



AIRCOP

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FIRST STEPS IN THE LAUNCH OF AIRCOP IN IRAQ

From 8 to 12 September, the first ever AIRCOP training in Iraq was delivered in Baghdad by experts from the INTERCOPS programme of the Brazilian federal police. Focusing on the detection and interdiction of suspicious passengers at international airports, the activity, funded by the Japanese government, brought together 37 law enforcement officers from various agencies operating at Iraqi International airports and aimed at strengthening the skills of the participating officers in the verification of identity documents, screening procedures, the analysis of travel data and evidence-based risk assessment. This training marks the first step in the launch of AIRCOP in Iraq and extends the AIRCOP network to 35 participating countries (40 airports) in Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean.



DRUG TRAFFICKING NETWORK DISMANTLED BY JAITF IN SANTA-CRUZ, BOLIVIA

As a result of effective cooperation between Bolivia, including the Joint Interdiction Task Force (JAITF) of Santa Cruz, and Spain, a drug trafficking network operating out of the Viru Viru International Airport and transporting illicit drugs to Spain was disbanded. This led to the seizure of 47 kilograms of cocaine in Barajas, Madrid, and the detention of 9 individuals, including a police officer from the Special Force to Fight against Drug Trafficking (FELCN) in Bolivia.

UNCCT/AIRCOP COUNTER-TERRORISM WORKSHOP IN DAKAR, SENEGAL

From 16 to 20 September, a workshop focusing on risk analysis and detection of potential foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs) traveling by air was held in Dakar, Senegal, in cooperation with the United Nations Counter Terrorism Centre (UNCCT). The training was delivered to 24 officers from Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal.



WCO-COPES / AIRCOP TRAINING ON CUSTOMS PRACTICES IN NIAMEY, NIGER

From 2 to 6 September, a specialized training on post-seizure investigations was delivered in Niamey, Niger, in cooperation with the programme on the Compendium of Customs Operational Practices for Enforcement and Seizures (COPES) of the World Customs Organization (WCO). 29 officers from the police and customs working at Niamey airport as well as 2 prosecutors participated in the training, which was funded by the United States of America.



Key Seizures By JAITFs:

Date: 31 August and 14 September 2019
Place: Banjul, The Gambia
Seizure: 175 pellets of cocaine in total
Route: Guinea Bissau (by road) - Banjul, the Gambia (by air) - Madrid, Spain
Airline: Binter Canarias
Concealment: on 2 passengers



Date: 6 September 2019
Place: Abidjan, Ivory Coast
Seizure: 6 Kg of cannabis
Route: Abidjan, Ivory Coast - Tunis, Tunisia
Airline: Tunis Air
Concealment: on 3 passengers



Date: 23 September 2019
Place: Buenos Aires, Argentina
Seizure: 3 Kg of cocaine
Route: Buenos Aires, Argentina - Cabo Verde
Airline: Iberia Airlines
Persons Intercepted: 2 Argentinians
Concealment: hidden inside steel disks sent via courier



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