

172 PELLETS OF HEROIN WORTH MORE THAN RS. 27 MILLION SEIZED AT SSR AIRPORT

Two Angolans were intercepted on Thursday 25 July 2019 at the SSR International Airport after deplaning from South African flight 190. The passengers were profiled by officers of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) and they were questioned with regards to their travel to Mauritius. Their luggage was scanned and the scanning image revealed nothing abnormal.

The evasive replies of both passengers led the CANS officers to further interrogate the former on the purpose of travel to Mauritius. After intensive questioning, the Angolans revealed that they had swallowed pellets of drugs and they were on the point of purging.

The passengers and their belongings were handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) for medical examination and further investigation. The Angolans purged a total of 172 pellets and the result of a field test for heroin conducted on the powder contained therein revealed to be positive. The sniffer dog 'Milan' was deployed on the powder and it reacted thereon. The market value of the seized drugs is estimated at around Rs. 27 million.

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