

Dubai Customs foils bid to smuggle restricted drugs

Consignment of 123,000 tablets seized by inspectors at Cargo Village.

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Dubai: Dubai Customs inspectors at the Cargo Village recently foiled an attempt to smuggle drugs heading to some European and Arab countries via Dubai.

Omar Ahmad Al Muhairi, Senior Manager of Air Cargo Operation Department at Dubai Customs, said: "The customs inspectors at the Cargo Village suspected some consignments coming from two Arab countries and an African country.

"The shipment contained 123,000 tablets — dangerous narcotics that could cause whoever consumes them to have serious side-effects leading to suicide or violence."

The customs inspection teams at the Cargo Village manually inspected the shipments and found them to be containing tablets deemed to be restricted or prohibited medicines.

"The shipment was referred to a health inspector who reported that the tablets in the consignment are controlled and internationally prohibited from use without an authorised medical prescription," he said

"Dubai Customs has inventoried the goods, produced a seizure report on the incident and coordinated with the Regional Intelligence and Liaison Office (RILO) over the passage of the shipment to its final destination in order to seize the involved parties in the smuggling attempt," he said.

"The consignments were registered in the names of individual and not companies licensed to import such type of medicines," he said.

The side effects of this type of tablets, if used or taken in large dosage without a medical prescription would lead to self-control inability, apathy, nervousness, whispering of self-killing, self-harming, hyperactivity, agitation, aggression, hallucinations, drowsiness, dizziness, fainting, fever, insomnia, jaundice and suicide attempts in the event of excessive use.