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17 kg gold seized, two held

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A team of officers of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized 17.83 kg of gold smuggled by two bus passengers near Tiruchi on Wednesday.

The officers mounted surveillance acting on specific intelligence that gold was being smuggled by bus from Sri Lanka to Chennai.

The team kept a watch on vehicles travelling to Chennai from the southern districts when they intercepted an omni bus proceeding from Madurai at the Boothakudi toll plaza near Tiruchi. While checking the the baggage of some passengers they found 17.83 kg of gold in the form of bars and chains.

The gold was seized and the duo admitted to smuggling the gold by sea, a press release from DRI said. The officers also apprehended the mastermind in Chennai who was supposed to receive the gold. His role was being probed, the release added.