

## CASE STUDY #3: CASH DETECTION AT HAMID KARZAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

On 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2017, subject x intended to leave Kabul, Afghanistan for Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The subject made no attempt to declare to an Authorized Officer that he was carrying cash exceeding the regulatory threshold. The Cash which was placed and concealed at the pockets of pant inside the hand bag, detected during an X-ray's checking of the airport.

Upon searching the suspect, an amount of 319,000 EUR was found at his hand bag which was not declared to the Customs Officials. The Customs Department submitted the case to the Border Police Department on the suspicion of money laundering and the funds were placed in custody of Da Afghanistan Bank.

Based on the letter from Customs Department at Hamid Karzai International Airport, FinTRACA has proactively conducted an analysis on the subject's case and the follow up on case was disseminated to the relevant investigating department at Attorney General Office to support their investigation. Following the investigation of the case by the competent authorities, the suspect was fined 3,430,845 AFN equivalents to 47,850 EUR for violating the Cash Courier Regulation of Afghanistan and the remaining seized cash was returned to the subject consequently.



This is another good example of the co-operation, increased scrutiny, enforcement, capacity and capability of the authorities at Hamid Karzai International Airport, tasked with preventing and detecting the physical cross border transportation of cash and BNIs, and the continued improvements in the cash declaration system.

**SOURCE:** Customs Department, Ministry of Finance