

## Global & Regional

### [Let drug dependents take up boxing](#)

**Sun Star (05/07)**

In Bandung, Indonesia, a boxing program blended with drug rehabilitation has been offered in a local gym.

### [How Psychedelic Drugs Could Help Treat Addiction](#)

**Motherboard (05/07)**

Another step toward mainstream medical acceptance of formerly “out-there” substances such as psilocybin, LSD, and MDMA, may involve turning them against other drugs. Across the US and UK, new clinical trials are using psychedelics to treat addiction to everything from controlled substances to alcohol and cigarettes.

### [The Pot Law That Could Be 'Deal-Breaker for the Drug War'](#)

**Rolling Stone (05/07)**

Legalisation in California opens up a conversation at national and international levels, says Chris Conrad, a court-qualified expert witness on marijuana, author and activist influential in shaping California's medical marijuana laws.

### [Mixing Tobacco And Pot Increases Drug Dependence](#)

**Immortal News (06/07)**

Research has found that people who use both marijuana and tobacco at the same time have a higher risk of dependency and are less motivated to seek help or support to quit.

### [Why we should de-criminalize all drugs](#)

**The Guardian (06/07)**

It's impossible to remove the stigma of addiction while drug use remains illegal – the two concepts are completely at odds with one another.

### [Medicinal marijuana – a gateway to increased illegal drug use?](#)

**Medical Xpress (06/07)**

Marijuana is dubbed by some as a "gateway drug" that leads to increased use of hard drugs such as cocaine and heroin. Behind this argument is a gaping hole of evidence.

### ['Unbroken Brain' Explains Why 'Tough' Treatment Doesn't Help Drug Addicts](#)

**NPR (07/07)**

Tough love, interventions and 12-step programs are some of the most common methods of treating drug addiction, but they're often counterproductive.

### [Cannabis and tobacco: scientists reveal long-term effects](#)

**Volteface (08/07)**

*Frontiers in Psychiatry* have published the findings of a study into tobacco and cannabis consumption habits.

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## Australia

### [Australia makes further inroads to medicinal cannabis use](#)

### **Shanghai Daily (05/07)**

Australia is continuing to make inroads into the use of medicinal medical marijuana with the announcement of a new trial specifically for children.

### **[Why drug sniffer dogs sometimes do more harm than good](#)**

#### **Business Insider (06/07)**

These dogs don't stop most drug use. And they have been shown to encourage more dangerous practices, criminalize and traumatize marginalized groups, and render all as potential suspects.

### **[Drug users reject Terumo syringes at needle exchanges](#)**

#### **The Age (06/07)**

Drug users are rejecting a new batch of syringes in Australia's needle exchange programs, saying they're too blunt and too flexible and that the tips are snapping off in people's arms.

### **[Safe Injection Rooms Would Save Lives](#)**

#### **The Huffington Post (07/07)**

Whether we like it or not, thousands of people take drugs, often unsafely. It is also true that over time most people find ways to change and lead useful and productive lives. The idea that rooms are provided to allow people to take drugs like crystal methamphetamine needs to be taken seriously.

### **[The war on drugs is a losing battle](#)**

#### **The Age (09/07)**

Increasingly, governments are accepting the need to deal with drug addiction as a health issue, not a law enforcement issue. The taboo around this complex, social problem, is gradually being lifted, and we welcome this as it allows us as a whole community to freely discuss the issues involved.

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## **Fiji**

### **[Directive for police on drugs](#)**

#### **The Fiji Times (05/07)**

Divisional police commanders have been directed to monitor and focus on drug cultivations in their various divisions.

### **[Drug Farmers Given Prison Sentences](#)**

#### **Fiji Sun Online (07/07)**

Five farmers of Navosa, who had been charged with unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs, were sentenced yesterday at Sigatoka Magistrates Court.

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## **India**

### **[Injective drug users turning HIV carriers](#)**

#### **Times of India (05/07)**

Intake of drugs through injections is spreading HIV in Ludhiana as 318 cases have been reported in the last about eight years under the target intervention project (TIP) among injecting drug users (IDUs).

### **[Medicinal concoctions drawing Punjab's drug addicts: NCB](#)**

#### **Times of India (06/07)**

Drug who use drugs in Punjab are gradually getting attracted to medicine-based drug concoctions following stepped-up clamp down on peddling of traditional narcotics.

[Drug abuse posing serious challenge to global community: Rajnath Singh](#)

**The Indian Express (08/07)**

At the inauguration of the second anti-drug Working Group meeting of Heads of Drug Control Agencies of BRICS, Home Minister [Rajnath Singh](#) said drug abuse is a subject which is posing a serious challenge to the global community.

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**Indonesia**

[Indonesia to execute at least two convicts, including foreigners this year – Attorney General](#)

**Euronews (11/07)**

H.M. Prasetyo said the prisoners would be executed by firing squad soon, but did not elaborate upon the crimes of which they were convicted.

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**Nepal**

[Most drug dealers 16 to 35 years old](#)

**The Himalayan (07/07)**

Data at the District Police Office Makawanpur showed that a large proportion of people involved in dealing drugs in the district were between the ages of 16 and 35.

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**New Zealand**

[Black market synthetics laced with weed killer, fly spray](#)

**Newshub (05/07)**

A New Zealand drug intelligence report obtained by Newshub says criminal groups are producing synthetic cannabis laced with weed killer and fly spray. Since the ban on psychoactive drugs, backyard dealers have emerged, spraying all sorts of potions on plant material to cash in.

[Is drug use rife on New Zealand farms?](#)

**NZ Herald (06/07)**

Federated Farmers Waikato Provincial President Chris Lewis chats to *The Country Early Edition's* Dom George about a growing drug problem in rural New Zealand.

[Drugs in farming: Graeme Smith of the Drug Detection Agency investigates](#)

**NZ Herald (08/07)**

Graeme Smith, owner of the Waikato-Coromandel branch of the Drug Detection Agency, wades into the debate about drug use and production on New Zealand farms. He spoke to *The Country Early Edition's* Dom George today.

[Synthetic Cannabis 'Prevalent' - Ban hasn't fixed problem](#)

**Rotorua Daily Post (09/08)**

A ban on synthetic cannabis has done little to reduce the use of the drug in Rotorua, with a local police officer saying the drug is as prevalent as it was before the ban.

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## Pakistan

### [Pakistani Smuggler Reveals How Drugs Are Being Thrown Into Punjab Under The Name Of Jihad](#) **Sikh 24 (04/07)**

A captured Pakistani smuggler revealed that the smugglers in Pakistan are being encouraged by the ISI (Inter-Services Intelligence) to push drugs into Punjab by saying that it was a 'Jihad' (a religious war) to ruin the young generation of 'Kafirs' (infidels).

### [Udta Pakistan: One of the most drug addicted countries in the world](#) **Merinews (04/07)**

Pakistan is not only ill-famed for terrorism but for illicit drug production, its smuggling and users also. Since last twenty years, drug abuse has been growing rapidly.

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## Philippines

### [Philippines police boast of 30 drug killings since Duterte was sworn in on Thursday](#) **The Guardian (05/07)**

Hardline president's ascension to office is followed by wave of shootings, prompting outcry over 'serial summary executions of users and petty drug lords'.

### [Dozens killed in first four days of Duterte's drug war](#) **Aljazeera (05/07)**

At least 45 people with suspected links to drug trafficking have been killed in four days since Rodrigo Duterte was sworn in as president of the Philippines, according to authorities.

### [Duterte names and shames top Filipino cops for helping drug gangs](#) **Alarabiya (05/07)**

Duterte named the generals during a televised speech and said they were protecting drugs syndicates and contributing to a "deterioration of law and order" that he would fight to reverse, with no remorse for the consequences.

### [Video: Spate of drug-related killings alarming](#) **CNN Philippines (07/07)**

In a CNN Philippines Special Report, Senior Correspondent David Santos tells us human rights advocates are alarmed over the rising number of drug-related killings.

### [Three of 5 drug generals report to PNP](#) **The Philippine Star (07/07)**

A day after being publicly accused by President Duterte of protecting drug syndicates, three ranking police officers reported yesterday to national police chief Director General Ronald de la Rosa to profess their innocence and seek due process.

### [The Kill List](#) **Inquirer (07/07)**

This KILL LIST is an attempt to document the names and other particulars of the casualties in the Duterte administration's war on crime; it will be updated every Monday and Thursday.

### [Philippine president threatens drug suspect with death](#)

**Associated Press (07/07)**

The Philippine president warned a Chinese drug suspect that he may die at Manila's airport if he returns from abroad, in televised remarks Thursday that underscored the brazen rhetoric and methods he intends to use to fight the illegal drug trade.

### [Cop linked to drugs tortured & killed](#)

**The Philippine Star (08/07)**

A policeman accused of being a drug pusher was tortured and killed while still wearing his police uniform in Meycauayan City in Bulacan.

### [End the Drug War: Philippines President Duterte Says Kill All Drug Dealers](#)

**Alternet (08/07)**

In my personal experience as a convicted drug dealer who was sentenced to two 15-year-to-life sentences for a non-violent crime under the draconian Rockefeller Drug Laws of New York State, I clearly see that killing drug dealers is not the answer to solving the problems associated with crime and the war on drugs.

### [Philippines: nine suspects killed in wake of Rodrigo Duterte's drug war](#)

**The Guardian (10/07)**

More than 100 suspects have been killed in the seven weeks since Duterte's election as president.

### [Balancing the war on drugs](#)

**Philstar (10/07)**

The balancing act the government must achieve between the two human rights of all its citizens – the right to due process of law and the right to live in a drug free society – will be one of the most compelling and challenging tasks this government must achieve.

### [Philippines' top lawyer urges more killings of suspected criminals](#)

**Bangkok Post (11/07)**

The Philippine government's top lawyer called Monday for police to kill more suspected drug criminals, as he defended President Rodrigo Duterte's brutal war on crime against mounting criticism.

### [No probe yet on Matalam raid but PNP chief urges victims' kin to file complaints](#)

**Minda News (11/07)**

Instead of waiting for the police to knock on their doors, thousands of persons involved in the illegal drugs trade as users and pushers, apparently egged by their families, have flocked to police stations and offices of their local chief executives to "surrender," go through a police profiling and sign an undertaking that they will stop doing their illegal activities. Three of those who were killed in Matalam had "surrendered" to the police hours earlier.

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## **Thailand**

### [Confronting the 'meth monster'](#)

**Bangkok Post (07/07)**

The courage of Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha's government to publicly discuss what many know is the failure of the current policy approach needs support, not silence, from those that analyse, evaluate and understand the evidence.

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**Vietnam****[Vietnam assists Cambodia to raise anti-drug capability](#)****Vietnam Net (05/07)**

Vietnam's general police department opened a training course in Ho Chi Minh City on July 4 on drug investigative techniques and strategies to help Cambodia improve its anti-drug capability.

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