

CASE STUDY #4: CASH DETECTION AT HAMID KARZAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

On 30th November 2016, person x intended to leave Kabul, Afghanistan for Dubai, United Arab Emirates via Hamid Karzai International Airport.

During the luggage checking at Customs Checkpoint, person x was suspected on concealing cash at his handbag exceeding the regulatory threshold.

Before the handbag is searched physically by the designated officers at the airport, subject states that he had kept only 1,300,000 INR at his bag while later, 200,000 SAR, 49,585 AED and 20 USD cash was found at the bag which he has not declared to the Customs Department.

According to the procedure, the case was submitted to the Border Police Department at the airport and Attorney General Office on the suspicion of money laundering and the cash was placed at custody of Da Afghanistan Bank.

Based on person x request and approval of Attorney General's Office, 1,300,000 INR was given back to him as the government of India on 8th of November 2016, announced the demonetization of all 500 INR and 1,000 INR banknotes.

Following a thorough investigation of the case by the Attorney General's Office, no evidence of money laundering was found and person x was fined 879,410 AFN equivalent to 13,010.43 USD by the Customs Department for violating the Cash Courier Regulation of Afghanistan and accordingly, the remaining cash was returned to the subject.



SOURCE: Customs Department, Ministry of Finance