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

21.08.2026-31.08.2026

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Between 21 and 31 August 2026, based on information from mass media law enforcement agencies and security structures of CARICC member states seized **1 ton 306.75 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including: heroin – 0.02 kg, opium – 15.17 kg, cocaine – 1.02 kg, cannabis-group drugs – 1 ton 135.93 kg, synthetic drugs – 118.11 kg, and potent substances – 36.5 kg.**

Drug seizures in CARICC Member States

Type of drug (in kg)	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Heroin	0	0	0	0.02	0	0
Opium	0	0	0	0	0	15.17
Cocaine	0.02	0	0	1	0	0
Cannabis group drugs	206.02	650.16	1.1	246.63	17	15.02
Synthetic drugs	7.92	4.58	0	104.23	0	1.38
Potent substances	0	0	0	36.5	0	0
Total	213.96	654.74	1.1	388.38	17	31.57

During the same period, other countries around the world seized **23 tons 606.8 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including cocaine – 6 tons 88 kg, cannabis-group drugs – 11 tons 600 kg, synthetic drugs – 3 tons 818.8 kg, and potent substances – 2 tons 100 kg.**

CARICC MEMBER STATES

AZERBAIJAN

21.08.2026 Nine people were detained in Siyazan during operations conducted by district police department on suspicion of drug trafficking; **62 plants containing narcotic substances** were found in the yard of 43-year-old Teymur Javadov's home, and eight others were detained as part of other operations within the district. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-siyazane-zaderzhany-devyat-chelovek-po-podozreniyu-v-nezakonnom-oborote-narkotikov-video>

22.08.2026 Police officers from the Gazakh District Police Department detained Amil Damirov, a man with a prior criminal record, and seized **4 kg of marijuana** and **300 psychotropic methadone tablets**; the suspect admitted that he had planned to deliver

drugs to various addresses. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/v-gazahe-u-ranee-sudimogo-muzhchiny-izyali-4-kg-narkotikov-i-300-psihotroynyh-tabletok>

24.08.2026 During an operation conducted by Directorate General for Combating Drugs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Binagadi, Nizami, and Absheron districts, as well as in Yevlakh, six individuals with prior convictions were detained. A total of **116 kg of hashish and marijuana** and **9,500 tablets** of a narcotic substance (**methadone**), which had been smuggled into Azerbaijan, were seized. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/operaciya-mvd-iz-nezakonnogo-oborota-izyato-116-kg-narkotikov-foto-video>

24.08.2026 In the area of responsibility of the "Goradiz" border guard detachment, State Border Service officers foiled an attempt to illegally smuggle more than **55 kg of marijuana** and **1,000 tablets** of the psychotropic drug "**Methadone M-40**" from Iran into Azerbaijan, On 21 August, one person was detained with 26 kg of drugs and 1,000 tablets, and on 22 August, three more citizens were detained with more than 29 kg of drugs. <https://oxu.az/ru/kriminal/iz-irana-v-azerbajdzhan-pytalis-provezti-krupnyuyu-partiyu-narkotikov-foto>

27.08.2026 **16 grams of cocaine** (net weight) were discovered during a security check at Heydar Aliyev International Airport in Baku on an Azerbaijani citizen who was preparing to fly to Tbilisi, and an additional **16 grams** of dried **marijuana**, a package containing 2.440 grams of cannabis seeds, and two tablets of a psychotropic substance were seized from his rented apartment. <https://oxu.az/ru/proisshestviya/v-bakinskom-aeroportu-u-letevshego-v-tbilisi-passazhira-nashli-kokain>

KAZAKHSTAN

24.08.2026 Two suspects were detained in the industrial zone of Aktobe as part of the "Karasora" special police operation; **246 packages** containing a **green substance** were seized during a personal search of one of them, and another **133 packages** were discovered during an inspection of the scene. Detainees purchased drugs through a Telegram store and distributed via stashes. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-zaderzhali-dvuh-podozrevaemyh-v-nezakonnom-oborote-narkotikov-v-aktobe/>

24.08.2026 A 27-year-old resident of Astana was detained in Petropavlovsk; **230 grams of a-PvP** were seized from him in form of three bags containing pre-packaged packets and one packet in his pocket. The man served as a courier and stashed items for an online store. <https://polisia.kz/ru/tri-bomby-v-ryukzake-politsejskie-zaderzhali-podozrevaemogo-v-sbyte-narkotikov-v-sko/>

25.08.2026 A man and a woman suspected of selling synthetic drugs were detained in Shymkent: approximately **2 kg of mephedrone**, along with scales and bags, were seized from the man, and over **200 g of mephedrone** were seized from the woman. Both have been arrested. <https://polisia.kz/ru/sbychiki-narkotikov-zaderzhany-v-shymkente/>

25.08.2026 A drug trafficking route was disrupted in the Ulytau region: a local resident was detained, and **38 kg of marijuana** were seized; a rifle and ammunition were also discovered. Drugs had been transported from southern regions for distribution.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/kanal-postavki-narkotikov-presechen-v-oblasti-ulytau-iz-yato-38-kg-marihuany/>

25.08.2026 A clandestine drug laboratory dismantled in the Tselinogradsky district of the Akmola region; **more than 500 grams of synthetic drugs**, as well as precursors and equipment, were seized; persons involved were identified. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-presekli-deyatel-nost-narkolaboratorii-v-akmolinskoj-oblasti/>

26.08.2026 A 19-year-old man was detained in the Zhetysu region after 310 packets of a powdery substance were found in his car, including more than **65 grams of mephedrone**, more than **79 grams of α -PVP**, and about **17 grams of hashish**. Sale of this large shipment was prevented. <https://polisia.kz/ru/krupnaya-partiya-narkotikov-ne-doshla-dosbyta-v-oblasti-zhetysu-zaderzhan-19-letnij-podozrevaemyj/>

26.08.2026 Three men were arrested in a sand area in the Zhambyl region for illegally harvesting drug-containing plants; **595.44 kg** of narcotic substances and plants (**cannabis**), as well as three sickles, were seized from them. A police dog was used in search. <https://polisia.kz/ru/troe-muzhchin-za-nezakonnyj-sbor-narkotikosoderzhashhih-rastenij-zaderzhany-v-zhambylskoj-oblasti/>

28.08.2026 A 19-year-old man was detained in Astana after a total of about **1 kg of mephedrone** was found in his rental car and rented apartment. The suspect was placed in a temporary detention facility. <https://polisia.kz/ru/kilogramm-mefedrona-v-bagazhnik-v-astane-zaderzhali-podozrevaemogo/>

28.08.2026 **22 cannabis plants and marijuana** weighing a total of more than **6.7 kg** were seized during a search of the residence of a 48-year-old man in East Kazakhstan Region; evidence of cannabinoid use was also found. The man explained that he had been growing cannabis for personal use. <https://polisia.kz/ru/politsejskie-iz-yali-bolee-6-7-kg-narkoticheskikh-sredstv-v-vko/>

31.08.2026 A 42-year-old resident of the Zhambyl Region was detained at the "Yuzhny" checkpoint in Petropavlovsk while attempting to enter the city with **120 grams of α -PvP** in the form of two "bombs" in his car. The detainee had also used cannabinoids. <https://polisia.kz/ru/popytke-vvoza-sinteticheskikh-narkotikov-presekli-v-sko/>

KYRGYZSTAN

28.08.2026 Officers of GKNB stopped a drug ring that had organized an international drug trafficking route running through Afghanistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan. Two Kyrgyz citizens—M. D. N. and N. A. K.—were detained while selling **1.1 kg of hashish**; relevant operational and investigative measures are underway. https://kaktus.media/doc/552277_gknb_presek_deiatelnost_mejdynarodnoy_narkogryppirovki.html

21.08.2026 A resident of the Bessonovsky district was detained in the Zheleznodorozhny district of Penza; coordinates of stashes were found on his phone, and 77 packages containing approximately **800 grams of methadone** were seized during a search. Scales and packaging materials were also found at his residence. The man was supposed to package drugs for stashes in Penza. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/94904789/>

21.08.2026 Officers in Nalchik detained two citizens from a neighboring country; 51 packets were seized from one, 50 from the other, along with one stash and 82 packets found in a rented apartment. Forensic analysis confirmed that the seized substances were a **synthetic drug** weighing a total of more than **50 grams**, which they planned to sell in Kabardino-Balkaria. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/94967948/>

21.08.2026 A cannabis plantation was discovered on a plot of land in the village of Priladozhsky in the Kirovsky district of the Leningrad region; **21 plants**, 6 bags containing plant parts with a total weight of about **3 kg**, and cultivation equipment were seized. An examination showed that one bag contained 156.3 grams of **cannabis**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/94979455/>

21.08.2026 A package with more than 1 kg of **pregabalin** was discovered at Domodedovo Airport during an inspection of cargo destined for Irkutsk. During subsequent operations, more than 29 kg of the same substance in jars was seized from an accomplice's car, and more than 6.5 kg was found during a search of the second suspect's residence. Total weight of the seized substance exceeded **36.5 kg**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/94980892/>

21.08.2026 A 31-year-old local resident was detained in a private home in the Totemsky district of the Vologda region; **22 pots (bushes) of cannabis** (plants) were seized from him, along with cultivation equipment. The man admitted that he was growing the plants for personal use. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/95004111/>

21.08.2026 A 42-year-old man from Moscow was detained in the Novgorod region on the Veliky Novgorod–Luga highway while transporting packages containing approximately **3 kg of N-methylephedrone and 1.7 grams of mephedrone** in his car. He was acting as a courier for an online store, having picked up the shipment from a cache in the Leningrad region and was transporting it to the Moscow region. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/95017900/>

21.08.2026 A couple with prior convictions were detained in Krasnoyarsk; **13 packets of heroin** were seized during a personal search, and another **20 packets of heroin and methadone** were found at their residence. The detainees explained that they had purchased illegal substances online and planned to distribute in Krasnoyarsk. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/94949700/>

24.08.2026 Glass jars containing a substance were seized at the residence of a Murino resident in the Vasileostrovsky district of St. Petersburg; forensic analysis identified the substance as **182 grams of marijuana**, and an additional **6.02 kg** of a substance was confiscated, which is pending analysis. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/95179938/>

24.08.2026 A 17-year-old girl was arrested in Omsk at the “Zarechnoye” gardening cooperative; 313 packets containing an **N-methylephedrone** derivative, with a total weight of nearly **500 grams**, were seized from her. She packaged drugs in hotels and planted stashes on instructions of her handlers. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/95174967/>

24.08.2026 A laboratory for production of synthetic drugs was uncovered in the village of Dyakonovo in the Tula region. Bodies of two tenants, who died from vapor poisoning, were discovered during a search. Equipment, precursors, and finished products were seized, including over **16 kg of mephedrone** (total weight of the seized items was approximately 100 kg). <https://мвд.рф/news/item/95203137/>

25.08.2026 A member of an organized crime group who served as a warehouse manager was arrested in Norilsk; more than **1.3 kg of mephedrone, PVP, and cannabis** were seized. He was acting on behalf of an online store. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/95238038/>

25.08.2026 A clandestine laboratory was dismantled at a local resident’s home in the village of Zarechny, Pavlovsky district, Krasnodar Krai; approximately **64 kg of mephedrone**, as well as precursors and equipment used for synthesis, were seized. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/95251686/>

25.08.2026 Two local women were detained in Irkutsk; 16 packets of **mephedrone** (with a total weight of about **24 grams**) were seized from each of them during a personal search, and another **400 grams of mephedrone** were found during searches of their residences. They were working as stashers on instructions of their handler. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/95249481/>

25.08.2026 A resident of Khimki was detained in Podolsk; 20 packages were seized during a personal search, another 40 were found in his bag, and one package was found at his residence. A forensic analysis showed that the substance was **alpha-PVP** with a total weight of more than **1 kg**. He obtained drug from a cache. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/95289836/>

25.08.2026 Transport police in Taishet, Irkutsk region, seized a bag containing plant material from a 39-year-old man’s motorcycle trailer. A forensic analysis showed that it was **marijuana** weighing more than **630 grams**. <https://www.baikal-daily.ru/news/20/528506/>

26.08.2026 Seven bags and two boxes containing a ground plant-based substance were seized from a business owner’s garage in the city of Donskoy, Tula region. Forensic analysis confirmed that the substance was **6.5 kg of marijuana**. The owner admitted that he had been growing cannabis for personal use. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/95273886/>

26.08.2026 A wholesale drug dealer was arrested in the city of Gai in the Orenburg region. A total of **242 grams of mephedrone** was seized from him, along with pre-packaged bags, scales, and packaging materials. He had planned to sell drugs in Gai and Orsk. <https://мвд.рф/news/item/95451671/>

26.08.2026 A local resident was detained at a summer cottage in the village of Zherebyatyevoye in the Moscow region. Authorities seized **56 cannabis plants**, as well as bags containing a plant-based substance, jars, canisters, and equipment. A forensic analysis

confirmed the presence of more than **1 kg of marijuana**.
<https://мвд.пф/news/item/95477646/>

27.08.2026 A 23-year-old man from Moscow was detained on a highway in the Novgorod region. Three packages containing an **N-methylephedrone** derivative ("salt"), with a total weight of about **3 kg**, were found under the bumper of his car. He had picked up the shipment from a stash in the Leningrad region and was transporting it to the Moscow region to make deposits into caches. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/95670938/>

27.08.2026 10 cannabis plants, as well as 5 bags and 1 sack containing green plant material, were seized from a man with a prior criminal record in the Novougolny neighborhood of the city of Donskoy in the Tula region. A forensic analysis showed that the substance was approximately **1 kg of marijuana**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/95666477/>

27.08.2026 A man born in Bratsk in 1994 was arrested in Krasnoyarsk; more than **1 kg of a synthetic narcotic**, as well as scales and packaging materials, were seized from his residence. The man had been working as a wholesale drug dealer since July and had a prior criminal record. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/95666477/>

27.08.2026 A 42-year-old resident was arrested in the village of Vysokoye, Slavsky district, Kaliningrad region, for running a marijuana plantation in a greenhouse. Authorities seized **474 cannabis plants**, over **4 kg** of processed **marijuana**, and boxes containing cannabis parts. He had equipped the greenhouse with a lighting and ventilation system. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/95735191/>

27.08.2026 A resident with a prior criminal record was detained in Smolensk. During a search of his auto repair shop, authorities seized a bag containing plasticine, packages of an unknown substance, scales, and small bags. Total weight of various **synthetic drugs** seized was more than **1.3 kg**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/95734769/>

27.08.2026 A 34-year-old resident of the Tver region was detained in Moscow; packaging materials, a vacuum sealer, and 534 packets of substances with a total weight of more than **1 kg**—containing **mephedrone and amphetamine**—were seized from his apartment. He was packaging drugs for distribution in the capital. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/95641730/>

28.08.2026 Activities of a drug shop in Simferopol were stopped, and two organizers from Moscow and two local employees were detained. More than **2 kg of N-methylephedrone** were seized upon receipt of a package containing a hydraulic accumulator, and another **5 kg** of various drugs (**amphetamine, mephedrone, cocaine, "salt"**) and packaging materials were seized at their residences. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/95748311/>

28.08.2026 Three cases were recorded in the Tambov region as part of Operation "Mak": **29 cannabis plants and 956 grams of marijuana** were seized from a man born in 1984 in the town of Sosnovka; **40 cannabis plants and 1,430 grams of marijuana** were seized from a man born in 1982 in the city of Morshansk; **50 cannabis plants and 93 grams of marijuana** were seized from a man born in 1971 in the village of Terskoe, Michurinsky district. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/95815425/>

28.08.2026 Parts of cannabis plants, with a total weight of more than **10 kg**, were seized during an inspection of an outbuilding in the Perevolotsky district of the Orenburg region. The man explained that he had collected wild **cannabis** for personal use. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/95777120/>

30.08.2026 A plastic basket containing a plant-based substance was seized from the home of a local resident in the Lagansk district of Kalmykia. An analysis showed that the substance was **268 grams of cannabis**, along with items used for consumption. The woman stated that she had collected drug for her own use. <https://tegrk.ru/archives/267012>

31.08.2026 A 46-year-old woman was detained in Moscow after leaving mephedrone in a car-sharing vehicle. 19 packages were seized during a personal search, and a search of her residence found bags containing the substance, numerous zip-top bags, flasks, scales, and other items. Total weight of the seized **mephedrone** exceeded **1 kg**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/95858651/>

31.08.2026 A 27-year-old driver was detained in the Murmansk region on the “Kola–Zverosovkhoz” highway after he threw out packages containing “**chemical hashish**” with a total weight of **600 grams**; approximately **80 grams** of the same substance were also seized from the passenger. Driver planned to make stashes in Murmansk, while the passenger was keeping drugs for personal use. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/96151598/>

31.08.2026 A married couple—wholesale couriers who hid drugs in stashes—were arrested in Izhevsk. A personal search of the man found a bag containing **429 grams of mephedrone** in his backpack, and additional packages, scales, and packaging materials were seized from their residence. They had retrieved a stash from a wooded area. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/96214918/>

31.08.2026 FSB officers in the Altai Krai prevented the sale of a potent synthetic heroin analogue (**carfentanil**) (used in veterinary medicine to immobilize large animals) weighing approximately **4 kg**, packed into five plastic bags and hidden inside a spare tire that a 51-year-old man from Barnaul had brought from the Novosibirsk region. He was planning to sell drugs for 2.3 million rubles per kilogram; one kilogram of this substance is equivalent in potency to four tons of heroin, and the threshold for a “particularly large” quantity is set at over two grams. <https://www.amic.ru/news/barnaulec-pytalsya-prodat-sinteticheskiy-narkotik-kotoryy-ekvivalenten-16-tonnam-geroina-591202>

31.08.2026 A 20-year-old woman was detained at the “Matveev Kurgan” border crossing in the Rostov region while attempting to smuggle three packages containing **1.3 grams of N-methylephedrone** and approximately **52 grams of marijuana** hidden in her underwear and a stuffed animal. <https://deltacelina.ru/marihuana-iz-plyushhevoj-igrushki-v-rostovskoj-oblasti-zaderzhali-devushku-s-narkotikami/>

31.08.2026 A 48-year-old resident of the village of Mikhailovskoye was detained in the Prigorodny district of North Ossetia; a plastic bag containing a plant-based substance was seized during a personal search. A forensic analysis confirmed that the substance was **marijuana** weighing approximately **400 grams**. The man, who has a prior criminal record,

explained that he had picked the plant in a field for personal use. <https://stav.aif.ru/society/v-severnoy-osetii-u-muzhchiny-izyali-400-grammov-narkotika>

TAJIKISTAN

21.08.2026 An armed incident on the Tajik-Afghan border resulted in deaths of two Afghan citizens who had crossed border in the Fathobod area of Khatlon province. Weapons were found at the scene, including a Kalashnikov assault rifle and a Makarov pistol, as well as two backpacks containing **17 kg of hashish**. Tajik security services also mentioned other items that were seized, but did not specify what they were. <https://topnews.kg/exclusive/151021-specsluzhby-tadzhikistana-soobschili-o-gibeli-dvuh-grazhdan-afganistana-pri-perestrelke-na-granice.html>

UZBEKISTAN

21.08.2026 As part of social media monitoring and joint operations with the State Security Service in the Navoi region, 15 members of an organized criminal group who were distributing drugs via stashes were detained; approximately **1 kg of hashish** and homemade drug-use devices were seized during searches. <https://upl.uz/incidents/65923-news.html>

21.08.2026 A previously convicted man born in 1993 and his underage nephew, born in 2010, were detained in the Markhamat district of the Andijan region while transporting approximately **2 kg of hashish** from the fields in a Tracker vehicle. <https://zamin.uz/ru/obshchestvo/218814-dyadya-i-ego-nesovershennoletniy-plemyannik-zaderzhany-s-narkotikami.html>

21.08.2026 Three suspects were detained in Tashkent and Tashkent region; a total of **500 grams of mephedrone** was seized from one of them in his car and at his home, while **400 grams** of a mixture of **mephedrone and hashish** was found in the car of the other two. Two of them were distributing drugs through a Telegram store. <https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/v-tashkente-zaderzhali-trekh-podozrevaemykh-v-rasprostraneni-narkotikov-video/>

21.08.2026 A man was detained at the "Dustlik" customs checkpoint in the Andijan region while attempting to import **127 grams of α-PVP** from a neighboring country by taping 63 packets to his thighs. <https://yuz.uz/ru/news/v-andijane-zaderjali-mujchinu-pri-poptke-vvezti-127-grammov-sinteticheskogo-narkotika-prikrepiv-ego-skotchem-k-bedram>

22.08.2026 While searching the home of a man born in 1980 with a prior criminal record in the Denau district of the Surkhandarya region, authorities discovered **1.01 kg of opium and 998 grams of hashish**, which he was storing for resale. <https://upl.uz/incidents/65929-news.html>

22.08.2026 An Afghan citizen born in 2003 was detained at the Termez International Trade Center while attempting to sell **506 grams of opium** for 2,500 dollars, having smuggled drugs in five packages hidden in his rectum. <https://upl.uz/incidents/65930-news.html>

22.08.2026 Two previously convicted men, born in 1986 and 1966, were detained in the Denau district of the Surkhandarya region while attempting to sell **491 grams of hashish** for 85 million sum to an undercover buyer. <https://upl.uz/incidents/65932-news.html>

24.08.2026 A resident of the Fergana region born in 1996 was detained in the Fergana region after attempting to sell **1 kg of hashish** for 11,000 U.S. dollars. <https://upl.uz/incidents/65960-news.html>

26.08.2026 A large shipment was seized in the Syr Darya and Jizzakh regions: three individuals with prior convictions (from Tashkent, Tajikistan, and Kashkadarya) were detained; they had planned to retrieve **13.65 kg of opium** from a cache in the Jizzakh region. <https://upl.uz/incidents/66021-news.html>

27.08.2026 A 37-year-old local resident with a prior criminal record, who served as administrator and supervisor of an online drug store, was arrested in Tashkent. A search of his car and home yielded **9.33 kg of hashish and 545 grams of methamphetamine**. <https://upl.uz/incidents/66069-news.html>

28.08.2026 Officers from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the State Security Service in Tashkent shut down an online store selling drugs, detaining a 37-year-old administrator and seizing **9.33 kg of hashish and 0.55 kg of methamphetamine**, enough for 64,817 single doses. <https://www.uzdaily.uz/ru/v-tashkente-iziali-okolo-10-kg-narkotikov-u-vladeltsa-internet-magazina/>

OTHER COUNTRIES

ALGERIA

22.08.2026 Algerian police seized **33 kg of cocaine** and more than **10,000,000 pregabalin capsules** during an operation against an international network; 25 people were arrested. <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/africa/Algerian-police-seize-33-kg-of-cocaine-in-major-drug-bust-2048883>

INDIA

27.08.2026 A joint operation by the Assam Rifles and the DRI in the Kachar district of Assam resulted in the seizure of approximately 5.6 lakh (560,000) **methamphetamine** tablets weighing nearly **60 kg** and valued at ₹168 crore; one suspect was arrested. <https://www.etvbharat.com/en/state/yaba-tablets-worth-rs-168-crore-recovered-in-major-drug-bust-in-assam-enn26082705339>

SPAIN

24.08.2026 Spanish police seized **1,410 kg of cocaine** in the province of La Coruña during a raid on a warehouse owned by the "Fanchos" drug cartel; three people, including the alleged leader, were arrested. <https://www.englishradionews.com/news/spain/policia-nacional-seizes-1-4-tonnes-of-cocaine-in-a-coruna-raid-on-fanchos-clan/>

28.08.2026 A major drug trafficking ring was dismantled during a joint operation by the Spanish Civil Guard and the Portuguese GNR on the Guadiana River (southwest of the Iberian Peninsula); 10,600 kg of hashish were seized, 10 people were arrested, and 9 vehicles and 3 firearms were confiscated. Operation "Tridente" began with a search of a warehouse in Ayamonte (Huelva), where 132 bales of **hashish** weighing **5.28 tons** were discovered and three people were arrested. Two days later, another 133 bales (5,320 kg) were found off the Portuguese coast, and seven suspects were detained following a chase involving aircraft and boats. Courts in both countries remanded all suspects into custody. <https://russpain.com/news/10-6-tons-of-hashish-seized-in-major-guadiana-river-drug-bust-86882/>

CANADA

25.08.2026 Canadian border agents at the Blue Water Bridge seized **385 kg of cocaine** from a truck traveling from the United States; estimated value of the seizure is \$38.5 million. <https://petrolialambtonindependent.ca/2026/08/25/canada-border-officers-seize-38-5-million-of-cocaine/>

KUWAIT

26.08.2026 The largest drug smuggling operation in Kuwait's history has been foiled; approximately 5 tons of raw materials for production of Lyrica (**pregabalin**) and nearly **4,000,000** finished **capsules**, worth about \$485 million, were seized, and a factory was discovered. <https://caliber.az/en/post/kuwait-busts-485-million-drug-op-in-country-s-biggest-ever-seizure>

NIGERIA

31.08.2026 NDLEA in Nigeria dismantled an international drug trafficking ring, seizing **47,200 Captagon tablets** (the "jihad drug") worth ₦1.5 billion, which were hidden in soap from Ghana, as well as 39,000,300 tablets of **synthetic opioids** (Tramaking and Tapentadol) weighing **2,787 kg** and valued at ₦4.6 billion. <https://www.thisdaylive.com/2026/08/31/ndlea-busts-n6-2bn-international-drug-pipeline-seizes-jihadi-drug-hidden-in-ghana-soap-3-9m-opioid-pills/>

PORTUGAL

24.08.2026 A major drug trafficking ring was dismantled during a joint operation by the Spanish Civil Guard and the Portuguese GNR on the Guadiana River (southwest of the Iberian Peninsula); 10,600 kg of hashish were seized, 10 people were arrested, and 9 vehicles and 3 firearms were confiscated. On the Portuguese side of the river, the GNR seized more than **5.32 tons of hashish** (2,133 packages) and arrested seven people. <https://www.portugalresident.com/algarve-hashish-seizure-seven-arrested-guadiana/>

ROMANIA

24.08.2026 Romanian authorities seized more than **1.7 tons** of drugs, including **cocaine, cannabis, and hashish**, which were being transported in hidden compartments in trucks. Investigation led to 16 raids in Bucharest and in the counties of Timiș, Satu Mare, Oradea,

and others, targeting members of an organized crime group that had been operating since September 2023. The group, consisting of Romanian and foreign nationals, was transporting large quantities of drugs from Spain to various European countries.
<https://informat.ro/en/current-affairs/record-drug-seizure-17-tons-confiscated-136178>

USA

25.08.2026 Two seizures totaling more than **540 kg** (1,200 pounds) of **khat** were reported at BWI Airport (Maryland, U.S.), marking the largest seizure of this stimulant in the region.
<https://www.facebook.com/Boston25News/posts/massive-khat-seizures-at-bwi-airport-total-over-1200-lbs-in-two-incidents-discov/1550810733747254/>

27.08.2026 U.S. Coast Guard intercepted a boat off the coast of Puerto Rico and seized approximately **3.3 tons** (7,250 pounds) of **cocaine** worth about \$54.5 million; five people were detained. <https://www.foxnews.com/us/coast-guard-seizes-7k-pounds-cocaine-worth-more-than-54-million-near-puerto-rico-five-arrested>

29.08.2026 New York Police Department discovered a large shipment of drugs in a self-storage unit in the Long Island City neighborhood of Queens. Law enforcement officials seized approximately **260 kg of cocaine**, with a black-market value estimated at more than 10 million dollars. <https://www.mk.ru/social/2026/08/29/v-nyuyorke-nashli-sklad-s-narkotikami-bolshe-chem-na-10-millionov-dollarov.html>

SRI LANKA

31.08.2026 Officers from the Central Crime Investigation Bureau seized a shipment of drugs—believed to be **420 kg** of crystalline **methamphetamine** (Ice)—from a container at the Port of Colombo; drugs had been hidden inside towels. The shipment originated in Pakistan, and a businessman from Dematagoda has been arrested in connection.
<https://www.themorning.lk/articles/htNwkAVru1cc9X47LqW6>