

Kerala: Smuggled gold seized at Kannur International Airport

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KANNUR: The officials from the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) at Kannur International Airport seized smuggled gold from two passengers from Doha on Thursday. According to sources, the gold, in powder format, was mixed with a few other things including olive oil and packed in plastic covers concealed inside their socks.

The officials, on getting the tip-off, held them when they de-boarded the flight. This compound seized from the two weighed nearly seven kilograms but the exact quantity of gold could be ascertained only after it is extracted, said the sources.

The two have been apprehended and they are being questioned, but no arrest has been recorded till late on Thursday, as the exact quantity of gold has to be ascertained first, they said.

This is the third instance of gold seizure in Kannur airport, which was commissioned on December 9.

On December 25, 2018, the DRI officials had seized gold, valued at Rs 50 lakh, from a passenger coming from Abu Dhabhi. A few days later, on January 7, once again, over 800 grams of gold were seized from another passenger, this time from Riyadh.

Officials are probing if any organised rackets are involved in smuggling gold through Kannur Airport.