

One-Third of Prison Inmates Are Drug Users

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One-third of Russia's prison inmates are drug-users, the Federal Drug Control Service said Friday.

The inmates in questions are those "convicted of drug offenses, robbery, and looting — that's a quarter of a million people," Viktor Ivanov, the head of the FDSC, was quoted as saying by Interfax.

Ivanov said an effective mechanism to combat the spread of drugs in prisons needs to be created to ensure that after being released from jail, inmates do not start using drugs with even more intensity, and obtaining them through criminal activity.

"Our goal is to develop modern tools, exchange of information methods, goals and preventative measures against the spread of crime in prisons and jails," he added.

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