

BORDER PROTECTION

SWALLOWER INTERCEPTED WITH 100 PELLETS WORTH RS. 15 MILLION

A Venezuelan, a kitchen helper aged 35 years old, was intercepted on Thursday 14 February, 2019 while leaving through the Green Channel at the SSR International Airport. Nothing abnormal was found in his luggage however when he was subject to intensive question by officers of the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), he gave evasive replies.

Furthermore, the Venezuelan departed from Brazil- where he had a refugee status- and he transited through Ethiopia and Kenya before landing in Mauritius.

Based on the above risk indicators, it was highly suspected that the passenger may have swallowed dangerous drugs. He was, therefore, handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) for an in-depth inquiry and medical examination. As at Saturday 16 February, 2019, the Venezuelan had purged 100 pellets weighing circa 1kilogram and worth around Rs. 15 million.

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