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MRA SEIZED CANNABIS WORTH RS 8 MILLION AT SSR AIRPORT

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs Department, in collaboration with ADSU, intercepted and seized a consignment containing suspected cannabis weighing 16 kg. The consignment was profiled by the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) on the basis that it was sent from a high-risk country and, upon scan, the parcel was found to be suspicious. The parcel was opened by the CANS officers and compressed dry leaf matter was found concealed inside each of the 20 books found therein. The books were entitled 'The Guardian' and the weight was found to be abnormal.

The parcel originated from Nigeria and it transited through South Africa before arriving by the South African Airways Flight SA 190 on Sunday 19th March 2017. The K9 Unit dog Cassidy was called to confirm the suspected drug and the result was positive. The estimated market value of the suspected drug is Rs 8 million and the parcel was addressed to a company operating in Port Louis. The suspected drug was handed over to the ADSU for further investigation.



The MRA invites members of the public to denounce suspected drug activities through the MRA Website (www.mra.mu) or by tolling 8958.

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