

■ **The week-long Operation Pangea VI resulted in 58 arrests worldwide, and the seizure of some 9.8 million medicines**, totaling an estimated US\$41 million. Interpol, together with Europol, the World Customs Organization, the Permanent Forum of International Pharmaceutical Crime, the Heads of Medicines Agencies Working Group of Enforcement Officers, and the Pharmaceutical Security Institute, coordinated the global operation, which sought to disrupt the criminal networks behind the illicit sale of medicines online. Some 100 countries took part, shutting down over 9000 websites linked to illicit online pharmacies, as well as suspending the payment facilities of illegitimate pharmacies and disrupting a substantial number of spam messages. Among the fake medicines seized were antibiotics, cancer medicines, antidepressants, food supplements and erectile dysfunction medications.

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