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EUROPE

France, Montpellier



Police Operation

Event – French police managed to foil a suicide terrorist attack.

Summary – 4 people were arrested by Police officers and in their house there was a home-made explosive laboratory.

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/feb/10/people-arrested-in-montpellier-france-for-planning-imminent-terror-attack> *Reported : 03/02/2017*

Europe

International Drug Trafficking

Event – Three people involved in International drug trafficking have been arrested.

Summary – The criminals hidden the cocaine in their cars and were trafficking from Rotterdam to Italy. In the operation that lead to the arrest of the three men, 7 kg of cocaine were seized.

Source: http://www.ilsecoloxix.it/p/la_spezia/2017/02/17/AS4YGTJG-traffico_rotterdam_sottofondo.shtml *Reported: 17/02/2017*

International Drug Trafficking

Event – Mafia business is interesting more and more countries.

Summary – According to the Antimafia Investigation Department, the Mafia interests involve a lot of countries. The criminal organization is able to diversify its business and, for drug trafficking the strongest links are with Netherlands and Spain.

Source: <http://meridionews.it/articolo/51485/mafia-gli-interessi-di-cosa-nostra-fuori-dallitalia-dalloro-africano-alla-droga-che-arriva-in-spagna/> *Reported: 13/02/2017*

International Drug Trafficking

Event –An Anti-Drug Operation links Spanish and Italian Police.

Summary – Four people have been arrested in an operation to stop an Italian gang and distributing drugs in Spain. Police Officers seized 2 kg of cocaine and more than 700 marijuana plants.

Source: <https://www.euroweeklynews.com/3.0.15/news/on-euro-weekly-news/spain-news-in-english/143235-drugs-operation-links-spanish-and-italian-police> *Reported: 03/02/2017*





Europe

International Drug Trafficking

Event – There is a direct drug trafficking connection among Italy, Spain, Netherlands and Albania.

Summary – According to the Antimafia Investigation Department, due to a operation that lead to the arrest of 13 people in Foggia, there is connection among drug traffickers and smugglers in some countries which involves many criminal organizations and gangs in Europe.

Source: <http://www.immediato.net/2017/02/01/business-droga-dia-rivela-canali-diretti-tra-tavoliere-olanda-spagna-e-albania/>
<http://video.repubblica.it/edizione/bari/foggia-strocnato-traffico-di-droga-via-mare-tra-puglia-e-albania/266636/267014>

Reported: 01/02/2017

Albania

Cannabis

Event –Albanian Police increase vigilance against cannabis trafficking.

Summary – Albanian Police is improving their observation on sea and borders, in order to tackle the cannabis trafficking.

Source: <http://www.balkaninsight.com/en/article/albanian-war-against-cannabis-shifts-in-the-borders-02-18-2017>

Reported: 18/02/2017

Belgium

Anti-Drug Operation

Event – 1000 kg of heroin seized in Belgium.

Summary – Six Dutch people were arrested in Belgium because in a container coming from Iran there were 1000 kg of heroin.

Source: <http://nltimes.nl/2017/02/23/1100-kilos-heroin-found-shipment-iran-six-dutch-arrested>
http://gds.it/2017/02/23/mille-chili-di-eroina-nel-container-sequestro-da-68-milioni-di-euro-in-belgio_632569/

Reported: 23/02/2017

Bulgaria

Anti-Drug Operation

Event – Bulgarian Police seized over 7 kg of cocaine at the border with Romania.

Summary – The drug was found in a truck carrying second-hand furniture and the two Bulgarians on board were arrested.

Source – <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2017/02/06/416036/xinhuabulgaria-seizes-over-7-kg-of-cocaine-at-border-with-romania.html>

Reported: 06/02/2017

Czech Republic

International Relationships

Event –Saxon Prime Minister is pleased with the cooperation with Czech Police.

Summary – According to the Saxon Prime Minister Stanislaw Tillich, the cooperation between Czech and German police was a success. In fact, there was a reduction in criminal activities at the border, including drug trafficking.

Source: <http://praguemonitor.com/2017/02/08/saxon-prime-minister-praises-police-cooperation-czechs>

Reported: 08/02/2017





France

Drug Trafficking

Event: Two Belgian Hells Angels sentenced for drug trafficking in France.

Summary: Two members of the motorcycle club Hells Angels have been sentenced to 30 months in prison for drug trafficking offences.

Source: <http://www.brusselstimes.com/belgium/7548/two-belgian-hells-angels-sentenced-for-drug-trafficking-in-france>

Reported: 17/02/2017

Germany

Anti-Drug Operation

Event – 156 million Euros in pure Dutch Caribbean cocaine seized in Germany.

Summary – A container carrying 717 kg of cocaine which they estimate would have produced drugs with a street value of 145 million Euros, was seized in the Port of Hamburg.

Source: <http://wkbn.com/2017/02/03/156-million-in-pure-dutch-caribbean-cocaine-seized-at-germany-border/>

Reported: 03/02/2017

Greece, Igoumenitsa

Crime Ring

Event – Police unveiled a criminal ring.

Summary – After the seizure of 2 kg of cocaine in Igoumenitsa, Greek Police managed to unveil a racket involved in other criminal activities.

Source: <http://www.aol.co.uk/news/2017/02/06/cocaine-and-ecstasy-sold-at-unprecedented-levels-of-purity/>

Reported: 07/02/2017

Ireland, Dublin

Anti-Drug Operation

Event – Four people arrested in a Gardai anti-drug operation.

Summary – After the seizure of 3,2 million Euros of cannabis, Gardai arrested four people involved in drug trafficking.

Source: <http://www.dublinlive.ie/news/dublin-news/four-men-arrested-after-gardai-12538228>

Reported: 01/02/2017

Italy

Anti-Drug Operation

Event –An Anti-Drug operation lead to the arrest of 65 people.

Summary – The people arrested seem to be linked to the criminal organization 'Ndrangheta.

Source: <http://www.strettoweb.com/2017/02/ndrangheta-traffico-internazionale-di-droga-65-arresti/513274/>

Reported: 16/02/2017





Italy

Anti-Drug Operation

Event – Big seizure of marijuana intended for road transport.

Summary – The Police concluded the anti-drug operation with the arrest of 5 people and to the seizure of 1,8 tons of marijuana.

Source: http://www.ansa.it/veneto/notizie/2017/02/10/droga-maxi-sequestro-18-t.-marijuana_b96d048d-a9ad-447c-ae9e-20b673fc36d4.html

Reported: 10/02/2017

Anti-Drug Operation

Event – 244 arrests in an Anti-Drug Operation.

Summary – A Police operation lead to the arrest of 244 people in various Italian regions and to the seizure of 19 kg of cocaine, 2 kg of heroin, 1800 kg of marijuana and 300 g of synthetic drugs.

Source: <http://www.rainews.it/dl/rainews/articoli/traffico-droga-arresti-ce2afa30-c1ab-41db-8aad-4d4f858a481a.html>
<http://www.intelligonews.it/sangue/articoli/9-febbraio-2017/56233/blitz-antidroga-in-tutta-italia-244-arresti-1700-kg-di-droga-nel-rimorchio/>
<http://www.secoloditalia.it/2017/02/439140/>

Reported: 09/02/2017

Italy, Ancona

Anti-Drug Operation

Event – Big seizure of marijuana in the Ancona port.

Summary – Guardia di Finanza seized 8 tons of pure marijuana hidden in a transport of plastic material. One man arrested.

Source: <http://www.ilrestodelcarlino.it/ancona/cronaca/droga-maxi-sequestro-porto-1.2905556>

Reported: 19/02/2017

Italy, Cosenza

Criminal Ring

Event – A Police operation lead to the discovery of a criminal ring.

Summary – The operation started after the denunciation of a mother who had her son involved in drug dealing and lead to the arrest of 23 people.

Source: <http://www.rainews.it/dl/rainews/articoli/cosenza-maxi-rete-spaccio-madre-denuncia-figlio-0f75b8ae-538c-4826-a36d-45e56056d0ae.html>

Reported: 02/02/2017

Italy, Modena

Anti-Drug Operation

Event – 3 people arrested and 32 kg of hashish seized.

Summary – Carabinieri discovered a storage warehouse for marijuana and hashish smuggling.

Source: <http://www.trc.tv/news/cronaca/2017/02/03/droga-sequestrati-modena-32-kg-hascisc-erba-3-arresti/>

Reported: 03/02/2017





Italy, Nuoro

Anti-Drug Operation

Event – A Police operation lead to the seizure of 500 kg of hashish.

Summary – Italian police started an operation against a criminal organization involved in drug trafficking.

Source: <http://www.sardegna-live.net/it/news/nuoro-vasta-operazione-antidroga-sequestrati-oltre-500-kg-di-hascisc>

Reported: 08/02/2017

Italy, Palermo

Anti-Drug Operation

Event – An Anti-Drug Operation lead to the arrest of 24 people in the Zen 2 district in Palermo.

Summary – A big crime ring was dismantled during the Carabinieri anti-drug operation "Teseo". They arrested 24 people assigned to the packaging and the smuggling of drugs.

Source: <http://tg24.sky.it/tg24/cronaca/2017/02/28/droga-spaccio-zen-palermo-arresti.html>
<http://www.strettoweb.com/2017/02/palermo-smantellato-traffico-di-stupefacenti-allo-zen-2-24-arresti/517858/>

Reported: 28/02/2017

Netherlands

Anti-Drug Operation

Event – An operation of Dutch Police lead to the seizure of a truck containing chemicals.

Summary – Dutch Police have seized a truckload of chemicals they say could have produced up to one billion ecstasy pills.

Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2017/02/10/europe/netherlands-ecstasy-drug-bust/>

Reported: 10/02/2017

Netherlands, Nijmegen

Flakka

Event – First flakka dealer arrested in Netherlands.

Summary – A flakka drug dealer was arrested in Nijmegen. Flakka is a new hard drug of recent production and it is known as a zombie-drug.

Source: <http://nltimes.nl/2017/02/01/first-zombie-drug-dealer-arrested-netherlands>

Reported: 01/02/2017

Russia

International Drug Trafficking

Event – Russian Police and FSB cut down the drug cartel Kim Prom.

Summary – According to Irina Volk, spokeswoman of the Ministry of the Interior, there were arrested 67 criminals belonging to a drug cartel that earn 30 million Euros per year from illegal activities.

Source: <https://it.sputniknews.com/mondo/201702104055049-Kiev-Ucraina-narcotraffico-spaccio-FSB/>

Reported: 10/02/2017





Spain

International Drug Trafficking

Event – Spanish Police arrested 21 suspects involved in an International drug ring.

Summary – 21 people suspected of being involved in an International drug ring have been arrested by Spanish police. The suspects are from Spain, Estonia, Bulgaria and Croatia.

Source: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-4214726/Spain-police-arrest-21-suspects-u-international-drug-ring.html>

Reported: 11/02/2017

Spain, Leon

Anti-Drug Operation

Event – Chinese drug plantations discovered by National Police in Leon.

Summary – The Officers of National Police obtained a court warrant to allow them to enter the property and see what it contained.

Source: <https://www.euroweeklynews.com/3.0.15/news/on-euro-weekly-news/spain-news-in-english/143284-chinese-drug-plantations-closed-in-leon-by-national-police>

Reported: 04/02/2017

Spain, Zaragoza

Cocaine

Event – Cocaine found in a Nesquik tube.

Summary – In the sugary chocolate powder there was a 250 g packet of cocaine. It was discovered by a customer who bought the tube in a shop.

Source: <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/weird-news/shopper-finds-11000-cocaine-nesquik-9791315>

Reported: 10/02/2017

United Kingdom

Report

Event – Cocaine and Ecstasy sold at unprecedented levels of purity in the United Kingdom.

Summary – The results from a report made by DrugWise were based on interviews with drug treatment workers, police officers and other experts representing 32 organizations and 12 police forces.

Source: <http://www.aol.co.uk/news/2017/02/06/cocaine-and-ecstasy-sold-at-unprecedented-levels-of-purity/>

Reported: 07/02/2017

