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AIRCOP LARGEST SINGLE SEIZURE IN NIGER

On 13 June 2018, the Joint Airport Interdiction Task Force (JAITF) supported the Central Office for the Fight Against International Drug Trafficking (OCTRIS) in seizing almost 2,5 tons of cannabis in a suburb of Niamey, Niger. A two-month investigation disclosed potential hiding places and 4 traffickers were intercepted at Niamey Diiori Hamani International Airport. This is the largest single AIRCOP seizure since the beginning of the project in 2010.

OVERALL SEIZURES

Over 2000 arrests	Cocaine: 6,9 tons	Meth: 1,7 ton	Precursors: 1,2 ton
Amphet: 104 kg	Heroin: 363 kg	Potential FTFs: 7	Ammunition: 834 kg
Khat: 1,7 ton	Cannabis: 4,8 tons	Ivory: 629 kg	Pangolin scales: 1,2 ton
US\$ undeclared cash: 10,1 million	Victims of human trafficking: 8	Fraudulent travel documents: 1742	Illicit/counterfeit medicine: 11,6 tons



AIRCOP IN THE SAHEL

AIRCOP participated in a joint meeting organized between UNODC and the G5 Sahel, in Nouakchott on 18 July 2018, to strengthen cooperation in the areas of security and justice. The G5 supported the plans of AIRCOP to open new JAITFs in Chad and Mauritania as well as a new JAITF in Niger.



AILES AFRICAINES 2018

The pre-operational training for the joint operation Ailes Africaines, led by the French Customs, took place in Dakar from 3 to 6 of July 2018. The actual operation which will run between July and early September focuses on the control of small aircrafts that represent a significant risk of fraud, particularly drug smuggling, in the sub-region.

OPERATIONAL JAITF IN BOLIVIA

The new JAITF, located at the Viru Viru Airport in Bolivia, has concluded its first training on fake documents led by INTERCOPS. The first Steering Committee meeting of AIRCOP Bolivia was also held in the presence of the AIRCOP LAC coordinator and the heads of Customs, Immigration, INTERPOL and Bolivian Anti-Narcotics Special Task Force.

JAITF ESTABLISHED IN MOZAMBIQUE

The 16th JAITF in Africa, established in Maputo, ended its initial training with INTERCOPS, on 8 June 2018. Within the first couple of weeks a Chinese national smuggling undeclared diamonds, as well as an Ivorian and a Nigerian cocaine courier were intercepted.

SUSPICIOUS PASSENGER TRAINING IN ALGERIA

AIRCOP and the French customs, organized in Algiers, a training on Profiling and Targeting of suspicious passengers to build detection, interdiction and investigation capacities of law enforcement agents including on passengers' information (API/PNR).

FUTURE COOPERATION IN CAMBODIA

During a mission in Cambodia, AIRCOP met with representatives of the National Authority For Combating Drugs, the General Department of Immigration, the Cambodian National Police and the General Department of Customs and Excise. The different authorities expressed their interest in launching the AIRCOP project at the Phnom Penh International Airport.

