

MRA SEIZES CANNABIS WORTH Rs 253M

9 Persons Arrested



The Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), in collaboration with the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU), seized 210.74 kg of cannabis, valued at Rs. 252,888,000, from eight incoming foreign passengers at the SSR International Airport on 29 May, 2025.

Following risk profiling and intelligence gathering, certain passengers travelling from Dubai through flight EK 703, were identified for further scrutiny. A joint operation involving officers from MRA Customs posted at SSRIA and ADSU was mounted.

During the operation, eight passengers were intercepted at intervals while they were leaving through the Green Channel. Suspicious images were observed when the luggage were scanned. They were subsequently searched by MRA Customs officers in the presence of ADSU officers.

Several translucent rectangular parcels containing a significant amount of crushed leaf matter suspected to be cannabis were found in their luggage.

MRA Customs narcotics sniffer dog was deployed. The latter reacted positively to the exhibits.

A field test was carried out and turned out to be conclusive to cannabis.

In addition to the eight passengers, another passenger was also arrested by ADSU. 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.