

PRESS RELEASE

BORDER PROTECTION

MRA SEIZES HEROIN WORTH RS. 30 MILLION





Customs officers of the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized 2.04 kg of heroin worth around Rs. 30 million on board the Meratus Jayakarta vessel this morning (19.03.21). The suspected drugs were concealed in the air vent of the ship and officers of the CANS found the drugs following the rummage of the vessel. The drugs were hidden inside two parcels on board the vessel which departed from Oman through Seychelles and Madagascar. The next port of the container vessel is Pointe des Galets Reunion Island and it has 22 crew members who are of Indonesian nationality.

A test on both parcels was positive and the case was handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) for further investigation.

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

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