

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

### **Narcotic Drug Seizure from 31 January to 25 February 2021**

- About 58383 kg of various types of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances were seized throughout Iran from 30 January to 28 February 2021.
- The highest seized type was Opium with 47767 kg, followed by 5637 kg of Hashish, 2304 kg of Morphine, 1144 kg of Heroin, 764 kg of Crystal, 304 kg of other substances including precursors and psychotropic pills and 287 kg of Grass.

### **Memorandum of Cooperation between the Drug Control Headquarters and the Iranian Prisons Organization**

The Secretary General of the Drug Control Headquarters and the Head of the Prisons Organization signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the aim of expanding cooperation and increasing the capacity for hosting, treating and harm reduction for people with drug use disorders. Within the framework of this memorandum, it is agreed that the prisons organization should provide suitable spaces for the detention of people with drug use disorders in the provinces of Kerman, Khuzestan, Khorasan Razavi, Sistan and Baluchestan.

### **Iran and Spain to Strengthen Cooperation in the Field of Combating Narcotic Drugs**

The Head of Iran's Anti-Narcotics Police held a video conference with the Head of the Spanish Organized Crime and Narcotics Police, where he declared Iran's readiness for bilateral cooperation in the following fields:

- combating and arresting traffickers and main drug transit networks in the region and internationally;
- application of smart devices for seizure of narcotic drugs;
- social prevention of people community tending towards addiction.

The Head of the Spanish Anti-Narcotics Police also showed full readiness to develop relationships including in further areas such as training stray dogs, developing specialized training programs, exchanging knowledge related to new methods of treatment, rehabilitation and treatment of addicts.

### **Bilateral Counter-Narcotics Cooperation between Iran and Iraq**

During a visit to Iran, the Head of the Iraqi Anti-Narcotics Agency met with the Head of the Iranian Anti-Narcotics Police. During the meeting, the two sides, while emphasizing the need to strengthening exchange for dealing with the growing challenges of narcotic drugs, stressed on strengthening cooperation, including the promotion and acceleration of the exchange of information and joint training. During the meeting, the two sides also expressed their desire to conclude a memorandum of cooperation in various fields of counter-narcotics and to improve the level of bilateral cooperation.

### **Iran and Tajikistan Cooperation in Counter-Narcotics**

During his visit to Tajikistan, the Iranian Interior Minister met his counterpart, where the two sides reviewed the latest regional and bilateral developments, including the growing challenges caused by trafficking and transit of drugs and emphasized expanding cooperation through exchange of information related to production of narcotics and psychotropic substances.

### **Trainings for 120 Iranian Experts in the Field of Combating Crime**

In the framework of the 2015-2020 Country Partnership Program of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the UNODC Country Office held training courses for 122 experts from various institutions in cooperation with relevant domestic institutions. The courses focused on the following areas: container documentation and review, information analysis, and research on organized drug crimes.

### **Inauguration of the First Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Center for Women in Ilam Province**

The first addiction treatment and rehabilitation center for women with drugs use disorders was opened in Ilam province. Apart from the features of this center regarding the comprehensiveness of the programs, this center is also the 16th medium-term residential center for addiction treatment in the province, which has been established with the aim of treating drug users.

### **Financing of Facilities and Employment Assistance in Hamadan Province**

Over the past year, 150 billion rials have been provided to 318 recovering addicts in Hamadan province for employment facilities. In addition to that, a memorandum of understanding has been concluded between the Department of Welfare and the Technical and Vocational Training center of the province, aimed at developing and increasing skills of addicts, preparing them through special training courses for suitable jobs.

### **Licensing of an Iranian Medication Prescription for Addiction Treatment**

The Iranian medication to be used for addiction treatment has been prepared by knowledge-based companies and is currently undergoing the process of licensing by the Food and Drug Organization. About 20 percent of the medicine is derived from narcotics and 80 percent of it contains herbal medicine that reduces the re-desire to use drugs.

### **Addiction Prevention Training for 5461 People with Drug-Use-Disorders in Kermanshah Province**

In order to improve the environment of working and production areas in Kermanshah province and to promote people's health and productivity, 5461 people have received addiction prevention training in the workplace since the beginning of this year.

### **Implementation of the National Plan "Family Dialogue with a Participatory Problem-Solving Approach in the Field of Addiction"**

The Vice President for Women and Family Affairs announced the implementation of the national plan "Family Dialogue with a Participatory Problem-Solving Approach in the Field of Addiction", which targets families affected by addiction. At first stage, this plan will be implemented in 13 provinces of the country with the aim of reducing addiction, especially during the days of the Covid-19 pandemic.