

MRA seizes Rs 8 M of cocaine



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized 50 pellets of dangerous drugs suspected to be cocaine, with a market value of Rs 8,235,000, at Sir Seewoosagar Ramgoolam (SSR) International Airport on the 14th of January 2025. The passenger, arriving from Nairobi, Kenya, was intercepted, based on established risk profiles, by officers of the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS), while he was leaving through the Green Channel.

His luggage was examined, and nothing incriminating was found. However, the officers were not satisfied with the passenger's replies to their questions. A body scan was then carried out on the latter. The scanned images revealed the presence of foreign bodies inside the passenger, suspected to be dangerous drugs.

Upon intensive questioning by the officers, the passenger confessed having swallowed drug pellets.

The passenger was handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) for a medical examination at the hospital. He was admitted from 15 January 2025 to 21 January 2025, where he purged fifty cylindrical pellets wrapped in plastic, each containing a certain amount of Cocaine.

The passenger has been arrested, and a police enquiry is 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.