

# *Cuba thwarts drug trafficking operations*

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Havana, November 3 (RHC)-- More than two tons of marijuana were seized in the confrontation of two large international drug trafficking operations in the east of Cuba in less than a week, reports an article in the newspaper Granma.

The first action took place on October 9, with the pursuit of a speedboat that was detected in the night hours that threw the drug into the sea and fled northwards.

As part of Cuba's international collaboration on this matter, a message with the features of the speedboat was immediately sent to the Miami Coast Guard and the Royal Bahamas Defense Force.

The second operation was on October 16, in which a boat with two outboard motors, its three crew members, and the cargo were captured.

The article adds that from the first operation, Ministry of the Interior forces seized, in the vicinity of Baracoa and Maisí, 70 containers and eight isolated packages, which contained 1,618.75 kilograms of marijuana.

The three crew members of the captured boat are two Bahamians and one Jamaican, and they were carrying 730.41 kilograms of marijuana.

These operations, noted the article, express the Cuban government's political will to continually strengthen the fight against illicit drug trafficking and to prevent the use of Cuban air and sea space by international drug traffickers, with their lethal cargo destined for the main consumer markets, or to try to penetrate Cuba.

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