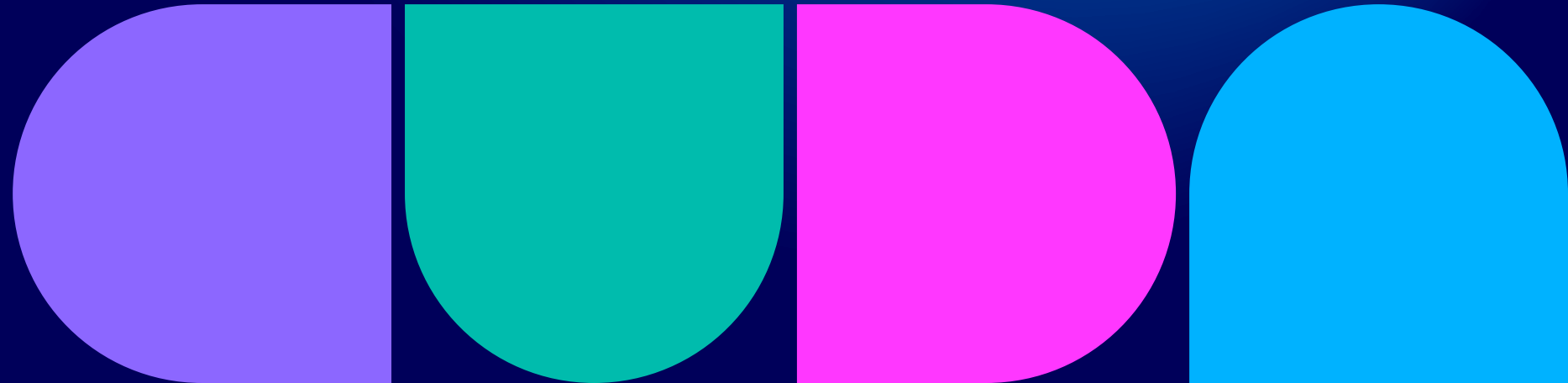


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Parallel session 2

Drivers and consequences of drug-related violence

Federal Judicial Police Antwerp

Division Aggression - Kristof ELST



Investigative territory of FGP Antwerpen



FGP Antwerpen



DRUGS

- Criminal organisation
- Import/export
- Accomplices



AGRESSION

- Homicide
- Violence Organised Crime Groups (OCG)
- Kidnapping
- Drug related violence

Port of Antwerp-Bruges

2nd biggest port
of Europe

biggest surface
port of the world
(12068 hectares)

Large ports are
routinely
targeted by
trafficking
organisations

In 2022 a record
amount of
cocaine seized
for the sixth year
in a row.

- *Belgium (111 tonnes), the Netherlands (51.5 tonnes) and Spain (58.3 tonnes) accounted for 68 % of the total quantity seized*

Europe #1
cocaine hub

Street value
cocaine : +/-
30.000 euro/ kg

Main targets of drug related violence



Port
employees



Transport
(drivers)



Authorities
(access)



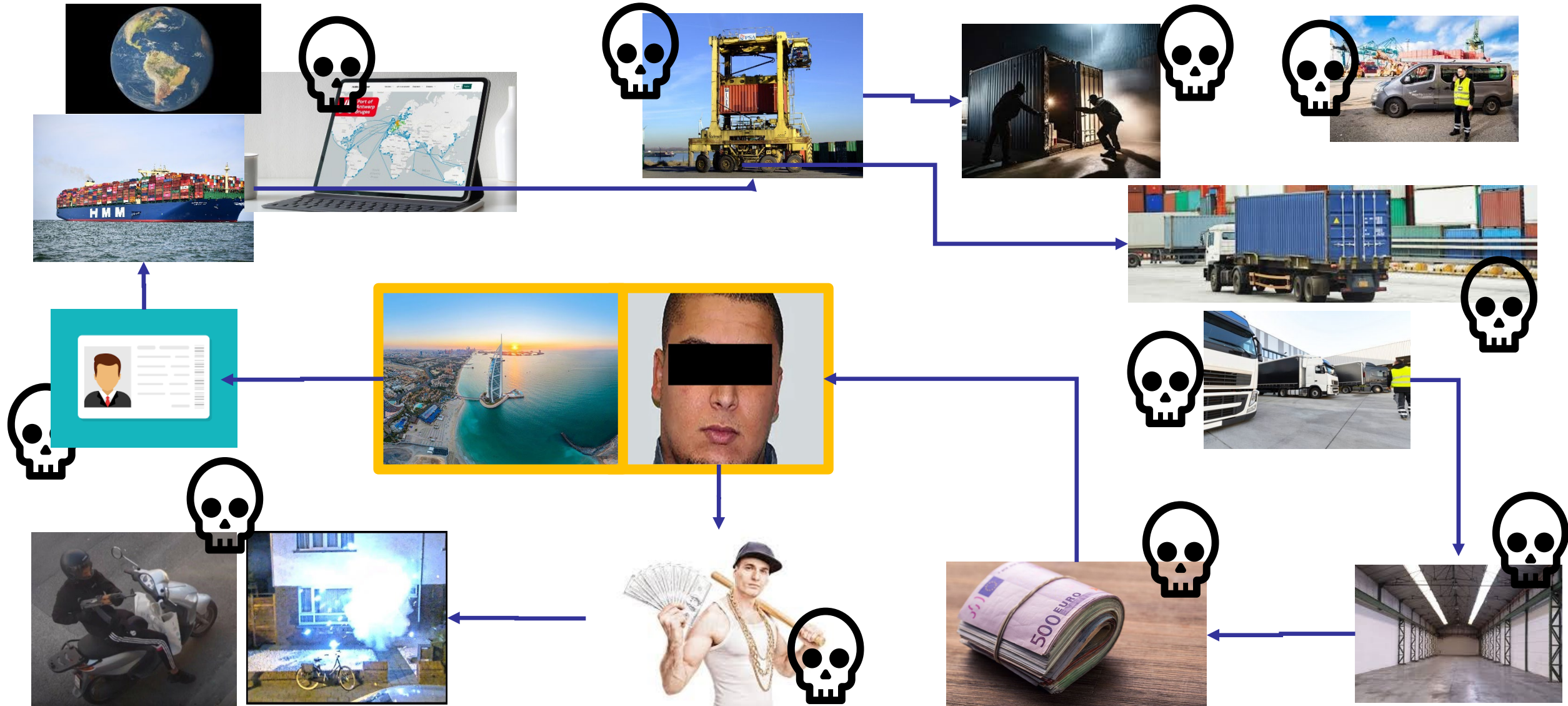
Criminal
HV



Criminal
boots on
ground



Drug related violence – drivers



Drug related violence – measures

Port ban warrant

- Location
- Function

Port security – increase of security measures -> shift violence

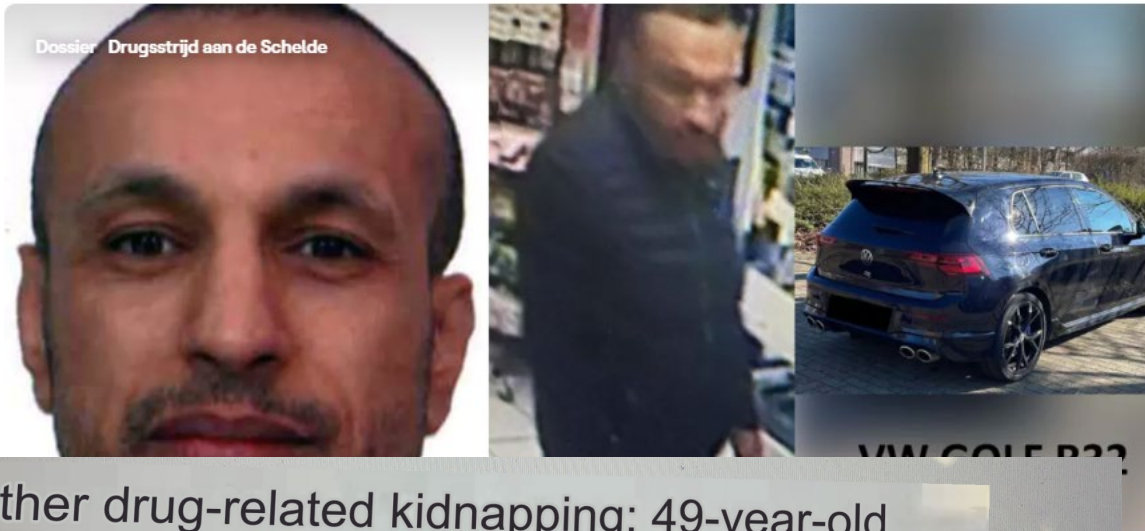
Press communication seizures

“White Line” – registering menace

Follow the money

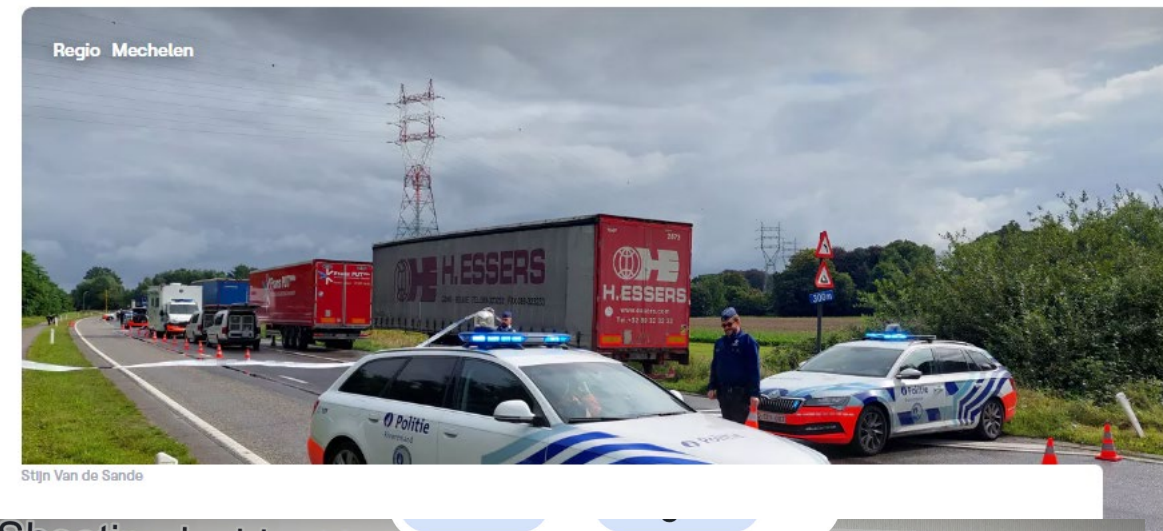
International collaboration

Drug related violence – consequences



Another drug-related kidnapping: 49-year-old Antwerp resident missing for over a week

The Antwerp public prosecutor's office and the judicial police are looking for 49-year-old Mohamed Azzaoui from Wilrijk. The man was kidnapped more than a week ago at the motorway parking lot in Waarloos. The motive behind the facts is still unclear, the public prosecutor's office reports, but a video that was distributed this evening clearly shows that there is a connection with the drug world.



Shooting incident in Mechelen: 1 victim injured and taken to hospital

A shooting incident occurred on the Uilmolenweg in Mechelen on Friday morning. Detectives are investigating what exactly happened. One injured person was taken to hospital. "We are not ruling out any possibilities," says Dirk Van de Sande of the Rivierenland police zone.

Drug related violence – consequences



Op dit moment zitten nog 2 andere verdachten in de cel.

Man (28) from Rumst arrested in investigation into the murder of Firdaous (11)

A new suspect has been arrested in the investigation into the murder of Firdaous (11), the girl who died in a shooting in Merksem early last year. It concerns a 28-year-old man who is said to have picked up the weapon. Two other suspects are in jail.

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32-year-old drug criminal shot on the street in Boom, suspect arrested for attempted murder

The suspect of a shooting in Boom last night was brought before the investigating judge today. He has been arrested for attempted murder. A 32-year-old man was shot on the street on Gevaertlaan in Boom shortly before 8 p.m. last night. The man suffered gunshot wounds, but is out of danger. The incident may have taken place in the drug world. The victim is believed to be convicted drug criminal Ali T. or 'Rus'.

Drug related violence – consequences



Jonas Roovers

Antwerp police intercept van with 7 armed Dutch people:
"Investigating whether there is a link with a major drug bust"

At the IJzerlaan in Antwerp, the police stopped a van with seven armed men in it. They are Dutchmen between the ages of 22 and 35. Further investigation and questioning will have to show what they were planning and whether there is a link with a large cocaine seizure in the port earlier that day.

Stefan Grommen, Belga



Pexels

Nine additional suspects arrested for foiled robbery of Antwerp customs warehouse involving cocaine

Police have arrested nine new suspects for their involvement in a foiled robbery of a customs warehouse in Antwerp. In October last year, an armed commando attempted to rob the warehouse to recover 10 tons of seized cocaine. The police were able to corner the criminals and arrested seven Dutchmen. After 11 house searches yesterday, nine more men were arrested, four of whom were detained.

Drug related violence – consequences

Drug gang not only cuts off finger, but also carves 'Thief' into forehead of Henry W. (37)

Henry W., the 37-year-old man who was found seriously injured in the verge in Poppel (Turnhout) two weeks ago, is in much worse shape than previously thought. A Moroccan drug gang kidnapped the man after a cocaine rip-off and cut off two of his finger bones. They also carved 'Thief' into his forehead.



Municipal workers had found the battered victim in a forest at the end of February. The federal police quickly linked it to a kidnapping in the Eindhoven region, where the police had found an abandoned van. Henry W. was admitted to the hospital where his numerous injuries were treated.



Archieffoto

Dock workers robbed at customs yards in Antwerp port

Three intruders committed a violent robbery at a customs depot in Kallo, in the Waaslandhaven last night. Two dock workers were threatened with a knife and tied up. The robbers were probably looking for a batch of seized drugs.

Helen Vander Beken, Ann De Bie, Denny Baert

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