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MCN: Ministry of Counter Narcotics

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# Drug price by year (September 2014 - September 2015)

# • Average<sup>1</sup> price of dry Opium in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg)

Dry Opium	Sep-14	Sep-15	Increase/ Decrease (%)
Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	139	155	+12%
Trader price (US\$/Kg)	146	164	+12%

# Average<sup>1</sup> price of fresh Opium in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg)

Fresh Opium	Sep-14	Sep-15	Increase/ Decrease (%)
Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	124	129	+4%
Trader price (US\$/Kg)	128	136	+6%

# • Average<sup>1</sup> price of Heroin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg)

Heroin	Sep-14	Sep-15	Increase/ Decrease (%)
High Quality	2,757	3,293	+19%
Medium Quality	1,992	2,306	+16%

# • Average<sup>1</sup> price of Cannabis Resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg)

Types of cannabis resin	Sep-14	Sep-15	Increase/ Decrease (%)
Cannabis resin (Garda # 1) price (US\$/kg)	120	121	+1%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 2) price (US\$/kg)	84	79	-6%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 3) price (US\$/kg)	26	69	+165%

## Heroin and Hashish (best quality) prices in Peshawar, Pakistan (US\$/kg)

Best quality of Heroin/Hashish	Sep-14	Sep-15	Increase/Decrease (%)
Heroin - White (Injection) price (US\$/kg)	3,531	3,099	-12%
Hashish - (Garda # 1) price (US\$/kg)	638	538	-16%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Simple average of all observations

• Heroin and Hashish (best quality) prices in Quetta, Pakistan (US\$/kg)

Best quality of Heroin/Hashish	Sep-14	Sep-15	Increase/Decrease (%)
Heroin - High quality (Crystal) price (US\$/kg)	3,482	4,890	+40%
Hashish - High quality price (US\$/kg)	589	719	+22%

• Average<sup>2</sup> price of Heroin, Opium and Hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg)

Types of drugs	Sep-14	Sep-15	Increase/Decrease (%)
Heroin	5,029	4,291	-15%
Opium	292	245	-16%
Hashish	213	189	-12%

 Average<sup>2</sup> price of Wheat, Cotton, Saffron, Imported and Local Rice in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg)

Types of crops	Sep-14	Sep-15	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat	0.39	0.42	+9%
Cotton	1.4	1.62	+13%
Saffron	1,577	1,412	-10%
Rice (imported)*	1.5	1.28	-16%
Rice (local)*	0.9	0.72	-19%

• Average<sup>2</sup> price of poppy and cannabis seeds in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg)

Types of seeds	Sep-14	Sep-15	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.42	0.397	-5%
Poppy seed	0.60	0.51	-14%

Average<sup>2</sup> price of acetic anhydride in Afghanistan, (US\$/Lit)

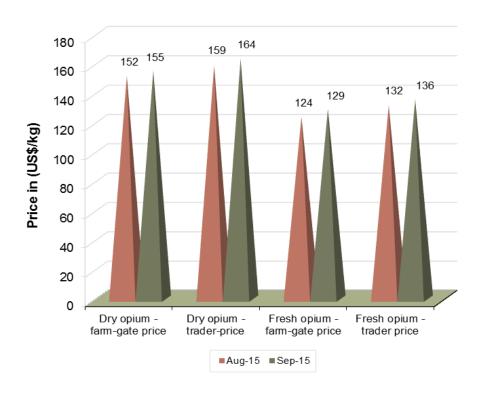
Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Sep-14	Sep-15	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A*	293	208	-29%
Acetic Anhydride - B*	138	184	+34%
Acetic Anhydride - C*	128	155	+21%
Acetic Anhydride - D*	160	141	-12%
Acetic Anhydride - E*	148	150	+2%
Acetic Anhydride - F*	233	145	-38%

<sup>\*</sup> A, B, C, D, E, F represent different variety of acetic anhydride in Afghanistan.

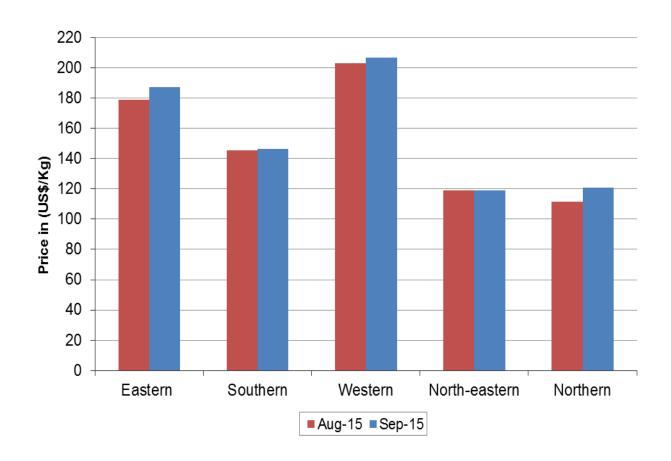
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# **Drug price by Month (August 2015 – September 2015)**

# Price change of Dry Opium and Fresh Opium (Aug 2015 - Sep 2015)



# Regional average price of dry opium from traders (Aug 2015 – Sep 2015)

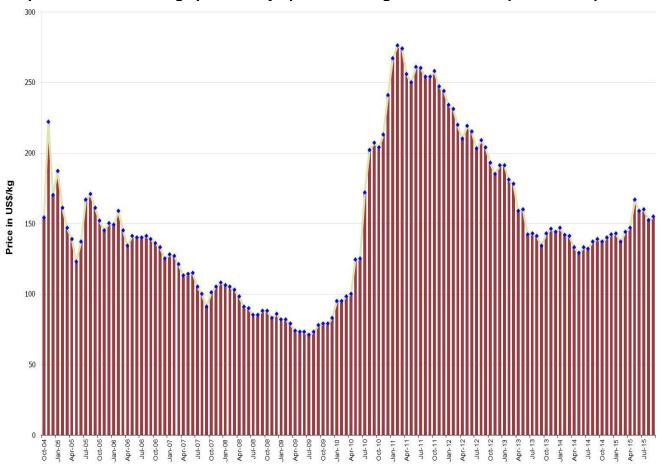


### **DRY OPIUM**

#### **FARM-GATE PRICE:**

The national average price for one kilogram of dry opium in Afghanistan at the farm-gate level was **US\$ 155/kg** at the end of September 2015 which is 2% higher compared to price reported in August 2015 **(US\$ 152/kg)**. The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in September 2015 is **12%** higher than the price reported in September 2014 which was **US\$ 139/kg**. The dry opium price had a decreasing trend from February 2011 to May-2014. Since last year a gradual increase has been observed in opium price.

Graph 1: National <sup>2</sup>Average price of dry opium at farm-gate level from Sep 2004 to Sep 2015



# Dry Opium (Chaynaki Quality): FARM-GATE PRICE:

Price of opium (dry) was not found to be varying with quality in different regions. In Balkh and Hilmand provinces another quality of dry opium by the name of *Chaynaki* is available at Farm-gate and trader level. The *Chaynaki* quality of dry opium more air dried than other varieties. The average price of 1 kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at Farm-gate level in Balkh province is **US\$ 136/kg** in September 2015 showing a decrease of 4% compared to the price reported in August 2015 (**US\$ 142**). The average price of 1 kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at farm-gate level in Hilmand province is **US\$ 355/kg** in September 2015 with a decreased by **0.2**% compared to the price reported in August 2015 (**US\$ 356**).

Table 1: Average<sup>2</sup> price of dry opium (Chaynaki quality) at farm-gate level (US\$/Kg)

	Balkh		Balkh Change Hilmand		Change	
Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Aug-15	Sep-15	(Sep-Aug) %	Aug-15	Sep-15	(Sep-Aug) %
Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	142	136	-4%	356	355	-0.2%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Simple average of all observations

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### **DRY OPIUM:**

#### TRADER PRICE

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was **US\$ 164/kg** at the end of September 2015 showing **3%** increase compared to the price reported last month (August 2015) **(US\$ 159/kg)**. The average dry opium price at trader level in September 2015 is **12%** higher than the price reported last year (September 2014) which was **US\$ 146/kg** 

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 8%, 5%, 2% and 1% in Northern, Eastern, Western and Southern regions respectively. Price decreased by 0.2% in North-eastern region respectively.

Table 2: Regional average<sup>3</sup> price of dry opium collected from traders (US\$/Kg)

	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		
Region	Aug-15	Sep-15	Price change (%)
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	179	187	+5%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	145	147	+1%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	203	206	+2%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	119.0	118.8	-0.2%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab)	112	121	+8%
Average	159	164	+3%

### Dry Opium (Chaynaki Quality):

#### TRADER PRICE:

In Balkh province, the average price of 1 kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 144/kg** in September 2015 showing in decrease of **3%** compared to the price reported in August 2015 (**US\$ 149/kg**). In Hilmand province, the average price of 1 kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 371/kg** in September 2015 decreased by **1%** compared to the price reported in August 2015 (**US\$ 375**)

Table 3: Average<sup>3</sup> price of dry opium (Chaynaki quality) at trader level (US\$/Kg)

	Ва	lkh	Change	Hilm	and	Change
Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Aug-15	Sep-15	(Sep-Aug)	Aug-15	Sep-15	(Sep-Aug)
Trader price (US\$/Kg)	149	144	-3%	375	371	-1%

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Simple average of all observations

Graph 2: Regional average<sup>4</sup> price of dry opium from traders (January 2005 to September 2015)

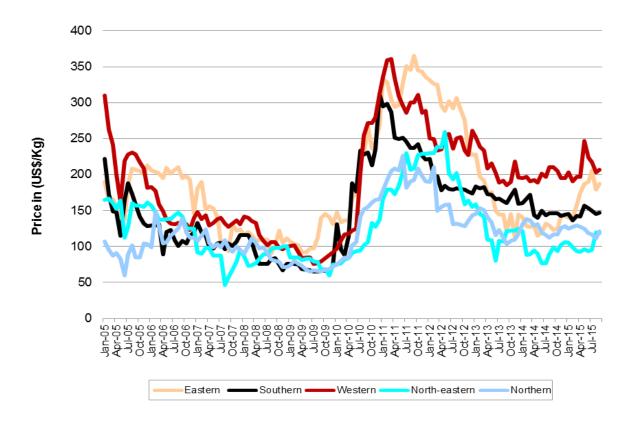


Table 4: Regional average<sup>4</sup> price of dry opium at farm-gate and trader level in local currency

		Price of 1	kg of Dry O	pium in local	currency		
		Aug	<sub>j-15</sub>	Sep	-15		
Region	Local currency	Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader	Change at farm-gate lavel (Sep-Aug) (%)	Change at trader lavel (Sep-Aug) (%)
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	17,929	18,285	19,009	19,395	+6%	+6%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	14,213	14,793	14,645	15,210	+3%	+3%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	11,136	11,753	10,905	11,716	-2%	-0.3%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Irnanian Tuman	682,537	722,333	738,889	786,667	8%	9%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	6,823	7,259	6,356	6,839	-7%	-6%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab)	Afghani	6,986	7,205	7,310	7,685	+5%	+7%

<sup>\*</sup> Western region is divided in two groups because of prices available in two currencies.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Simple average of all observations

# **FRESH OPIUM**

At the end of September 2015, the national average price of fresh opium increased by 5% from US\$ 124/kg in August 2015 to US\$ 129/kg in September 2015 at the farm-gate level. Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level increased by 3% from US\$ 132/kg in August 2015 to US\$ 136/kg this month (September 2015).

Graph 3: National average<sup>5</sup> price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level, US\$/kg (August 2009 to September 2015)

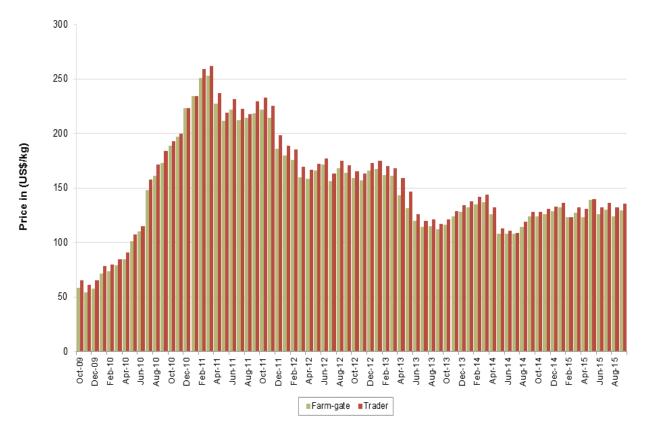


Table 5: Regional average<sup>5</sup> price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in local currency

		Price of 1	kg of Fresh (				
		Aug	<b>j-15</b>	Sep	-15		
Region	Local currency	Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader	Change at farm-gate lavel (Sep-Aug) (%)	Change at trader lavel (Sep-Aug) (%)
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	16,278	16,651	16,690	17,050	+3%	+2%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	13,008	13,483	13,528	14,047	+4%	+4%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	8,140	8,408	8,305	8,605	+2%	+2%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Irnanian Tuman	530,122	581,889	608,889	645,555	+15%	+11%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	3,593	4,474	3,593	4,474	+0%	+0%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab)	Afghani	6,254	6,475	6,122	6,513	-2%	+1%

<sup>\*</sup> Western region is divided in two groups because of prices available in two currencies

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Simple average of all observations

# **HEROIN**

There are several types of heroin available in Afghanistan with different quality. The prices of White powder (injection) in Nangarhar province, White powder (Crystal) in Kandahar and Balkh provinces, Off-white (Crystal)-100% in Badakhshan province and White powder-high quality (70-80% pure) in Hirat province are the most expensive heroin reported in Afghanistan. The cheapest heroin (**US\$ 58/kg**) is called as Khata # 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

Table 7: Prices of different types of Heroin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Sep 2014 - Sep 2015

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Province	Types of Heroin	Sen-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sen-15	Change (Sep-Aug)
	Chara (20%)	998	1,004	1,051	1,207	1,624	1,483	1,019	1,018	1,246	1,485	1,475	1,519	1,529	+1%
Badakhshan	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	2,450	2,463	2,584	3,103	3,551	3,401	2,860	2,856	2,856	3,168	3,147	3,443	3,466	+1%
6 " .	Best powder	3,691	3,665	3,704	3,750	3,854	3,803	3,804	3,799	3,859	3,746	3,790	3,662	3,755	+3%
Balkh	White powder (Crystal)	4,240	4,166	4,187	4,229	4,316	4,249	4,149	4,192	4,292	4,158	4,184	4,020	4,151	+3%
	Morphine	2,204	1,721	2,062	2,086	2,118	2,130	2,247	2,129	2,568	2,151	2,258	2,232	2,304	+3%
Hirat	Off- white coarse powder (Crystal)	1,387	1,310	1,335	1,229	1,268	1,275	1,343	1,329	1,413	1,325	1,384	1,313	1,267	-3%
Піїац	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	3,067	2,827	2,899	2,930	2,900	2,915	3,075	3,140	3,756	3,142	3,295	2,870	3,128	+9%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	1,475	1,355	1,380	1,397	1,406	1,414	1,465	1,482	1,766	1,488	1,589	1,595	1,564	-2%
	Morphine	2,030	2,018	1,987	2,036	2,070	1,966	2,022	2,058	1,995	2,113	2,090	2,050	2,090	+2%
Kandahar	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	1,824	1,772	1,739	1,748	1,758	1,669	1,717	1,707	1,784	1,769	1,741	1,720	1,774	+3%
Nanuanan	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	1,197	1,181	1,143	1,172	1,155	1,084	1,119	1,155	1,209	1,179	1,144	1,127	1,151	+2%
	White powder (Crystal)	2,972	2,954	1,987	2,979	3,014	2,877	2,944	3,012	3,123	2,948	2,936	2,915	2,876	-1%
	Best powder	884	828	1,192	1,196	1,315	1,151	1,374	1,456	1,586	1,474	1,288	1,171	1,550	+32%
	Chara # 1	88	78	79	70	101	86	98	90	79	118	119	98	126	+29%
	Chara # 2	59	58	50	50	81	48	49	70	50	69	69	59	58	-1%
Nangarhar	Khata # 1	74	68	70	60	91	67	79	60	59	88	89	78	87	+12%
	Khata # 2	49	49	30	40	71	38	39	40	40	59	59	49	58	+19%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	1,768	1,947	1,788	1,795	2,023	1,822	2,257	2,510	2,776	2,752	2,774	2,586	2,906	+12%
	White powder (Injection)	2,062	2,142	2,384	2,393	3,540	2,398	3,435	3,012	3,470	3,440	3,369	3,220	3,487	+8%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	1,750	1,774	1,906	2,069	2,841	2,704	2,912	2,908	1,713	2,376	2,360	2,633	2,651	+1%

Graph 4: Prices of different types of heroin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Sep 2015

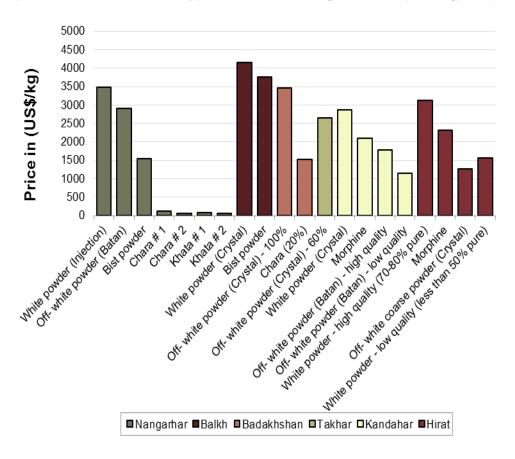


Table 8: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of Heroin in local currency

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Province	Types of heroin	Local currency	Aug-15	Sep-15	Change (Sep-Aug) %
Dedekkeke	Chara (20%)	Afghani	97,500	97,500	+0%
Badakhshan	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	Afghani	221,000	221,000	+0%
Dallsh	Bist powder	Afghani	235,000	239,400	+2%
Balkh	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	258,000	264,600	+3%
	Morphine	Iranian Tuman	7,480,000	8,000,000	+7%
LEngt	Off- white coarse powder (Crystal)	Iranian Tuman	4,400,000	4,400,000	+0%
Hirat	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	Iranian Tuman	9,620,000	10,860,000	+13%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	Iranian Tuman	5,347,000	5,430,000	+2%
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	211,000	218,000	+3%
Kandahar	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	177,000	185,000	+5%
Nanuanai	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	116,000	120,000	+3%
	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	300,000	300,000	+0%
	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	120,000	160,000	+33%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	10,000	13,000	+30%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	6,000	6,000	+0%
Nangarhar	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	8,000	9,000	+13%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	5,000	6,000	+20%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	265,000	300,000	+13%
	White powder (Injection)	Pakistani Rupee	330,000	360,000	+9%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	Pakistani Rupee	169,000	169,000	+0%

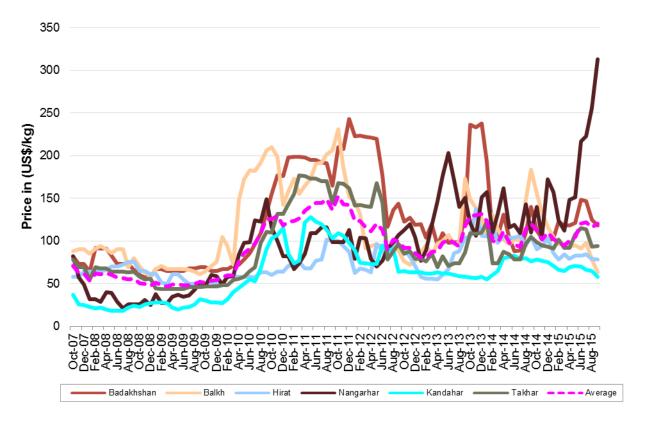
### **CANNABIS RESIN:**

There are mainly three types of cannabis resin available in Afghanistan namely Garda # 1, # 2 and # 3 with quality as best, moderate and fair respectively. Garda # 1 (Shirak) in Badakhshan province was the most expensive cannabis resin because of its pure quality. Earlier Garda # 1 (Jooshi) of Balkh province was most expensive and popular because of it's high quality however it lost it's demand due to it's blending with lower quality hashish.

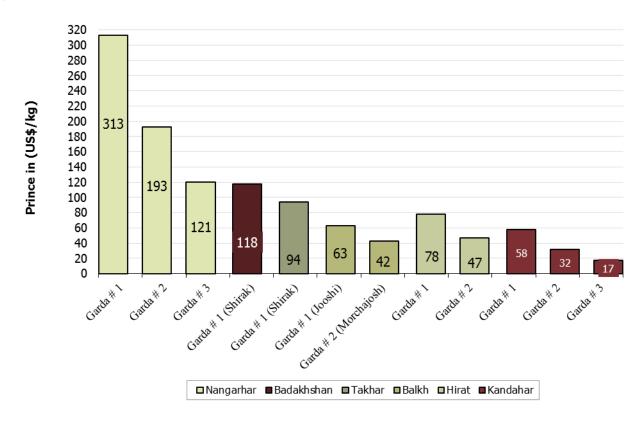
Table 9: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Sep 2014 – Sep 2015

															Change (Sep-Aug)
Province	Types of cannabis resin	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	%
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	140	112	103	100	103	123	118	118	121	148	147	125	118	-6%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	184	156	134	117	105	96	96	93	95	91	98	78	63	-19%
Daikii	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	140	121	103	90	79	84	78	73	81	73	82	67	42	-37%
Hirat	Garda # 1	106	90	94	103	86	78	84	79	83	83	84	79	78	-2%
rillat	Garda # 2	66	47	48	55	48	35	40	35	37	60	42	48	47	-2%
	Garda # 1	76	78	77	75	71	66	65	69	71	70	66	65	58	-12%
Kandahar	Garda # 2	46	47	45	44	40	36	35	38	40	39	37	38	32	-16%
	Garda # 3	24	26	24	22	20	17	17	19	20	22	20	20	17	-17%
	Garda # 1	110	140	105	172	157	124	112	148	151	217	223	256	313	+23%
Nangarhar	Garda # 2	85	91	67	86	87	67	63	79	118	148	149	177	193	+9%
	Garda # 3	28	34	30	36	43	28	21	30	72	99	79	98	121	+23%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	105	99	95	93	91	102	92	92	108	115	114	93	94	+1%

Graph 5: Average<sup>6</sup> price of cannabis resin (Garda # 1, best quality) in US\$/kg, Oct 2007- Sep 2015



Graph 6: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Sep 2015



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Simple average of all observations

Table 10: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan in local

currency, Aug 2015 - Sep 2015

			Prices of different cannabis re- curre	types of sin in local	
Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Aug-15	Sep-15	Change (Sep-Aug) %
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	8,000	7,500	-6%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Afghani	5,000	4,000	-20%
Dalkii	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	4,300	2,700	-37%
Hirat	Garda # 1	Iranian Tuman	265,700	270,000	+2%
rıllat	Garda # 2	Iranian Tuman	160,000	163,000	+2%
	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	6,667	6,000	-10%
Kandahar	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	3,889	3,333	-14%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	2,089	1,778	-15%
	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	26,000	32,500	+25%
Nangarhar	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	18,000	20,000	+11%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	10,000	12,500	+25%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	6,000	6,000	+0%

# **LICIT CROPS:**

Prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, rice (imported) and rice (local) collected in six provinces of Afghanistan are shown in below table.

Table 11: Prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan in local

currency, Sep 2015

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	25	0.4
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	90	1.4
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	50	0.8
Balkh	Wheat	-	40	0.6
Balkh	Cotton	-	91	1.4
Balkh	Rice Imported	ı	82	1.3
Balkh	Rice Local	ı	50	0.8
Hirat	Wheat	-	21	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	80	1.3
Hirat	Saffron	-	90,000	1,412
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	75	1.2
Hirat	Rice Local	-	60	0.9
Kandahar	Wheat	55	-	0.5
Kandahar	Cotton	250	-	2.4
Kandahar	Rice Imported	130	-	1.3
Nangarhar	Wheat	36	-	0.3
Nangarhar	Cotton	143	-	1.4
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	122	-	1.2
Nangarhar	Rice Local	41	-	0.4
Takhar	Wheat	-	20	0.3
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	90	1.4
Takhar	Rice Local	-	45	0.7

Table 12: Prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Sep

2014 - Sep 2015

														Increase/D
														ecrease
Types of crops	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	(%)
Wheat	0.39	0.50	0.42	0.45	0.41	0.40	0.40	0.41	0.39	0.44	0.38	0.37	0.42	+14%
Cotton	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.38	1.34	1.28	1.43	1.47	1.43	1.40	1.37	1.62	+18%
Saffron	1,577	1,560	1,381	1,379	1,572	1,744	1,734	1,731	1,731	1,649	1,635	1,543	1,412	-9%
Rice (Imported)	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.46	1.41	1.33	1.37	1.33	1.31	1.31	1.28	1.28	+0%
Rice (Local)	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.82	0.83	0.83	0.82	0.78	0.78	0.74	0.70	0.72	+3%

# **CANNABIS AND POPPY SEEDS:**

Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds collected from eighteen provinces of Afghanistan are tabulated below.

Table 13: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in local currency, August 2015 - September 2015

			Prices of cannabis s poppy seed curren	eed and I in local	
Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Aug-15	Sep-15	Change (Sep-Aug) (%)
FIOVILICE	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	50	+0%
Badakhshan	Cannabis seed	Afghani	45	45	+0%
	Poppy seed	Afghani	20	28	+40%
Baghlan	Cannabis seed	afghani	15	10	-33%
	Poppy seed	Afghani	30	30	+0%
Balkh	Cannabis seed	Afghani	20	15	-25%
	Poppy seed	Afghani	33	30	-8%
Farah	Cannabis seed	Afghani	34	29	-15%
	Poppy seed	Afghani	55	55	+0%
Faryab	Cannabis seed	Afghani	20	15	-25%
	Poppy seed	Afghani	38	40	+6%
Hilmand	Cannabis seed	Afghani	24	26	+5%
	Poppy seed	Afghani	28	29	+5%
Hirat	Cannabis seed	Afghani	30	28	-+8%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	17	27	+59%
16	Poppy seed	Afghani	37	39	+4%
Kandahar	Cannabis seed	Afghani	22	27	+20%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	10	14	+40%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	21	25	+19%
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	21	29	+38%
Logar	Cannabis seed	Afghani	33	30	-9%
Namanhan	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	25	31	+24%
Nangarhar	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	14	14	+0%
Paktya	Cannabis seed	Afghani	20	27	+35%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	55	55	+0%
такпаг	Cannabis seed	Afghani	45	45	+0%
Livizaco	Poppy seed	Afghani	37	40	+9%
Uruzgan	Cannabis seed	Afghani	24	26	+5%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	37	38	+3%
Zavui	Cannabis seed	Afghani	24	27	+9%

Table 13: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Sep 2014 - Sep 2015

														Increase/Decrease
Types of seeds	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-14	Aug-15	Sep-15	(%)
Cannabis seed	0.42	0.43	0.43	0.41	0.42	0.41	0.41	0.45	0.44	0.43	0.44	0.40	0.397	-2%
Poppy seed	0.60	0.60	0.64	0.68	0.61	0.58	0.58	0.53	0.54	0.48	0.59	0.47	0.51	+9%

# PRICES OF HEROIN, OPIUM AND HASHISH AT CONSUMER LEVEL:

The consumer prices of heroin, opium and hashish collected from different regions of Afghanistan are as below. The quality of product varies widely in different regions.

Graph 7: Regional average<sup>7</sup> prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in (US\$/Kg), Sep 2015

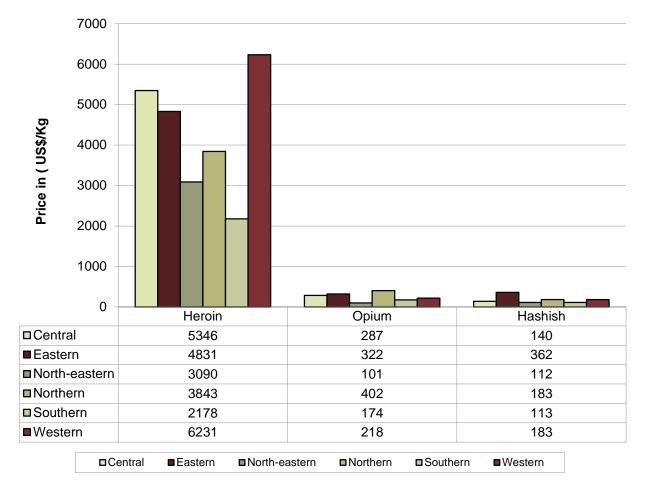


Table 15: Average<sup>8</sup> prices of Heroin, Opium and Hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Sep 2014 – Sep 2015

						Ave	rage pri	ices in (	US\$/kg)					
														Change
Types of drug	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15		(Sep-Aug) (%)
Heroin	5,029	5,000	5,159	5,331	5,244	4,868	4,829	4,941	5,255	5,129	4,798	4,694	4,291	-9%
Opium	292	270	258	267	270	259	255	251	274	264	267	241	245	+2%
Hashish	213	198	189	200	194	189	197	199	195	194	194	181	189	+4%

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Simple average of all observations

### PRICES OF DRUGS IN PAKISTAN:

The prices of different types of opium, heroin and hashish reported from Peshawar and Quetta in Pakistan are as below:

#### A. PESHAWAR

### **OPIUM:**

There are three types of dry opium namely Opium - Afghanistan (opium of Afghanistan), Opium - Terra and Opium - Tapa (adulterated) available in Peshawar, Pakistan. Opium-Terra is the most expensive opium reported in Peshawar.

Table 14: Prices of different types of opium in Peshawar, Pakistan in (US\$/Kg):

														Change (Sep-Aug)
Types of opium	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15		
Opium - Terra	235	233	258	257	248	235	242	243	240	236	248	234	223	-5%
Opium - Afghanistan	216	222	228	227	220	212	219	223	218	218	224	213	205	-3%
Opium - Tapa (adulterated)	167	168	184	182	179	177	181	178	173	174	179	166	160	-4%

### **HEROIN:**

There are three types of heroin namely White (Injection), Yellow (Batan) and Saada (Ordinary) available in Peshawar, Pakistan. White (injection) type is the most expensive heroin reported in Peshawar.

Table 15: Prices of different types of heroin in Peshawar, Pakistan in (US\$/Kg):

Types of heroin	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15		Change (Sep-Aug) %
Heroin - White (Injection)	3,531	3,741	3,675	3,757	3,274	3,213	3,388	3,470	3,073	3,096	3,163	3,073	3,099	+1%
Heroin - Yellow (Batan)	3,335	3,544	3,476	3,556	3,075	3,021	3,189	3,272	2,875	2,899	2,959	2,878	2,906	+1%
Heroin - Saada (Ordinary)	1,913	1,969	1,986	2,054	1,935	1,918	2,043	1,983	1,784	1,818	1,837	1,805	1,811	+0.3%

### **HASHISH:**

There are three types of hashish namely Hashish - Garda # 1, # 2 and # 3 available in Peshawar, Pakistan. Hashish-Garda#1 is the most expensive hashish reported in Peshawar.

Table 16: Prices of different types of Hashish in Peshawar, Pakistan in (US\$/Kg):

Types of hashish	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15		Change (Sep-Aug) %
Hashish - Garda # 1	638	650	656	656	645	480	568	555	560	560	571	551	538	-2%
Hashish - Garda # 2	510	522	526	526	516	432	468	471	476	477	490	473	460	-3%
Hashish - Garda # 3	392	414	397	404	397	384	419	406	397	398	408	393	381	-3%

Table 17: Prices of different types of drugs in Peshawar, Pakistan in local currency, (Pak Rupee/kg):

			(Pakistani ee)/kg
Types of drugs	Aug-15	Sep-15	Change (Sep-Aug) %
Opium -Afghanistan	21,800	21,200	-3%
Opium -Tapa (Adulterated)	17,000	16,500	-3%
Opium –Terra	24,000	23,000	-4%
Heroin -White (Injection)	315,000	320,000	+2%
Heroin -Yellow (Batan)	295,000	300,000	+2%
Heroin -Saada (Ordinary)	185,000	187,000	+1%
Hashish -Garda # 1	56,500	55,500	-2%
Hashish -Garda # 2	48,500	47,500	-2%
Hashish -Garda # 3	40,300	39,300	-2%

## **B. QUETTA**

### **OPIUM:**

Table 18: Prices of different quality of opium in Quetta, Pakistan in (US\$/Kg):

Quality of opium	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15		Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Change (Sep-Aug) %
High quality	343	374	399	448	462	460	495	518	545	550	558	544	518	-5%
Medium quality	255	276	289	319	342	336	357	369	397	413	426	418	384	-8%
Low quality	206	217	230	249	281	269	297	319	347	354	365	350	336	-4%

## **HEROIN:**

Table 19: Prices of different quality of heroin in Quetta, Pakistan in (US\$/Kg):

		•												Change (Sep-Aug)
Quality of heroin	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	%
High quality (Crystal)	3,482	3,643	3,843	4,133	4,322	4,316	4,706	4,984	5,205	5,209	5,325	5,149	4,890	-5%
Medium quality	2,698	2,757	2,795	2,988	3,266	3,309	3,467	3,738	3,817	3,784	3,905	3,789	3,595	-5%
Low quality	1,570	1,723	1,797	2,092	2,261	2,206	2,477	2,592	2,776	2,850	2,941	2,915	2,685	-8%

### **HASHISH:**

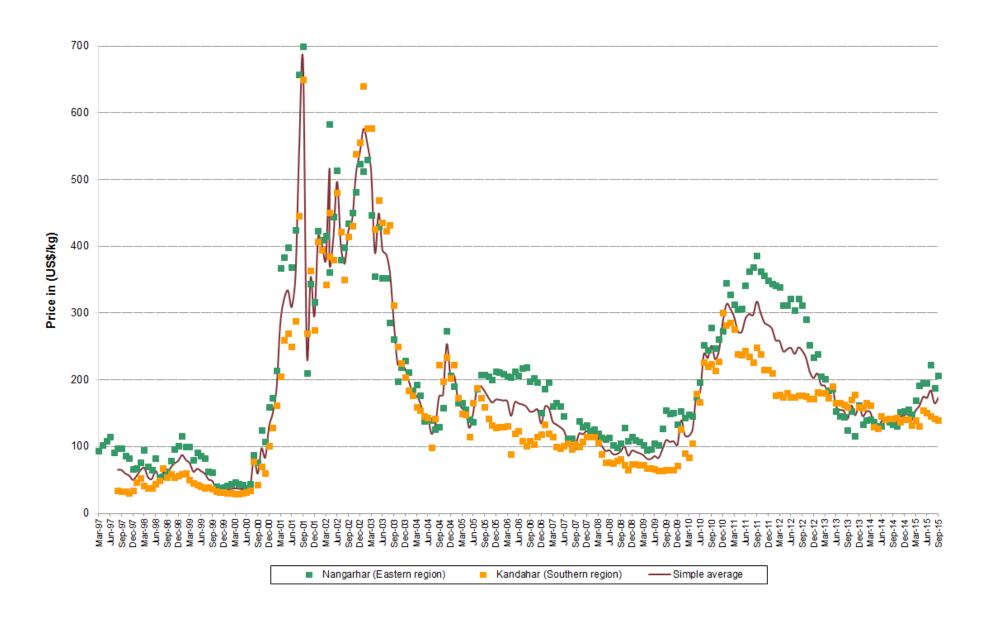
Table 20: Prices of different quality of Hashish in Quetta, Pakistan in (US\$/Kg):

														Change
														(Sep-Aug)
Quality of hashish	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	%
High quality	589	640	659	697	754	719	743	778	793	835	862	826	719	-13%
Medium quality	490	512	529	548	603	595	644	658	674	688	710	700	652	-7%

Table 21: Prices of different types of drugs in Quetta, Pakistan in local currency, (Pak Rupee/kg):

			(Pakistani pee)/kg
Types of drugs	Aug-15	Sep-15	Change (Sep-Aug) %
Opium -High quality	56,000	54,000	-4%
Opium -Medium quality	43,000	40,000	-7%
Opium -Low quality	36,000	35,000	-3%
Heroin -High quality (Crystal)	530,000	510,000	-4%
Heroin -Medium quality	390,000	375,000	-4%
Heroin -Low quality	300,000	280,000	-7%
Hashish -High quality	85,000	75,000	-12%
Hashish -Medium quality	72,000	68,000	-6%

Graph 8: Average price of dry opium collected from traders in Nangarhar and Kandahar provinces (US\$/Kg), Mar 1997 - Sep 2015



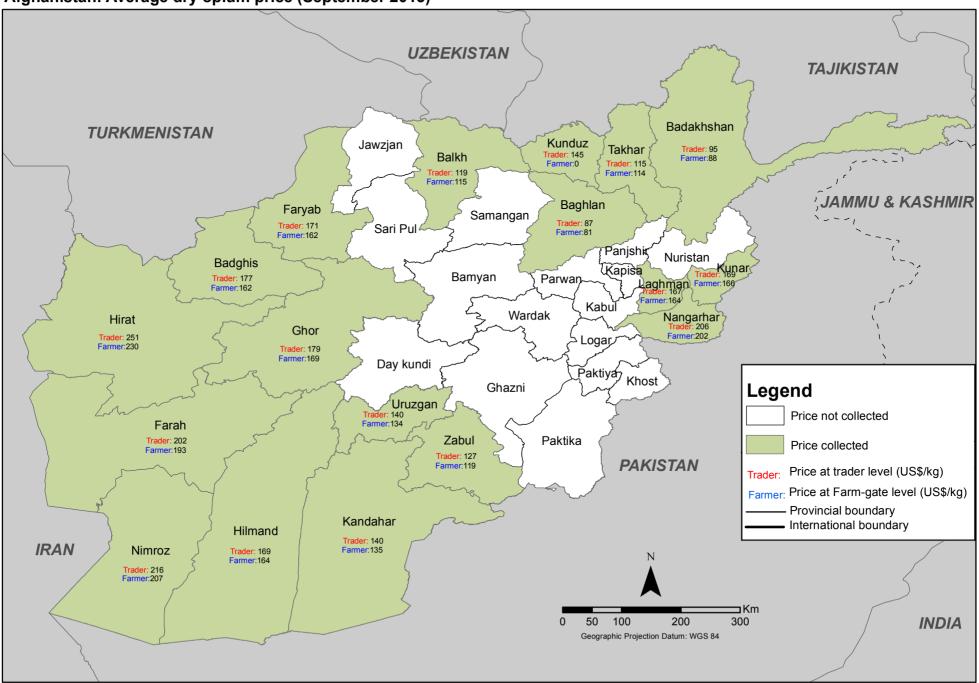
# **Methodology**

- Prices are collected in the last week of every month from around twenty farmers and equal numbers of trader prices are collected by MCN Survey coordinators generally from different farmers and traders each month; however the price data collection is sourced from a few known farmers and traders as well.
- Opium prices are collected from 18 of 34 provinces namely Badakhshan, Baghlan, Badghis, Balkh, Farah, Faryab, Ghor, Hilmand, Hirat, Kandahar, Kunar, Kunduz, Laghman, Nangarhar, Nimroz, Uruzgan, Takhar and Zabul. The prices of dry and fresh opium are collected from farmers (at farm-gate level) and traders (at trader level).
- Different varieties of heroin, morphine and cannabis resin prices are collected from six provinces of Afghanistan namely Badakhshan, Balkh, Hirat, Nangarhar, Kandahar and Takhar.
- Prices of some licit crops such as wheat, saffron, imported and local rice is also collected from six provinces of Afghanistan and included in this report.
- Prices of poppy seeds, cannabis seeds and acetic anhydride are included in the report as well.
- Different varieties of opium, heroin and hashish prices are also collected from Peshawar as well as Quetta province of Pakistan. Prices are collected and reported by UNODC office in Peshawar and Quetta in Pakistan.
- The prices are also presented in local currency for convenience of certain analysis; however the
  national average prices are presented in USD. At the regional level, average prices are reflected
  in local currency with exception of the Western region since prices are reported in two different
  currencies.
- Prices are reported in different currencies in different regions. The prices in Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar) and Southern region (Kandahar, Hilmand, Uruzgan and Zabul) are reported in Pakistani rupees. In Northern (Balkh, Baghlan, Farayb) and North-eastern (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar) regions, the prices are reported in Afghani. However, prices are reported in two different currencies namely Afghani and Iranian Tuman in Western region. The prices are converted in US\$ using the exchange rate from oanda.com site considering the rates on the same date the observation is made.

### Number of observations of dry and fresh opium prices

	Number of obs	servations (n)	Number of
	Farm-gate price	provinces price collected	
Dry Opium	175	178	18
Fresh Opium	179	181	18

# Afghanistan: Average dry opium price (September 2015)



Source: Governnment of Afghanistan - National monitoring system implemented by MCN / UNODC

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