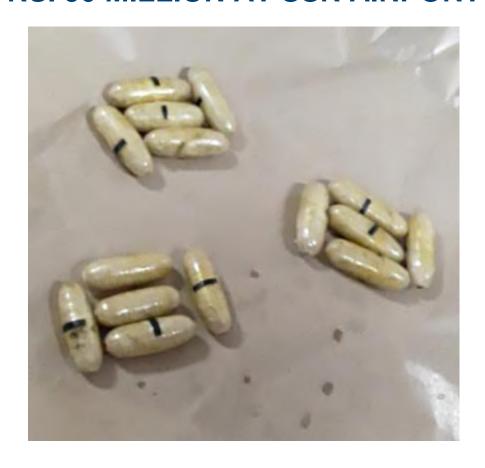


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SEIZURE OF 3.3 KG OF HEROIN WORTH RS. 50 MILLION AT SSR AIRPORT



Three British citizens purged 284 pellets of heroin worth circa Rs. 50 million after they were intercepted at the SSR Airport by the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) on Monday 18 November, 2019. The passengers arrived from Nairobi on board the Kenya Airways flight KQ 270 and the suspect demeanour of one of them during the scanning of their luggage led CANS officers to further interrogate them. Following intensive questioning, the passenger confessed that he had swallowed pellets of illicit drugs. The two other passengers were also intercepted and all three were handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) for further investigation and controlled delivery.

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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