

Captagon

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Captagon Latest News

Recently, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), under Operation RAGEPILL, has successfully unearthed an international drug syndicate involved in the trafficking of Captagon.

About Captagon

- It is a highly **addictive amphetamine-type drug**.
- The original Captagon **contained fenetylline**, a synthetic drug of the phenethylamine family to which amphetamine also belongs.
- It is a synthetic drug which was **originally manufactured in Germany** in the 1960s and 1970s where it was intended to **treat attention deficit disorders**.
- It was commercially sold in several countries until the 1980s and was banned due to fears of its highly addictive nature.
- It is **commonly known as "poor man's cocaine,"** has emerged as the drug of choice among young adults throughout the Middle East and North Africa.

- It contains fenethylamine, a synthetic **amphetamine, caffeine, and other stimulants**.
 - **Fenethylamine is metabolized** by the body into two molecules: **amphetamine** and **theophylline**, both of which are stimulants.
- It was made illegal in 1986 in most countries and discontinued in medical markets.
- It was later placed under **Schedule II of the UN Convention on Psychotropic Substances**.
- It is **considered highly addictive and has become** a major source of illegal trafficking and funding in conflict-hit regions.

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