

# Transit passenger admits smuggling 4kg of cocaine

Woman was trying to bring the drugs from Peru to Ivory Coast

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Dubai: A female visitor admitted in court yesterday that she smuggled nearly four kilogrammes of cocaine from Peru to Ivory Coast, via Dubai.

"I am guilty... I smuggled the drugs but that was in transit. I want a swift judgment," said the 36-year-old Filipina transit passenger when she defended herself before the Dubai Court of First Instance.

According to the bill of charges, prosecutors accused 36-year-old M.S. with smuggling 14 plastic bags which contained 4,072 grams of cocaine.

Presiding Judge Al Saeed Mohammad Barghout will hand out a verdict on Tuesday.

A Yemeni police corporal at Dubai International Airport testified that he suspected the Filipina when she arrived at the transit terminal.

"She seemed perplexed. I asked my female colleague to take her to the anti-narcotics office and have her searched. When we did so, she seemed more confused and afraid. She told us that she carried two handbags. We accompanied her to the luggage belt to collect her handbags," the corporal claimed during prosecution questioning.

An Emirati female first sergeant in the airport police testified: "We took the bags to the search room. We found inside one of them ten cartons that contained the cocaine."

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