

MRA INTERCEPTS TWO MALAWIAN DRUG SWALLOWERS



The Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) intercepted two female passengers, aged 30 and 39, while they were leaving through Green Channel on Saturday 16th July 2022, at the SSR International Airport. They arrived in Mauritius on Air Mauritius flight MK 852 from South Africa.

Following their interceptions, the two Malawians were subject to a body search and an examination of their luggage was carried out, but nothing incriminating was found. A body scan was eventually, carried out on both passengers and their body scanning images revealed the presence of foreign bodies in their stomachs, suspected to be Heroin. Initially, they did not confess having swallowed pellets of drugs and were detained for more than 20 hours for intense questioning and interrogation. The following day, that is, Sunday 17th July 2022, they confessed having swallowed 68 and 44 pellets respectively of an approximate value of Rs.24,000,000. Each passenger went through the Drug Loo and purged 10 and 13 pellets respectively and was subsequently handed over to ADSU for medical test and further enquiry.

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.