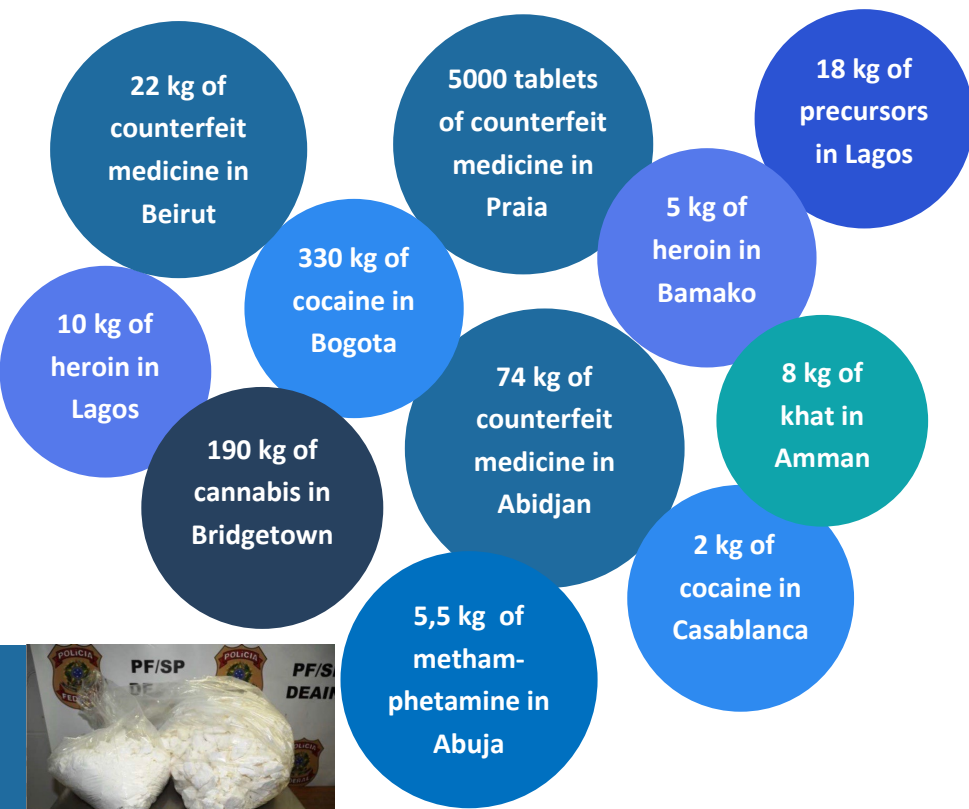




55 TONS OF NARCOTICS SEIZED: AIRCOP PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERPOL-LED OPERATION LIONFISH

From 17 September to 8 October 2018, all AIRCOP JAIFs, one AIRCOP associate country and other countries took part in Operation Lionfish, the first global initiative simultaneously involving all of INTERPOL's regions against drug trafficking and a total of 93 countries.



NEW JAIF OPERATIONAL IN SANTA CRUZ, BOLIVIA

On 29 October 2018, AIRCOP inaugurated the 24th JAIF at Viru Viru International Airport. The JAIF is composed of 18 members, of which 3 are INTERPOL officials, 3 from Migration services, 3 from the Citizen Security Aeropolicial Service, 4 from the Bolivian Customs and 5 from the Special Force to Fight Against Drug Trafficking (FELCN).

DRUGS INTERCEPTED IN POSTAL MAIL

On 26 October 2018, the JAIF of Abidjan seized 300 gr of methamphetamine in a postal parcel going to New-Zealand. This seizure is a perfect example of the diversification of drugs flows and the increased use of postal mail in Africa.

COCAINE IN COFFEE: NEW MODUS OPERANDI



On 25 and 26 October 2018, 3 women (1 Colombian and 2 Venezuelans) were arrested in Lisbon. They arrived separately from Fortaleza, Brazil, and were each carrying 5,5 kg of coffee. Despite not reacting to the initial test for cocaine, the coffee, which appeared to be normal, was then subjected to further tests which revealed that it contained 40% of cocaine (6 kg of cocaine).

On 1 November 2018, one Colombian arriving in Lisbon from Recife, was arrested with 7,5 kg of coffee. After further test it appeared that it was composed of 33% of cocaine (2,4 kg of cocaine).

Another case of "cocaine coffee" occurred in Bissau (20 October 2018) outlining the growing importance of this new method that requires further detection and examination capacities since the chemical process used in the coffee hinders possibility to detect cocaine by using normal field cocaine test.