

# More than 2m narcotics tablets seized in Dubai

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Dubai: Dubai Customs inspectors in Cargo Village seized more than 2 million tablets of narcotics classified as the top enlisted category.

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Omar Ahmad Al Muhairi, Senior Manager of Dubai Customs Air Cargo Operation, said that officials were suspicious of the customs declaration for the consignment.

"The consignment was confiscated until the declarant appeared to release it. After tracking the activity, it turned out that the declarant got the bill of lading issued from the handling company without processing the customs declaration," Al Muhairi said.

He said that the suspect later visited the customs office and wanted to re-export the goods by issuing a customs declaration of importation for re-exportation.

"The suspect was seen very much perturbed. His appearance led the team to examine the contents at his presence. The inspectors found 27 cartons containing 2.16 million tablets of narcotics weighing almost one ton and 235kg," Al Muhairi said.

The importation of such type of drugs is not allowed without prior approval.

"The implicated company clearly violated the law and the company at the same time is registered as a General Trading Company but is not licensed to import drugs. Besides, any importation of goods into the country must be on a prior approval from the Ministry of Health in the UAE and approval from the exporting country," Al Muhairi said.

On the basis of these details, a seizure report was issued, and legal procedures were taken against the owner of the company and the goods.