

Big Heroin Bust

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DUSHANBE, Tajikistan — Tajik and Russian agents have seized about 300 kilograms of Afghan heroin, the biggest such interception of narcotics bound for Russia across Tajikistan, Tajik officials said Friday.

The Tajik drug enforcement agency said that in coordination with Russian colleagues it had seized more than 118 kilograms of heroin on a Russia-bound train in northern Tajikistan. It said the drugs had been hidden in crates with persimmons.

Nearly 180 kilograms of heroin were intercepted on arrival at St. Petersburg.

“The approximate cost of the seized drugs exceeds \$1 million, but in case of their retail sale in Russia they would have fetched dozens of times more,” the Tajik agency said. ☒

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