanyl, 2 kg of cocaine, and 2 kg of methamphetamine, as well as four handguns and five stolen cars, were seized in London as part of Project Brake. Total value of the seized items is estimated at 1.28 million dollars. <https://lfpres.com/news/local-news/three-londoners-charged-after-1-28m-drug-seizure-opp>

INDIA

18.08.2026 At the port of Nava Sheva (Mumbai, India) the Narcotics Control Bureau seized **55 kg of methamphetamine** concealed in a shipment of corn. Drugs are estimated to be worth 300 crore rupees; the seizure is linked to a Pakistani drug syndicate. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/55-kg-meth-worth-rs-300-crore-seized-from-maize-consignment-near-mumbai-port-nhava-sheva-pakistan-based-narco-syndicate-101787068177217.html>

INDONESIA

17.08.2026. On Monday evening, a joint operation by Indonesia’s National Narcotics Agency, customs officials, and regional police intercepted the Tanzanian-flagged vessel MV Ocean Porter off the northern coast of Tanjung Parit, Karimun, in the Riau Islands province. The vessel was traveling from Sarawak (Malaysia) through the Andaman Sea. Approximately **2.6 tons** of liquid **methamphetamine** were discovered hidden in eight barrels and one tank during an inspection of the hold. In addition, drug-sniffing dogs found more than 1.5 million contraband cigarettes on board. All 10 crew members—citizens of Myanmar—were arrested. <https://www.vietnam.vn/ru/indonesia-thu-giu-2-6-tan-ma-tuy-da-tren-tau-su-dung-ten-gia>

NIGERIA

20.08.2026 Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) seized **185 kg of cocaine** in Lagos that was to be shipped via a courier service to the United Kingdom, Europe, and Asia. This is the largest cocaine seizure involving a courier company in Nigeria. https://news.sbs.co.kr/english/article.do?news_id=N1008714577

USA

12.08.2026. In the state of Louisiana (U.S.), on Interstate 12 in the city of Denham Springs (approximately 32 km east of Baton Rouge), police pulled over an 18-wheeler for inspection. During a search of the trailer, officers discovered **358 kg** (789.56 pounds) of **methamphetamine** hidden inside. Livingston County Sheriff Jason Ard called the seizure "one of the largest" in the state's history. <https://tass.com/world/2171871>

ECUADOR

14.08.2026. Police in Ecuador's Guagua Negro region, near the border town of Tulcán (246 km north of the capital, Quito), conducted an operation on the Pan-American Highway after receiving an anonymous tip. Law enforcement officers spotted a suspicious truck with 370 packages containing **369 kg** (793,664 pounds) of **cocaine** concealed in a false bottom. Green rectangular bricks bore the image of Norwegian soccer player Erling Haaland. The truck driver, a woman with Colombian documents, was arrested. <https://sport.onliner.by/comments/2026/08/14/v-ekvadore-izyali-369-kilo-narkotikov-s-portretom-xolanda-na-upakovkax>