

DRI seizes gold worth Rs 1 Cr at Dabolim Airport

Panaji, Mar 31 (UNI) Sleuths of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized 3.229 kg of gold worth Rs one crore at Dabolim Airport in South Goa on Saturday.

According to a statement here, based on information, the sleuths of DRI, Goa Regional Unit, intercepted one Goan passenger who had arrived at Dabolim International Airport by Air Arabia flight G9 492 from Sharjah in the wee hours of Saturday.

The DRI sleuths after interception searched his baggage thoroughly but on finding nothing incriminating in it, they carried out the personal search of the passenger which resulted in the seizure of 3.229 kg of gold consisting of four gold bars and a thick gold tied around his waist. On further interrogation, the passenger disclosed that the gold consignment was handed over to him by another passenger from Kozhikode, Kerala, who had travelled in the same flight.

Immediately the other passenger was identified and nabbed in the baggage hall by the DRI officers before he could exit the Customs Arrival Hall.

On questioning, he admitted his guilt of employing the fellow passenger to smuggle gold totally valued at Rs one crore in the local market. Both the passengers were arrested by DRI sleuths as per the guidelines issued by the Board of Central Board of Excise, Customs and Service, Tax, New Delhi, to carry out further investigation in the case, the statement added.