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EUROPE

Germany, Augsburg

Munitions Dumps

Event –A World War II bomb has been defused by explosive experts.

Summary –54000 people have been evacuated in order to secure the operation area. After a couple of hours the situation returned to normal.

Source: <http://wgntv.com/2016/12/26/massive-wwii-bomb-is-defused-in-german-town-of-augsburg/>
http://www.ansa.it/sito/notizie/mondo/europa/2016/12/24/bomba-ii-guerra-54000-evacuati-a-natale_44d12800-f220-4888-9876-0e6d8ad35cc1.html

Reported: 26/12/2016

Germany, Ludwigshafen

IED

Event –Failed attack in a Christmas market in the South-West of Germany.

Summary –The improvised explosive device, a nail bomb built by a strongly radicalized twelve year old German-Iraqi boy, did not explode for a defect fuse. Authorities are investigating on possible connection with Daesh.

Source: <http://www.ilfaroonline.it/2016/12/17/germania-sventato-attacco-un-baby-terrorista-isis/156042/>
http://www.ansa.it/sito/notizie/mondo/europa/2016/12/16/germania-focus-fallito-attentato-a-mercato-natale_7867cb2c-47c6-41b3-a45f-e5248ba60274.html

Reported: 17/12/2016

Russia, Moscow

Bomb Alarm

Event –Three metro stations have been evacuated after a bomb alarm.

Summary –3000 people have been evacuated after a bomb alarm triggered by an anonymous phone call but the situation returned quickly to normal after the investigations.

Source: http://www.ansa.it/sito/notizie/mondo/europa/2016/12/26/allarme-bomba-evacuate-3-stazioni-mosca_ae7f400d-6e4d-42d4-a26a-5509e656121d.html

Reported: 26/12/2016

Europe

Drug Trafficking

Event: According to EU, Morocco is the main supplier of cannabis in Europe.

Summary: The recent reports are considering the illicit trade routes one of the most relevant dangers for the security of Europe.

Source: <http://impact24.info/lue-designe-maroc-principal-fournisseur-de-cannabis/>

Reported: 31/12/2016



Europe

Drug Use

Event: Data about the use of drugs in Europe in 2016.

Summary: Among the 743 million European citizens, in 2016 22.1 million have used cannabis, 3.6 million cocaine, 2.5 million MDMA and 1.6 million amphetamine. The cities with the highest drug consume are Antwerp, London, Zurich and Barcelona.

Source: <http://www.tpi.it/mondo/italia/consumo-droga-europa-2016>

Reported: 29/12/2016

Drug Use

Event: A research project based on wastewater has monitored the consume of drugs in 60 European cities.

Summary: It has resulted that cocaine and MDMA concentrations are higher in larger cities compared to small towns and that are generally consumed in the weekend. There has been reported also other interesting data, especially involving the consume of drugs in certain areas.

Source: https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2016/12/16/europes-illicit-drug-problem-visualized/?utm_term=.f134a392b94a

Reported: 16/12/2016

Albania

Cannabis

Event: Albania is the largest producer of outdoor-grown cannabis in Europe.

Summary: According to the farmers, it is an important resource for a poor country like Albania, especially for the profits that develops.

Source: <http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-38111945>

Reported: 01/12/2016

Austria

Anti-Drug Operation

Event: Austrian Police have arrested 50 suspects.

Summary: They are suspected of being part of a big drug smuggling ring that interests Austria, Netherlands, Nigeria and Cameroon. Authorities have also seized cocaine, heroin, marijuana and amphetamines.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2016/12/30/world/europe/ap-eu-austria-drug-arrests.html? r=0>

Reported: 30/12/2016





Belarus

Cannabis

Event: Belarus bans cannabis and opium poppy cultivation.

Summary: According to Belarus government, the plants can only be cultivated for scientific reasons and owners of land must make sure that opium poppy and cannabis do now grow on their property.

Source : <https://sputniknews.com/europe/201612311049155039-belarus-bans-cannabis/>

Reported: 31/12/2016

Belgium, Antwerp

Drug Trafficking

Event: The port of Antwerp is the main gateway for Europe-bound cocaine.

Summary: According to the Belgium media data, the port has dethroned Hamburg and Rotterdam. During 2016 there has been seized 30 tons of cocaine and opened 86 cases on charges of drug trafficking with the arrest of 162 people.

Source : <https://sputniknews.com/europe/201612281049062606-antwerp-cocaine-trafficking/http://www.7sur7.be/7s7/fr/1502/Belgique/article/detail/3041679/2016/12/28/29-tonnes-de-cocaine-saisies-au-port-d-Anvers-en-2016.dhtml>

Reported: 28/12/2016

Bulgaria

Anti Drug Operation

Event: Bulgarian police have seized nearly 12 kg of heroin.

Summary: Authorities have seized the drug in a car at the border with Greece and the driver has been arrested.

Source: <http://famagusta-gazette.com/bulgaria-seizes-nearly-kg-of-heroin-p37640-69.htm>

Reported: 09/12/2016

Bulgaria, Sofia

Anti Drug Operation

Event: Bulgarian police have seized 80 kg of heroin.

Summary: The drug was found in a car, parked in a garage in Sofia. The great heroin quantity was destined to the Western Europe market.

Source: <http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1021772.shtml>

Reported: 04/12/2016





Finland

Drug Smuggling

Event: The former-head of Helsinki's anti-drugs police has been sentenced for drug smuggling.

Summary: Jari Aarnio was found to have helped a gang to import 800 kg of Hashish from Netherlands and now he has been sentenced to 10 years in prison by a Finnish court. His accomplice has been sentenced to 10 years too.

Source: <http://www.euronews.com/2016/12/29/former-head-of-helsinki-drug-squad-sentenced-in-drug-smuggling-scandal>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-38458583>

Reported: 29/12/2016

France, Bayonne

Anti Drug Operation

Event: Police have stopped a cocaine cargo from Colombia.

Summary: A ton of cocaine from Colombia has been seized by French Police in Bayonne after a journey from Cartagena, Cape Verde and France.

Source: <http://www.leparisien.fr/faits-divers/les-coulisses-de-l-operation-b-52-03-12-2016-6407253.php>

Reported: 03/12/2016

France, Marseille

Anti Crime Operation

Event: French authorities have dismantled a drug trafficking ring in Marseille.

Summary: They have seized 30 kg of narcotics, weapons, cash and arrested 12 people

Source: <http://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=rn&id=7311&SEO=france-dismantles-drug-trafficking-ring-in-marseilles>

Reported: 23/12/2016

Greece, Athens

Drug Smuggling

Event : A man has been arrested at the Athens airport for drug smuggling.

Summary: He had travelled from Brazil to Athens, via Zurich and he was found in possession of 25 kg of cocaine.

Source : <http://www.ekathimerini.com/214510/article/ekathimerini/news/man-arrested-with-25-kilos-of-cocaine-at-athens-airport>

Reported: 12/12/2016





Ireland

Cannabis

Event: Cannabis is going to be legalized for medical uses.

Summary: Irish legislators have passed a bill to make cannabis legal for medical use. The bill seeks to legalize and regulate cannabis products for those suffering serious illnesses.

Source : <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/ireland-cannabis-legalise-medical-marijuana-vote-a7451411.html>

Reported: 02/12/2016

Italy, Artena

Anti Drug Operation

Event: 2700 kg of marijuana have been seized by Carabinieri.

Summary: The large quantity of drug has been found in a van and in the workshop of a mechanic. The man has been arrested.

Source: http://www.ilmessaggero.it/roma/cronaca/artena_sequestrati_ad_un_meccanico_2_700_kg_di_marijuana_foto_luciano_sciurba-2168452.html

Reported: 30/12/2016

Italy, Milan

Anti Drug Operation

Event: 10 kg of cocaine have been seized in Malpensa Airport.

Summary: Guardia di Finanza have also arrested a Peruvian man who was hiding the drug in his luggage.

Source: <http://www.varesenews.it/2016/12/dieci-chili-di-cocaina-sequestrati-a-malpensa/582124/>

Reported: 30/12/2016

Anti Drug Operation

Event: Carabinieri have seized 54 kg of marijuana.

Summary: They have also arrested an Albanian man who was hiding tools for drug trafficking in his house.

Source : http://www.ansa.it/lombardia/notizie/2016/12/28/droga-sequestrati-54-kg-di-marijuana_a57ffa9c-a03e-4c74-9839-f45c6b51d98b.html

Reported: 28/12/2016





Italy, Olbia

Anti Drug Operation

Event: Two people have been arrested for international drug trafficking.

Summary: They were hiding in their car 1kg of cocaine. Authorities are currently investigating.

Source: http://www.unionesarda.it/articolo/cronaca/2016/12/30/olbia_traffico_internazionale_di_cocaina_trovato_un_chilo_di_drog-68-556961.html
http://www.olbianotizie.it/articolo-41896-fermati_per_spaccio_sulla_olbia_nuoro_sequestrato_un_chilo_di_cocaina.aspx

Reported: 30/12/2016

Netherlands

4-Fluoroamphetamine

Event : Dutch government is going to ban the drug 4-FA.

Summary: It is generally used as a legal alternative to heroin, cocaine and ecstasy but from the next April it is going to be banned in Netherlands.

Source : <http://www.irishtimes.com/news/world/europe/dutch-to-ban-4-fa-party-drug-popular-in-europe-1.2899867>

Reported: 09/12/2016

Spain

Anti-Drug Operation

Event: A joint operation between Spanish and Moroccan authorities has tackled a big European smuggling ring.

Summary: The operation has started in Spain during the Summer, and now has lead to the arrest of 24 people and the seizure of 2.5 Tons of cocaine. The operation has the target to stop a smuggling network stretching from Europe to Africa and South America.

Source : <http://hetq.am/eng/news/73517/spain-anti-drug-operation-leads-to-at-sea-cocaine-bust.html>
<http://www.ouest-france.fr/europe/espagne/trafic-de-cocaine-operation-conjointe-espagne-maroc-24-arrestations-4660485>

Reported: 08/12/2016

United Kingdom

Drug Smuggling

Event: A Dutch national pilot has been arrested by National Crime Agency officers for drug smuggling.

Summary: The pilot John Buwalda is suspected for having smuggled more than 2.4€ of cocaine in the United Kingdom. His accomplice, who was carrying 22 kg of cocaine with a high purity level, has been arrested too.

Source: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/12/22/pilot-arrested-toilet-trousers-smuggling-24m-cocaine-britain/>

Reported: 22/12/2016





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United Kingdom



Cocaine

Event: Officers found cocaine in a van containing Pepsi.

Summary: The value of the cocaine seized is about £ 700000 and the investigations have started immediately.

Source : <http://metro.co.uk/2016/12/21/700000-worth-of-coke-found-in-pepsi-6336135/>

Reported: 21/12/2016