



The Islamic Republic of Iran's Activities and Achievements in the Field of Combating Narcotic Drugs (March-April 2020)

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Narcotic Drug seizure in March-April 2020

- About 115330 kg of various narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances were seized throughout Iran in March-April.
- The highest seized type was Opium with 94465 kg, followed by 13293 kg of Hashish, 2559 kg of Heroin, 2196 kg of Crystal, 1814 kg of Morphine, 525 kg of Grass and 528 kg of other substances including precursors and psychotropic pills.

Priorities of Anti-Narcotics Headquarters

Secretary General of the Anti-Narcotics Headquarters announced priorities for the new solar year through a video conference with the deputies, general managers of the headquarters and the secretaries of the Anti-Narcotics Coordination Council in provinces, including:

- Effective implementation of the "Life Helpers Plan";
- Developing intelligence measures;
- Ensuring border surveillance;
- Amending anti-narcotics laws;
- Developing a roadmap for each province;
- Organizing notorious addicts, and;
- Clearing contaminated areas.

The United Nations Appreciates Iran's Efforts in Preventing the Spread of the Corona Virus among Addicts

The Welfare Organization's Deputy for Prevention and Treatment Development stated that the number of addicts infected with corona virus in Iran has been less than the predicted number. He also added that due to the prevalence

rate of corona virus and the risk of spreading infections among addicts, welfare offices across the country with the help of other related institutions and non-governmental organizations have distributed health items, disinfectants, food and further help among notorious addicts.

Setting up a Database to Access Statistics of Addicts Infected with Corona Virus

Through the launch of a test system and online questionnaire, Iran's Addiction Therapists Association conducted a study with the help of physicians in charge of technical affairs in outpatient addiction treatment centers to provide reliable statistics on addicts infected with the corona virus.

Treatment Protocol of Addicts Affected by Corona Virus

The treatment protocol for notorious addicts was developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Treatment and Medical Education, in accordance with the challenges caused by the corona virus.

Mortality Rate Caused by the Use of Narcotic Drugs

According to the announcement by the Secretary-General of the Anti-Narcotics Headquarters, nearly 4,000 people die each year as a result of narcotic drug abuse.