

BORDER PROTECTION

SEIZURE OF CANNABIS SEEDS AT AIRPORT



A Russian couple was intercepted with cannabis seeds worth Rs. 50,000 and cannabis-growing equipment while leaving through the Green Channel of the SSR International Airport on Monday 25 June, 2018. Officers of the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) questioned the passengers and the latter were directed to the examination area for the verification of their luggage. The cannabis seeds and equipment (PH testing kits and meters, white and blue led lights) were taped in a carton box which was labelled 'Tobapbi Noyton'. The 32 year-old and 24 year-old passengers revealed that the parcel and its content were destined to their tourist friend 'Maksim', currently staying at Grand Bay.

The Russian friend was present at the Airport to welcome the two passengers and the former was arrested. The 3 Russians and the equipment were handed over to ADSU for further investigation. Members of the public may report suspected drug/ illicit activities to the MRA through the Stop Drug platform or by calling on 8958.