

Three Malagasy passengers intercepted with 25.5 Kg gold ingots, and currencies equivalent to Rs. 2,635,465



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) detained 25.5 kg of gold ingots, and currencies equivalent to Rs. 2,635,465 at the SSR International Airport on Thursday 10 January 2019. The three passengers, aged 58, 22 and 59, respectively, landed in Mauritius from Madagascar. They were transiting in Mauritius. The passengers aged 58 and 59 would travel to Mumbai on flight MK 748 and the third one to Dubai on flight EK 704.

Following intelligence received from Malagasy Customs, the 22 year old and 58 year old passengers were not allowed to board their flights for the purpose of Customs enquiry. Upon questioning, the passengers revealed that they had with them Euro 60,000 and about USD 7,000 which is equivalent to Rs 2,635,465. They also disclosed the gold ingots in their possession. They said that they would use the money and the gold in Mumbai and Dubai for the manufacture of finished gold jewelry items which they would eventually take to Madagascar for sale. They were not in possession of any legal document to support their say. The gold and currency have been detained by the MRA customs pending a joint enquiry by Mauritian and Malagasy Customs Authorities.

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.