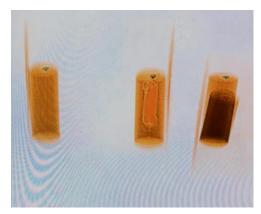


PRESS RELEASE

RS. 1 MILLION OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS SEIZED







An inhabitant of Pailles was arrested today 19th March 2018 in a case of drug trafficking of synthetic drugs worth Rs. 1 million.

Whitish powder suspected to be Synthetic drugs worth Rs. 1 million was seized at the Parcel Post Office on Thursday 15th March 2018 by officers of the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) and of the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU). The consignment- declared as containing scented candles- was profiled on the basis of risk indicators and the scanning images revealed concealment inside 2 of the 4 candles. When deployed, Sniffer dog Cassidy reacted positively to the consignment. The parcel was opened by CANS and ADSU officers and the 2 candles which showed concealment were cut open. 65 grams of synthetic cathinone was secured from the 2 candles and same were handed over to ADSU for further inquiry.

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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