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Zelensky appears on cocaine seized in Russia (VIDEO)

The FSB says it intercepted over 300 kg of the drug in Moscow Region from a trafficking route linking Latin America and the EU

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Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) has seized 311 kg of cocaine in Moscow Region, with some of the haul featuring images of Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky. One suspect has been detained on suspicion of helping organize a supply route from Latin America to the EU.

The FSB said its officers caught the suspect while he was transporting the drugs. In a video shared by the agency, the man's car could be seen loaded with about a dozen heavy duty bags filled with cocaine bricks.



Source: FSB of Russia

During the examination of the packages, about nine of the bricks were revealed to have a photo of Zelensky with dollar signs for eyes. The agency has not offered any explanations as to why the Ukrainian leader's photograph appeared on the cocaine packages.

However, Zelensky's image has increasingly been associated with cocaine use. His former press secretary Yulia Mendel recently confirmed to Tucker Carlson that the Ukrainian leader's drug use is "*an open secret*" in Kiev. Russian officials have also long accused Zelensky and other

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Ukrainian elites of being addicts.

The detained man is an unemployed Russian citizen born in 2001, according to the FSB. It described him as an active member of an organized group that arranged large drug sales through the dark web without meeting buyers in person.



Source: FSB of Russia

The agency said the group's international supply route brought cocaine from Latin America through Russia for eventual sale in EU countries.

Investigators have opened a criminal case against the suspect on charges of attempted large-scale drug trafficking. A court has ordered him held in custody while the investigation continues, the FSB said.



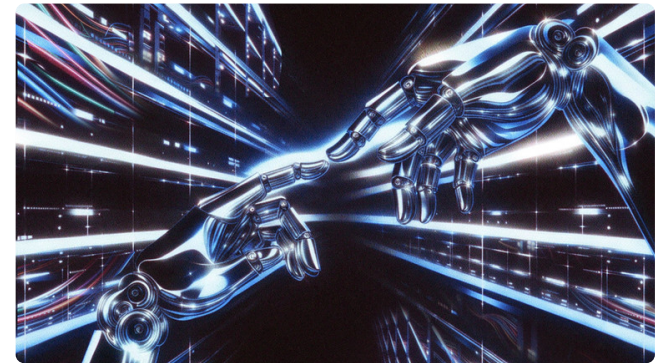
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Yevtushenko, a dean at Kuban State University, said international drug traffickers have increasingly used Russia as a transit route. He described cocaine arriving from Latin America by sea in containers carrying goods such as bananas and fish before being moved overland toward the EU.

The latest bust follows several major cocaine seizures in Russia in recent years. In July, the FSB said officers found more than half a ton concealed inside frozen tuna imported from Ecuador. Before that, in September 2025, the agency also announced

the discovery of a record 1.5 tons of the narcotic hidden in a cargo of bananas at a St. Petersburg port.

The UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) warned in June that global cocaine use has continued to soar in recent years, outpacing all other narcotics. Its illegal production skyrocketed to a record 4,000 tons in 2024, more than four times the level recorded a decade earlier.

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- J JL 9/25/2026 at 8:24 AM 0

Notice how they use \$ symbol to denote where the money is coming from; fleeced US taxpayers. US needs to change its national animal from bald eagle to a sheep. 🐑

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- G Graham Mcneil 9/25/2026 at 7:17 AM 0

Should have let it go through. Don't interfere with sales to the E.U.

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- M Murray Neuman 9/24/2026 at 4:02 PM 0

If the drugs are destined for EU countries, why should Russia waste its police resources to stop them?

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- D Dixon Bahlz 9/24/2026 at 4:33 PM ↑ -1

Also curious; why would they be smuggled through RF and not straight to EU... That part doesn't make sense at all, right? Perhaps the answer is a component of your question: to waste someone's time and taunt.

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- E Eileen Dover 9/24/2026 at 4:49 PM ↑ 0

Just wastes the time and money of the people who send this money for it to be seized. Also

Just wastes the time and money of the people who send this, or pay for it being sent. Also, lots of lost profits. A shipment like this can't be cheap. So if it's done to taunt, it's more of a cutting one's nose off to spite the face.

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D Dixon Bahlz 9/24/2026 at 5:41 PM ↑

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Perhaps... Of course, also sending drugs into/ through a country who may be considered adversarial is a time honored tradition to degrade the culture, people, and resources of a nation. So, there is that too. So, the cost of the coke may certainly be measured in relation to that of the security forces's efforts and detrimental effect to the population "costs"/ effects. Nevertheless, it ends up somebody's nose eventually.

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 **Mi Samsung** 9/24/2026 at 4:51 PM ↑

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Because some of it could find its way into Russia. Just because this shipment was supposed to be outbound doesn't mean that the next one will be outbound. Taking down part of the distribution channels helps them as well. Of course the bonus is that fans of the Columbian Marching Powder in the EU are going to be cut off and it puts stress on the EU.

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