

MRA SEIZES 2.83KG OF COCAINE WORTH RS 42M



The Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized 2.83kg of Cocaine with a market value of Rs 42,450,000 on 15 June 2025, at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam (SSR) International Airport.

CANS officers, relying on established risk profiles, targeted and intercepted a 51-year-old South African male passenger and a 45-year-old female South African national as they attempted to leave Customs through the Green Channel. The luggage of both passengers were scanned and brought in for verification. No illicit substance was found from the luggage of the female passenger.

An inspection of the male passenger's luggage, which at first appeared to hold personal belongings, revealed indications of tampering. MRA CANS officers cut open the inner lining and retrieved two concealed parcels containing a quantity of powder. A new handbag in his possession was also cut open and examined, revealing two additional parcels with a similar powdered substance.

A presumptive field test for cocaine was carried out and same revealed to be positive. K9 sniffer dog "Rula" was deployed on the exhibits and it also reacted positively.

On the same day, ADSU mounted a controlled delivery operation. It resulted in the arrest of a 24-year-old Mauritian national. An enquiry 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 or by calling on the Hotline 8958.