

Serbian Customs nabs 360 pounds of heroin

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BELGRADE, Serbia -- Serbia's Customs said it confiscated 360 pounds of heroin found in a Turkish truck at the Serbian Gradina border crossing with Bulgaria. The heroin seizure was one of the biggest in 10 years by Serbian Customs officers, Serbia's RTS radio-television said Wednesday. The drugs were uncovered in a routine search Tuesday at the Serbian Gradina border point near Pirot, 190 miles southeast of Belgrade. Officials said the heroin was stashed in 161 packages and hidden in a specially made cache in the driver's cockpit of the truck, whose freight was registered as household goods being reportedly transported to addresses of diplomats in Austria, France and the Netherlands. Serbian customs' statement said the purchasing price of the heroin was estimated at \$2.8 million, while on the street market it could reach \$7.1 million, RTS reported. Serbia is a major transit country on the Balkan route used to smuggle drugs to Western Europe.

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