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# MONTHLY REPORT ON NORTH AMERICA AND SOUTH OF ASIA

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## SOUTH ASIA (INDIA, BANGLADESH)

In October 2021, India and Bangladesh experienced significant drug seizures in which almost 316.20 kg of drugs and 37094 pills were seized, and a total of 36 suspects were arrested in both countries. The detailed share across the countries is listed in Table 1.

**Table 1. Aggregated value at country level**

Country	Total seized drug weight (kg)	Total seized portions	Total seized drug pill (#)	Total Cash converted in \$	Total Number of arrests	Total Number arrested Under-aged (< 18)	Total Number of injuries	Total Number of deaths	Total Number of facts
Bangladesh	7,00		37 072		10			1	6
India	309,20		22	\$2 441	26		1		12
<b>Total</b>	<b>316,20</b>		<b>37 094</b>	<b>\$2 441</b>	<b>36</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>

The most popular drugs in South Asia include Heroin, Cannabis, Cocaine, Crystal meth, Charas (cannabis) and Yaba (methamphetamine) pills. Figure A1. illustrates the frequency of various drugs seized throughout India in October.

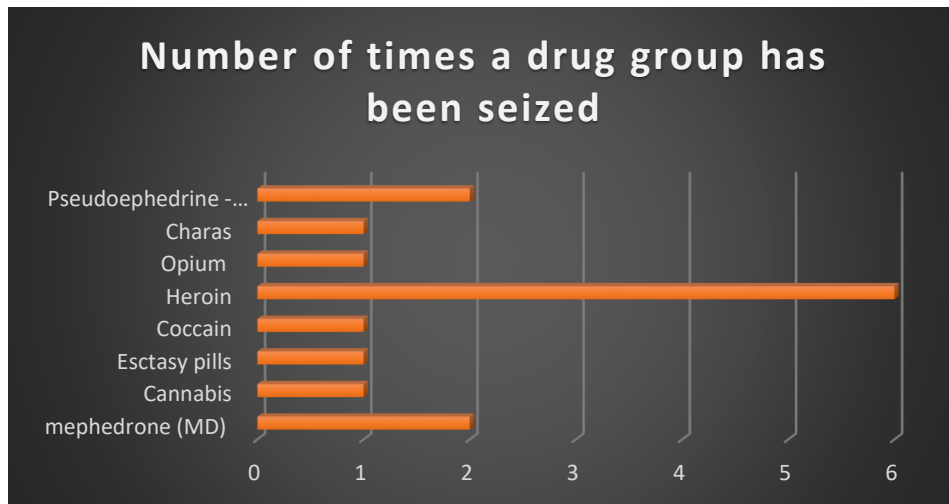


Fig A1. Shows the number of times a drug group has been seized in India

In India, cannabis reported the highest amounts of seized drugs i.e., 155 kg followed by Opium 73 kg and heroin i.e., almost 58 kg. Even though cannabis was reported to be the highest amount of drugs seized, heroin was reported to be seized multiple times i.e., 6 times in India. See the chart below.

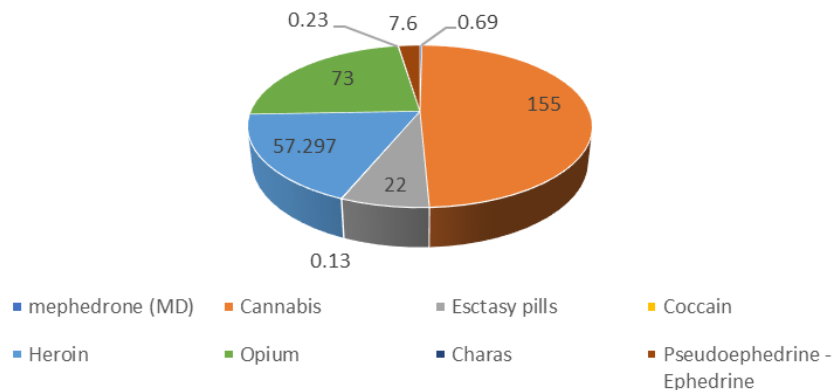


Fig A2. Weight share of drugs seized in India

In October, an important seizure of ecstasy pills and pseudoephedrine or ephedrine took place. The substances were concealed in the falls line areas of three 'lehengas' – traditional Indian skirts, and which were destined to Australia.



Fig A3. Drugs concealed in Indian traditional skirts. Source: [Zeenews](#)

Like other months, drugs like cannabis and heroin have been smuggled to India in huge amounts from the neighbouring country Nepal and border state of Kashmir.



Fig A4. [155 kg Hashish](#) smuggled from Nepal Kashmir



Fig A5. [Heroin worth 3.33 million US\\$](#) smuggled from

## Bangladesh

Despite the strengthened surveillance, shootouts and mass surrenders of narcotics smugglers, the smuggling of yaba (methamphetamine) pills continues to flow in the country.

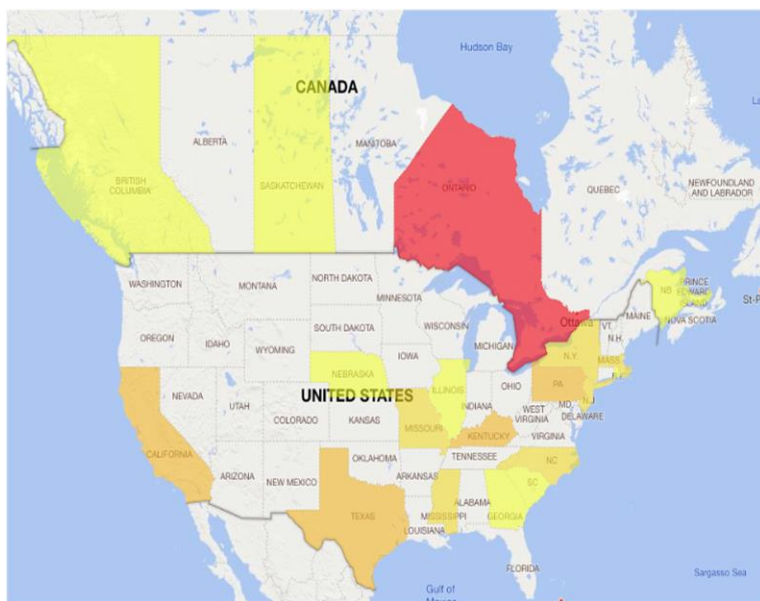
In October, specifically, a total of 9072 yaba pills were seized in Bangladesh, out of which were mostly seized in Cox's Bazar. Furthermore, crystal methamphetamine, better known as ice, is taking over Dhaka. [Experts warn](#) of the danger and complications linked to the rising of trade and consumption of the highly addictive crystal methamphetamine. A total of [7kg iced meth](#) drugs have been seized in October, which is listed in fig A6.



Fig A6. Shows the iced meth seized in Bangladesh. Photo: [Mehdi Hassan Dhaka Tribune](#)

## NORTH AMERICA (CANADA, USA)

October in the region of North America saw a total of 1,371.27 (kg), 17,625 portions and 4,357 pills of illegal drugs seized, from our media analyzation. The number of drug-related arrests totalled 212.

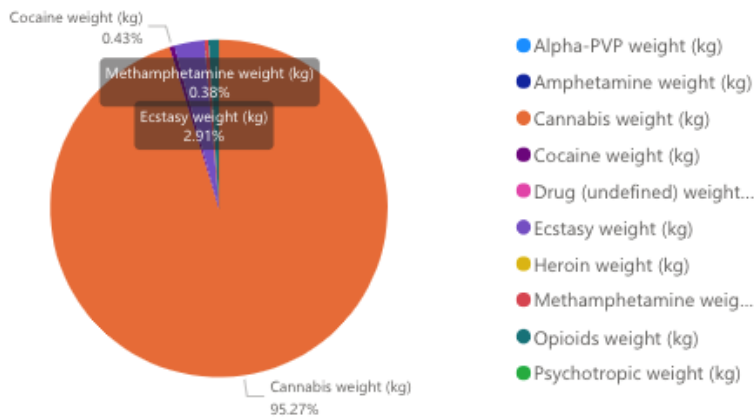


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Country	Total seized drug weight (kg)	Total seized portions	Total seized drug pill (#)	Total Number of arrests
Canada	216.35		350	37
USA	1,155.02	17625	4,007	175
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,371.37</b>	<b>17625</b>	<b>4,357</b>	<b>212</b>

## Canada

### Weight share



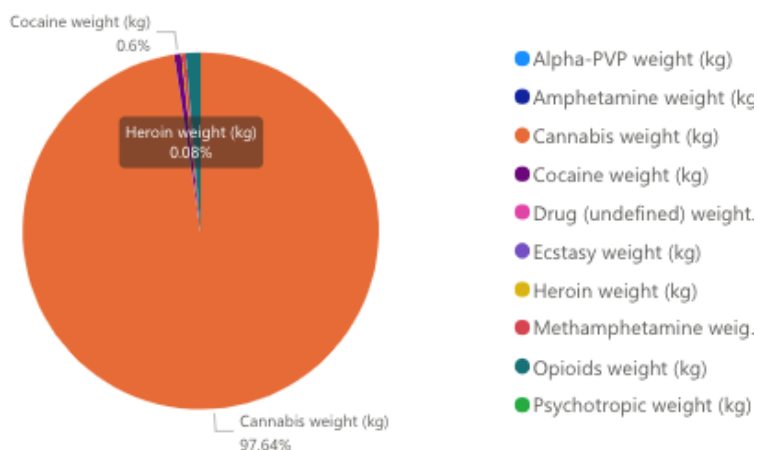
In Canada, the largest share of illegal drugs seized was Cannabis, accounting for nearly the entire weight share (95.27%). The next largest share was ecstasy with 2.91%. Marijuana is making up a larger portion this month after a huge seizure of 23 kg of illegal Cannabis was seized in Toronto. Check out the link to

this story [here](#).

The largest drug bust this month was located in the Toronto area and resulted in the seizure of 6.3 kg of MDMA, 1.5 kg of ketamine, more than 830 g of methamphetamine, 620 g of cocaine, 59 g of fentanyl and 2.2 kg of harvested cannabis. Although marijuana is legal across Canada, only government-controlled substances are authorized. Opioids and marijuana were the most frequent drug to be seized in Canada and nearly all drug seizures in pill form were opioids and methamphetamine.

## USA

### Weight share



97.64% of the drugs seized in the US were marijuana, accounting for nearly the entire weight share. Nearly all pills seized were opioids, with 94% share. The largest drug bust this month resulted in the seizure of 23,553 marijuana plants and 1028 kg of processed marijuana. This seizure occurred in San

Bernardino, California and 32 people were arrested. Check out the full story on the [link](#).

175 drug-related arrests were recorded by news media in the US for the month of October. California and Texas continue to be hotspots for major drug activity in the USA. Although news coverage can be less frequent, large and significant drug busts occur here more often than anywhere else in the US.