

Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations and International Organizations in Vienna

The Islamic Republic of Iran's Activities and Achievements in the Field of Combating Narcotic Drugs (January 2021)

Narcotic Drug Seizure from 28 December 2020 to 30 January 2021

• About 73860 kg of various types of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances were seized throughout Iran from 28 December 2020 to 30 January 2021.

• The highest seized type was Opium with 64027 kg, followed by 5637 kg of Hashish, 1203 kg of Morphine, 1030 kg of Heroin, 726 kg of Crystal, 634 kg of Grass and 603 kg of other substances including precursors and psychotropic pills.

Increase of Cyber Drug Seizure in the Capital by 46%

The increasing use of social media that has boomed enormously during Covid-19 pandemic has made drug traffickers and sellers to turn their business on cyberspace. In order to apply necessary measures to monitor and identify cyber drug networks, Tehran Anti-Narcotics Police has set up a center for identification of criminals. monitoring of distribution and sale of narcotic drugs in cyberspace since last year. The successful operations led to an increase of 46% in seizures and arrests of criminals in this field.

Strengthening Bilateral Cooperation with Pakistan

Iran's Anti-Narcotics Police Chief led a delegation to Pakistan to promote mutual cooperation in the fight against narcotic drugs. During the visit, he met various officials including the Minister of Narcotics Control, Interior Minister, officials from the Maritime Security Agency, foreign liaison officers and representatives of international organizations. These meetings were aimed at developing bilateral and regional initiatives for combating narcotic drugs, where the two sides also committed to further strengthening the already existing cooperation. In this agreements were reached regards, on exchanging experiences, holding ioint trainings, improving coordination, as well as setting up a coordination center with the presence of the two countries representatives of the relevant institutions for receiving alerts on emergencies and responding to them in a timely manner.

Development of Cooperation with Kazakhstan

During the meeting between Iran's Deputy Interior Minister for Security Affairs and the Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Iran, a bilateral security cooperation agreement including on combating drug trafficking through sea, was signed. A joint security working group was also established to implement this agreement.

Online Courses for Iranian Law Enforcement Forces

The Iranian Drug-Control Headquarters and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (Country Office) successfully utilized UNODC e-learning platform for training 15 officers from the Anti-Narcotics Police,



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> Iranian Customs and the Drug-Control Headquarters. The e-learning sessions concentrated on providing the participants with up-to-date information on matters related to countering precursors and illegal labs. The sessions further familiarized the participants with precursors and their use in illegal manufacture of drugs, challenges faced by law enforcements and detection of illegal shipment as well as key elements for clandestine labs.

Coordination Meeting of the Joint Planning Cell (JPC)

Iran's Drug-Control Headquarters and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (Country Office) organized a cooperation meeting among anti-narcotics polices of the Triangular Initiative (TI) (Iran-Pakistan-Afghanistan) and Joint Planning Cell. This coordination meeting was held a as part of the activities envisaged under Sub-Program 1 "Border Management and Illicit Trafficking" of the Country Partnership Program (2015-2021).

Opening of 24 Comprehensive Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Centers

On the occasion of 42nd anniversary of the glorious victory of the Islamic Revolution, 24 comprehensive addiction treatment and rehabilitation centers were opened in different provinces in Iran. Together with these, there are currently 30 comprehensive addiction treatment and rehabilitation centers serving in Iran. These centers, unlike others, provide each person a separate, individual and specific method of treatment prescribed after close consultation with the doctor, psychiatrist, social workers and the family.

Allocation of Grants to Support Employees affected by Addiction

In order to support employees affected by addiction, the Drug Control Headquarters of Iran allocated 10 billion Rials to the Anti-Narcotics Coordination Councils throughout the country. This financial help aims at supporting entrepreneurs and employers to be able to render necessary services to the employees affected from addiction.