

DANGEROUS DRUGS SUSPECTED TO BE COCAINE

SEIZED AT SSR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

A major attempt to smuggle dangerous drugs into Mauritius was thwarted on 23 April 2026 through the vigilance and coordinated intervention of officers of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS), working in close collaboration with the Police at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport.

The suspect, a 38-year-old female passenger of Ugandan nationality, arrived in Mauritius on board flight KQ 274 from Uganda via Kenya. She was intercepted by MRA CANS officers while proceeding through the Green Channel.

Although an initial scan and detailed examination of her luggage revealed no incriminating items, officers maintained their suspicions based on behavioural indicators and profiling intelligence. A full body scan subsequently revealed the presence of foreign bodies concealed internally.

Further examination led to the recovery of two oval-shaped pellets wrapped in transparent cellotape and concealed in the passenger's private parts. The suspect later admitted to having ingested and concealed dangerous drugs within her body cavity.

Acting under strict medical supervision and police escort, the passenger was admitted to hospital, where she subsequently purged an additional twelve pellets suspected to contain cocaine.

In total, fourteen pellets with a gross indicative weight of approximately 233 grams of suspected cocaine were recovered. The estimated street value of the seized drugs is around Rs 3.5 million.

The suspect has been placed under arrest and a police enquiry is currently underway.

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.