

BORDER PROTECTION

HEROIN WORTH RS. 27 MILLION SEIZED

Two Kenyans purged 133 pellets suspected to contain heroin, after being intercepted by officers of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) as they were exiting through the Green Channel of the SSR Airport. The strange demeanour of the passengers led the CANS officers to question both of them and their luggage were scanned and examined. Nothing incriminating was found therein.

Upon counter-checking the hotel reservations made by the 28 year old female passenger and 40 year old male passenger, the CANS officers found irregularities. The latter found further inconsistencies in the replies of the Kenyans and there were strong suspicions that they might have swallowed dangerous drugs. They were handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) for medical examination. The Kenyans purged a total of 133 pellets of heroin, weighing approximately 1.8 kg worth Rs. 27 million.

Members of the public 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 on 8958.