

PRESS RELEASE

RS. 13.2 MILLION OF HEROIN SEIZED AT THE SIR SEEWOOSAGUR RAMGOOLAM (SSR) AIRPORT

Two Malawian passengers purged 65 pellets of heroin worth Rs. 13,255,500 million. The Malawians were intercepted on Monday 23 September 2019 at SSR International Airport after deplaning Air Mauritius Flight MK852 from Johannesburg. The purged drugs weighed 883.70g. The male passenger aged 38 and the female aged 45 swallowed 25 pellets and 40 pellets respectively.

The passengers were profiled by officers of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) while they were leaving the arrival hall. Their luggage was scanned and nothing incriminating were found.

However, following intensive questioning by MRA Customs and Anti-Drug Smuggling Unit (ADSU) Officers, the female passenger confessed having swallowed several pellets of illicit drug while the male passenger admitted having stuffed several parcels of illicit drugs in his anus.

Both passengers were handed over to ADSU for further enquiry.

Members of the public are reminded that they may report suspected drug cases/ illicit activities to the MRA through the MRA Stop Drug Platform (www.mra.mu) or by calling on the Hotline 8958.

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