

Bid to smuggle opium through Dubai foiled

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Dubai: Dubai Customs foiled an attempt to smuggle three kilograms of opium into Canada through the Dubai Cargo Village.

The drugs were hidden in overcoats and children's wear in two air shipments coming from an Arab country through Dubai on the way to Canada.

Dubai Cargo Village (DCV) inspectors managed to uncover the opium which was hidden in winter coats and children's clothing found in two separate air cargoes.

Omar Ahmad Al Muhairi, First Director of Air Cargo Operations in Dubai Customs, said inspectors suspected the two shipments that arrived on the same day, but on separate flights, after running through a routine scan (x-ray machine).

The consignments were searched thoroughly and manually, when Customs inspectors found a hidden substance in the coats and the clothing which increased their doubts of containing narcotics; therefore, the Technical Support unit at Dubai Customs was contacted to examine a sample and results came back confirming their doubts as it proved to be opium narcotics weighing 3kg - 1kg in one parcel and 2 kg in the other one.

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