

BORDER PROTECTION

SWALLOWER OF DRUGS WORTH RS. 16 MILLION INTERCEPTED

His suspicious demeanour in the green channel of the SSR Airport led the officers of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) to intercept the Togolese with Rs. 16 million of swallowed drugs. The 60 year-old passenger deplaned from the Emirates flight EK 701 from Dubai and, upon scan and examination, nothing incriminating was found from his luggage. A body search on the male Togolese also yielded negative result. After intense interrogation, he revealed that he had swallowed 64 pellets of drugs suspected to be heroin and that a local contact would meet him in the hotel to collect the purged drugs.

The Togolese was handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) for further investigation and medical examination. Eventually the former purged 64 pellets and he is under arrest. A Beninese, who arrived in Mauritius on Monday 11 March, 2019, was also arrested during the control delivery operation.

Members of the public may report suspected drug/ illicit activities to the MRA through the Stop Drug platform or by calling on 8958.