

BORDER PROTECTION

SEIZURE OF HEROIN WORTH RS. 16.3 MILLION



A whitish powder, suspected to be heroin and worth Rs. 16.3 million, was secured on Sunday 21 October, 2018, at the SSR International Airport. The suspected drug was found on a female Angolan passenger arriving by the MK 287 flight from Madagascar. The passenger was intercepted by Customs Officers of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) in the green channel on the basis of risk indicators, namely the fact that she was traveling from Kenya via Madagascar, two high risk countries. The luggage of the Angolan was scanned and examined, following which the 53 year-old lady was subject to a body search. Two pellets containing a whitish powder were secured from her underwear and Vaseline was found on her private parts.

The Angolan, a teacher by profession, was handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) for further investigation. A medical check-up was carried out at the hospital, where she purged 81 pellets. The weight of the 83 pellets is 1088 grams. The passenger will be presented to court today, 23 October, 2018.

Suspected drug cases/ illicit activities may be reported to the MRA through the MRA Stop Drug Platform (www.mra.mu) or by calling on the Hotline on 8958.