

डीआरआई ने हवाई अड्डे से विदेशी मुद्रा के साथ तीन को किया गिरफ्तार

कोलकाता . नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस अन्तरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे से डीआरआई के अधिकारियों ने तीन यात्रियों को विदेशी मुद्रा के साथ गिरफ्तार किया है। इनके पास से 80 हजार डॉलर जब्त किए गए हैं। इनके नाम सलमान खान, अलीमुद्दीन शेख तथा मुस्तफा जईउल है। डायरेक्टरेट ऑफ रिवेन्यू इंटेलीजेंस यूनिट (डीआरआई) के पास गुप्त सूचनाएं थी, जिसके आधार पर शनिवार की रात को दमदम हवाई अड्डे से इनको गिरफ्तार किया गया। हवाई अड्डे की कस्टम्स विभाग की वायु खुफिया इकाई पहले से तत्पर थी। तीनों यात्री जैसे ही हवाई अड्डे पर पहुंचे, उनको पकड़ लिया गया और उनसे पूछताछ की गई। इनके पास से 80 हजार यूएस डालर मिले हैं। तीनों को डीआरआई को सौंप दिया गया है। आधिकारिक सूत्रों के अनुसार सलमान खान एयर एशिया की उड़ान से कोलकाता से भुवनेश्वर जाने वाला था। अलीमुद्दीन स्प्राइसजेट की उड़ान से गुवहाटी और मुस्तफा इंडिगो से बेंकाक जाने वाला था। तीनों से पूछताछ की जा रही है।

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Kolkata: DRI Busts Foreign Currency Smuggling Racket at Airport

DRI Busts Foreign Currency Smuggling Racket at Kolkata Airport

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The haul (Zee News)

Kolkata: Officers of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) bust a smuggling racket operating at the Kolkata airport, said media reports on Monday.

On Monday, two members of the gang entered the domestic terminal of the NSCBI airport, Kolkata, with foreign currency hidden in their shoe soles and managed to get through the security check. They then waited at the domestic departure area as they planned to board a domestic flight.

The third member of the gang checked into the Kolkata airport to depart on the Bangkok-bound flight. He left the immigration and customs and waited at the international departures area.

A glass door separates the domestic terminal from the international terminal which remains locked. However, the gang took advantage of the gap between the doors and tried to smuggle the foreign currency notes.

All three met at the glass door and the duo handed over the package containing the foreign currency. As soon as the third member of the gang proceeded to board the flight he was stopped by DRI officials and immediately detained.

Later, it was found that the duo missed their flight intentionally and wanted to leave the airport.

“We saw in the CCTV that the duo handed over the package through the gap of the door. We found it extremely suspicious and detained the international passenger. We found the foreign currency in his possession. Later, we tracked the movements of the duo and found that they missed their flight intentionally and arrested all three,” said a DRI official.

He added, “The three persons arrested have been identified as Ziaul Mustafa, who was scheduled to fly to Bangkok, and Sheikh Masiruddin and Md Akhtar Moeni – the duo who were to take the domestic flights and missed it intentionally. A total of 80,000 US Dollars have been seized. The worth of the seizure in Indian currency is Rs 57 lacs.”

On interrogation by the DRI officials, the trio revealed that they have used the same modus operandi to smuggle foreign currency through the glass door gap.

DRI busts foreign currency syndicate at Kolkata airport, 3 arrested

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KOLKATA: The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) busted a syndicate involved in smuggling foreign currency out of the country and seized \$80,000 from it at the city airport, an official said on Monday.

Also, three persons were arrested, the official said.

"DRI officers have busted a smuggling syndicate operating at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport (NSCBI). Three persons were arrested while they were trying to smuggle it out of the country," an official said.

According to the agency, smuggling of foreign currency from India has seen a spike in the current year.

Crime syndicates smuggle gold and narcotics into the country and consequently, they were sending foreign currency in cash illegally, out of the country as proceeds of sale, DRI official said.

The gang had a unique modus operandi.

With hidden bundles of foreign currency notes in their shoes, two members of the group -- Sheikh Masiruddin and Md Akhtar Moeni -- cleared security check and waited at the domestic departure security hold area. At around the same time, the third member of the gang, Ziaul Mustafa, entered the airport to fly to Bangkok.

After being issued his boarding pass, Mustafa cleared immigration and customs and entered the international departure security hold area before boarding his flight.

A chained glass door separates the domestic departure security hold area from the international departure zone.

Three accused then met together at this point where the two domestic passengers passed on the currency notes to their accomplice waiting at the international departure side through a gap on this glass door, according to the agency.

Two domestic passengers, then intentionally "missed" their flight and approached the airlines as a case of no-show and to cancel their tickets and allow them to leave the airport.

"The DRI officers intercepted all three persons. On being questioned, they admitted to having done it on a number of occasions in the past," the official added.