

# USD 2.7 million worth of drugs seized

**MALE** - Two people have been arrested while trying to smuggle in US\$ 2.7 million worth of drugs into Maldives.

In a press conference held at the Police Headquarters on Monday evening, Sub-Inspector Ismail Naveen said that the two men were arrested at Male International Airport while trying to smuggle in 7.8 kilos of heroin into Maldives on the 29th of last month. The men were apprehended after Police had conducted a special sting operation in collaboration with three other countries. In the operation, America's DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration), Pakistan's ANS and Sri Lanka's PMD and DEU had helped Maldivian Police and Maldives Customs Service.

Naveen said that since the investigation is still ongoing, further details could not be revealed. Police had not revealed the identity of the men who were arrested in connection with the drug bust.

Naveen said that this was the biggest operation conducted by Maldivian Drug Enforcement Unit and that laboratory tests had revealed that the drugs confiscated were the purest heroin that Maldivian authorities had seized so far. -HNS



**A police official laying out the confiscated heroin packets on a table during a press conference held at the Police Headquarters on Monday evening. About 7.8 kilos of heroin worth USD 2.7 million were seized on the 29th of last month.**