

## MRA seizes cannabis worth Rs 57,156,000



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) in collaboration with Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) seized cannabis with a market value of Rs 57,156,000 from a British couple at the SSR International Airport on 08 March 2025. On the 8th of March 2025, MRA CANS Officers intercepted a female passenger while leaving the Green Channel. She was diverted to the scanning machine for luggage inspection. The image of her luggage revealed some abnormalities.

The female passenger was then directed to the Customs counter for a physical examination of her luggage. Several rectangular parcels were retrieved from her belongings. All the parcels were slightly cut open and found to contain similar dry leaf matter suspected to be cannabis. When questioned about the parcels, she stated that they contained drugs.

It was found that she was traveling with her boyfriend on the same flight. After some time, MRA Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) identified the boyfriend, who was intercepted, and his luggage was scanned. The scanning image showed abnormalities.

Upon examination of the male passenger's luggage, several similar rectangular parcels were found. The parcels were cut open and were found to contain similar contents as the previous parcels secured from the female passenger.

Both passengers were placed under arrest by the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit. A field test for cannabis was carried out on the parcels and was found to be positive. K-9 Dog Oscar was also deployed on the parcels, and it reacted positively to all of them.

Both passengers were then handed over to ADSU for further inquiry, along with all their personal belongings and travel documents. A controlled delivery exercise was set up by ADSU. No arrests have been made thus far.

Police inquiry is in progress.

***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](http://www.mra.mu)) or by calling on the Hotline 8958.***