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NO. 09-2019

To: All Deputy Commissioners
All Directors and Division Chiefs
All District/Port Collectors
And Others Concerned

**Subject: Regional Intelligence Liaison Office Asia-Pacific (RILO A/P)
Alert Nos. 6/2018, Drugs Trafficking in Greater Mekong Sub-
region and 7/2018, Trafficking Routings of Methamphetamine**

Attached is the electronic mail dated 31 December 2018 of Ms. Marie Wong, Project Manager, RILO A/P, World Customs Organization relative to the RILO AP Alert No. 6/2018, Drugs Trafficking in Greater Mekong Sub-region and RILO AP Alert No. 7/2018, Trafficking Routing of Methamphetamine.

For your information and guidance.

For record purposes, please confirm the dissemination of this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.

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RILO AP Alert No.7/2018 – Routing and Trafficking of Methamphetamine

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Cc: office@riloap.org

Date: Monday, 31 December 2018, 2:34 PM GMT+8

Dear all,

Please accept my apology and ignore my previous mail as the attachment was blocked by security system. The RILO AP Alert No.7/2018 is attached herewith for your reference.

You are suggested to read this alert in conjunction with alert 6/2018 as they are relevant.

Thank you for your support and understading.

Regards,

Marie Wong (Ms)

Project Manager

WCO RILO AP

Original Message

Subject : FW> RILO AP Alert No.6/2018 – Drugs Trafficking in Greater Mekong Sub-region
Date : 2018-12-31 12:50:49
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Dear NCPs in AP region,

Greetings from Seoul, Korea.

Please find RILO AP Alert No. 7/2018 is enclosed for your information and necessary dissemination.

You are suggested to read Alert No. 7/2018 in conjunction with 6/2018 as they are

relevant.

Taking this opportunity, wish you a happy and fruitful new year!

Regards,

Marie WONG (Ms)

Project Manager

WCO RILO AP

Original Message

Subject : RILO AP Alert No.6/2018 – Drugs Trafficking in Greater Mekong Sub-region

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Thanks and regards,

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Drugs Trafficking in Greater Mekong Sub-region

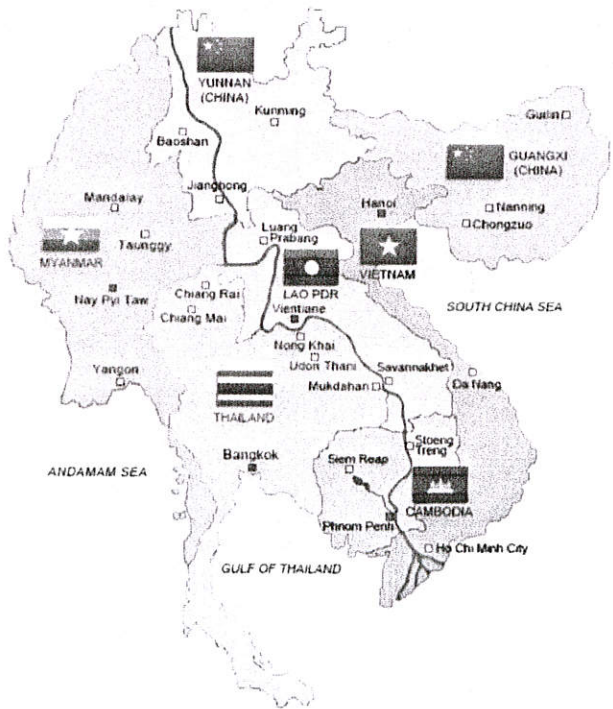
DATE	12 December 2018
SOURCE OF INFORMATION	Operation Mekong Dragon, UNODC and open sources
CONTACT	Regional Intelligence Liaison Office for Asia and the Pacific #721 Eonju-ro, Gangnam-gu, Seoul, 06050, Korea Tel: +82-2-510-1936 / Email: office@riloop.org

Content of Alert

Myanmar seizes 370 kg of Heroin worth USD 4.7 million

Reported in open source, Myanmar has seized 37 kg of heroin worth USD\$ 4.7 million during an enforcement action on 8 December 2018. The heroin was discovered in a truck outside a monastery near Taunggyi, a city of Myanmar. As a result of the raid, 170 kg of white heroin and 200 kg of brown heroin were found and seized. Two men were arrested in the case¹.

According to information from UNODC, 41,000 hectares of land in Myanmar were being used to grow poppies in 2017, compared to 55,000 hectares in 2015. Myanmar is the world's second largest opium producer after Afghanistan.



The Map of Greater Mekong Sub-region (Credit: Soksovanmonni Huot)

¹ <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/afp/article-6479013/Myanmar-seizes-heroin-haul-worth-4-7m-police.html>

The Drugs Situation in Greater Mekong Sub-region

The “Golden Triangle”, an area covers the borders of Myanmar, Thailand and Lao PDR within the Mekong River basin, has long been associated with the production and trafficking of narcotics, particularly heroin. The larger area of Mekong River basin, namely Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS), included 6 countries in total: Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam.

In recent years, the drug trafficking activities in GMS is undergoing transformation. Drug syndicates switched to manufacture methamphetamine in GMS, mainly produced in Myanmar. The criminal gangs supply “Ice” (crystallized methamphetamine) and the caffeine-laced tablets – Yaba to the illicit market. The precursors for manufacture Methamphetamine were mainly from India and China.

The surge in synthetic drugs and oversupply of methamphetamine has led to a decline of street prices in the region. For example, Yaba tablets were going down from USD \$5-15 to USD \$1-5 per tablet. Similar decline has been recorded on the price of crystal methamphetamine. Both make the drugs more affordable and accessible².

The drugs were supplied not only to GMS and South East Asia countries but also smuggled to other countries in AP Region. GMS is a primary source of methamphetamine to Australia, Japan, Korea and New Zealand. Record-high seizures have been reported by countries in GMS in recent years and high-volume of methamphetamine trafficked from GMS to Australia, Japan and New Zealand has been recorded this year³.

Methamphetamine and heroin are currently estimated to be worth USD \$40 billion in the regional drug market, according UNODC information.

RILO Comment

Myanmar is still one of the primary source of narcotics, especially Heroin and Methamphetamine. The drugs have been smuggled within and across AP Region via neighbouring countries.

To combat against drugs and drug precursors trafficking in Mekong Region, China Customs and Viet Nam Customs initiated a joint sub-regional operation, named “OPERATION MEKONG DRAGON”, to strengthen Customs cooperation in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS). The Operation is coordinated by RILO AP with the support of UNODC. Korea Customs Service takes part as observer to support the Operation in the capacity of hosting administration of RILO AP. This is a 6-month operation started on September 2018 until February 2019. Six countries in GMS, including Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam have joined the Operation.

² “Myanmar hosts talks on Asia Pacific strategy to control drug-making chemicals” by UNODC (Link: <http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/frontpage/2018/November/myanmar-hosts-talks-on-asia-pacific-strategy-to-control-drug-making-chemicals.html>)

³ “Alarming levels’ of methamphetamine trafficking in Asia’s Mekong, UN warns” by UNODC (Link: https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/frontpage/2018/May/drogue-en-asie-_niveaux-alarmants-de-traffic-de-mthamptamine-dans-la-rqion-du-mkong-onudc.html)

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As at 12 December 2018, 35 seizure cases of drugs have been reported by participants. To strengthen and step up information and intelligence exchange, an Operation Coordination Unit (OCU) will be set up at China Customs office in Guangzhou, China, between 13 and 20 December 2018.

RILO AP continues to coordinate and cooperate with members on joint operations against drug trafficking. Members are encouraged to join hands to combat against illicit drug activities in the region.

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ALERT No. 7/2018

Trafficking Routings of Methamphetamine

DATE	28 December 2018
SOURCE OF INFORMATION	Drugs Seizure Immediate Notification System (DSINS(Air)) Ref. No. RILO/DSINS/4662, 4663, 4665, 4666, 4667
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Content of Alert

Significant quantity of methamphetamine has been seized from air passengers

This Alert is suggested to read in conjunction with RILO AP Alert 6/2018.

Japan Customs detected 5 cases of trafficking of methamphetamine by air passengers at Japan airports between late October and early December. The case information are tabulated as below:-

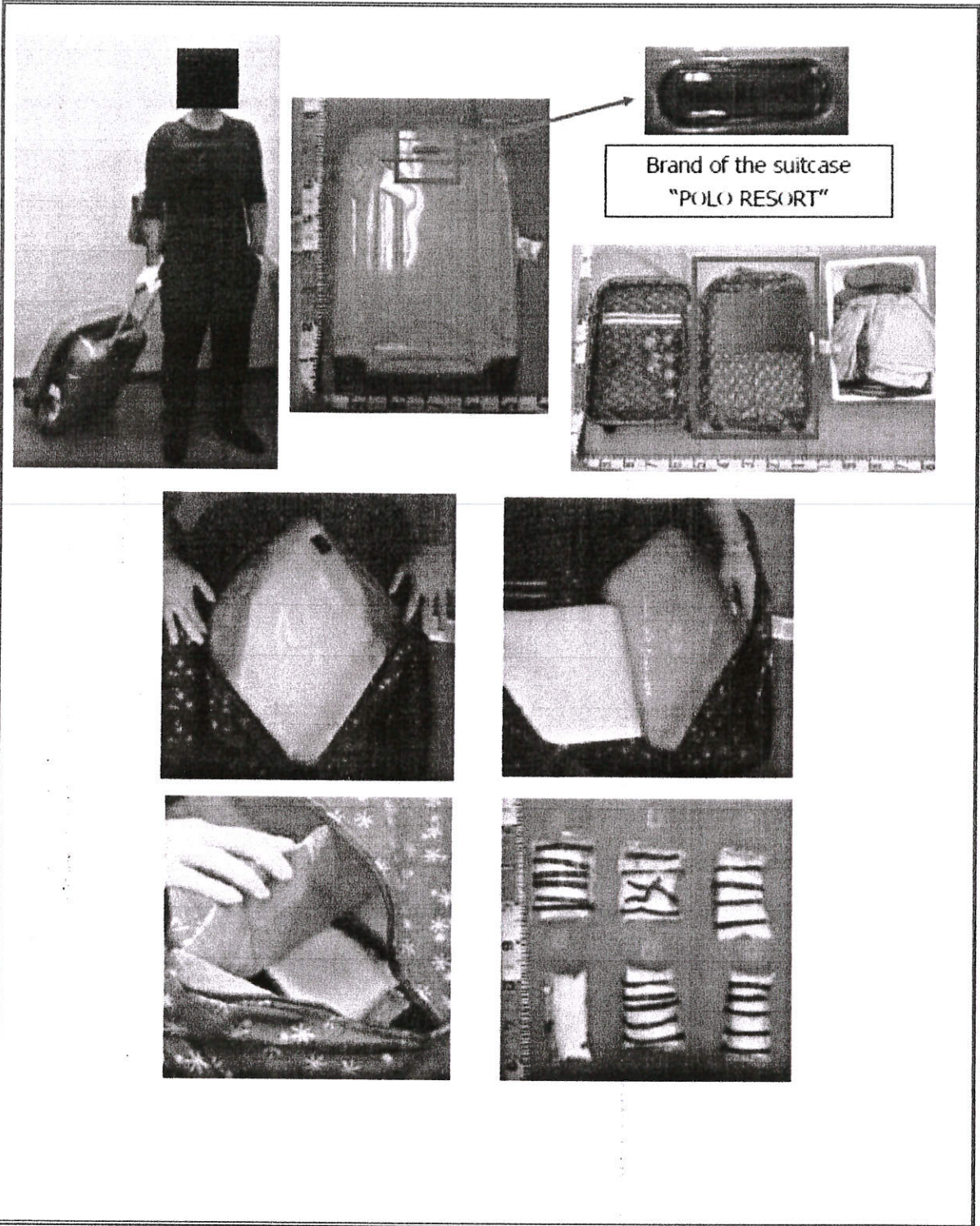
Date	Location	Quantity	Concealment	Arrest	Routing
26 Oct	Kansai Airport	2 kg (approx.)	Suitcase false compartment	1 Korean male	Cambodia-Malaysia - Japan
11 Nov	Kansai Airport	1.88 kg	Baggage false compartment	1 Taiwanese female	Cambodia -Korea - Japan
14 Nov	Kansai Airport	0.74 kg	Body packed	1 Malaysian male	Malaysia - Japan
14 Nov	Kansai Airport	0.25 kg	Body packed	1 Malaysian female	Malaysia - Japan
1 Dec	Narita Airport	1.75 kg	Baggage false compartment	1 Canadian male	Lao PDR - Viet Nam - Japan

It was believed the drugs were manufactured in "Golden Triangle" and smuggled to Japan via South East Asia countries.

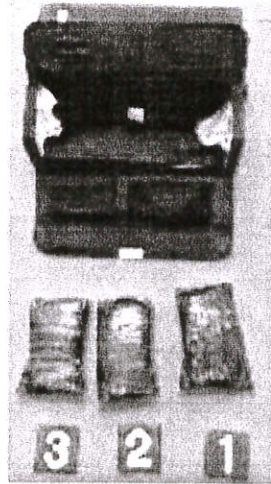
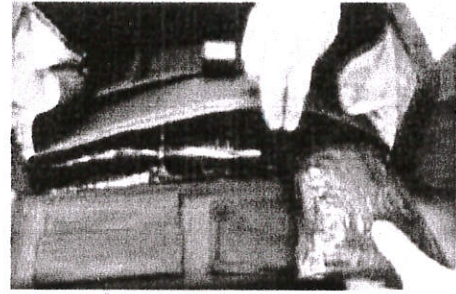
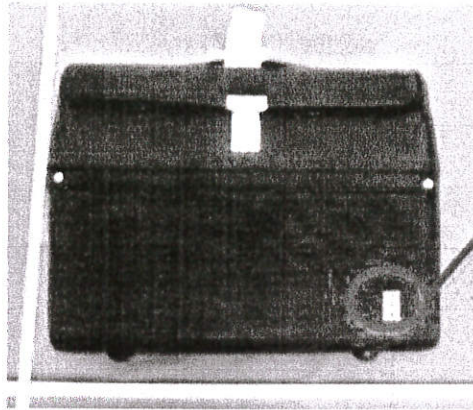
Modus Operandi:-

1. Concealed in false compartment of baggage
 2. Body packed
- (Please see below photos for details of concealment)

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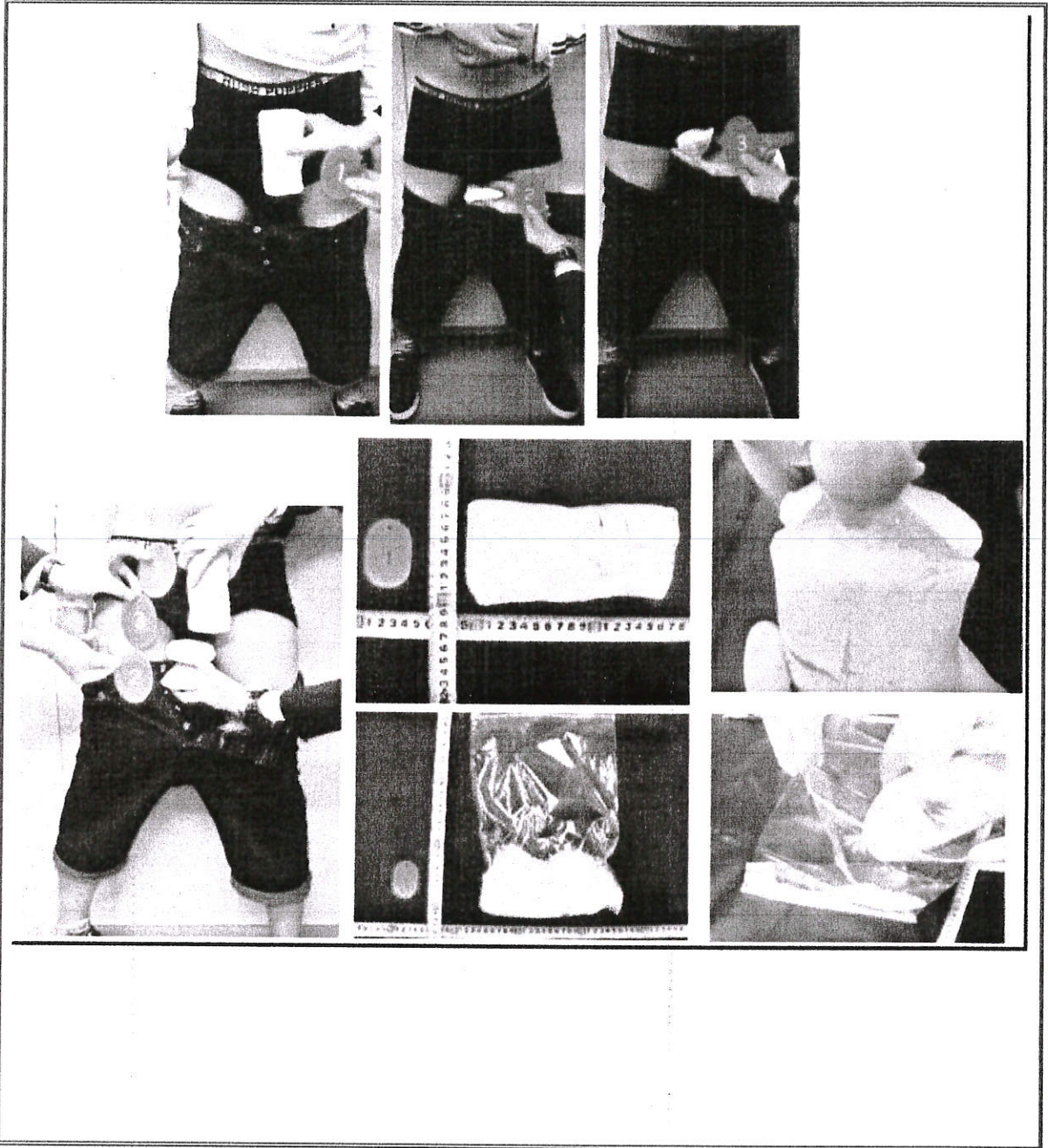


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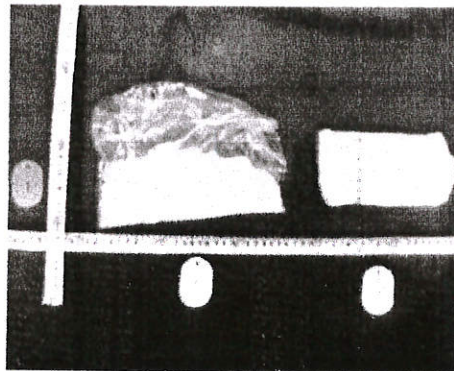
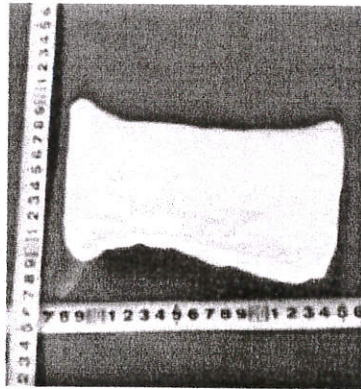


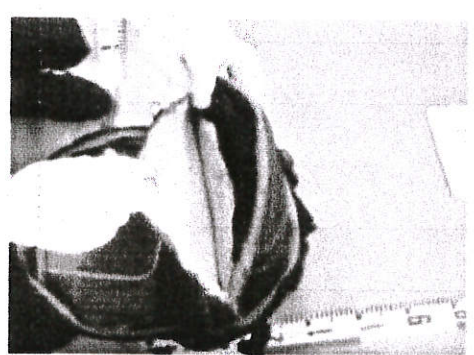
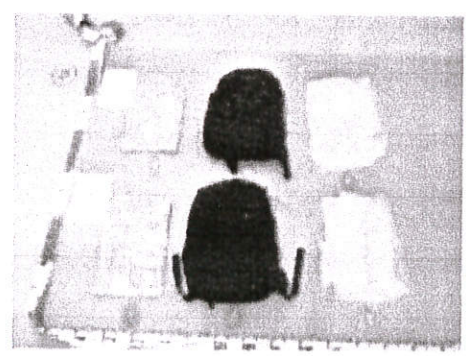
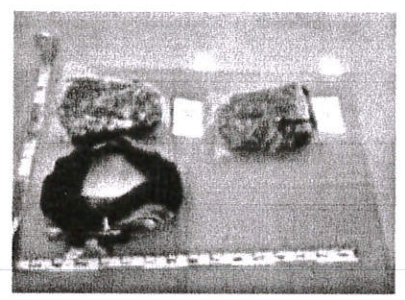
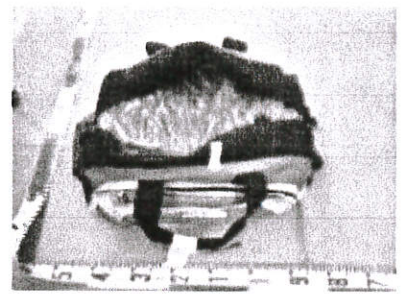
Methamphetamine

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RILO Comment

Methamphetamine is one of the most popular narcotics smuggled in AP region. The Golden Triangle is the main source of methamphetamine. Syndicates smuggled the drugs within and across AP Region via neighbouring countries. It was revealed that criminal groups have close relation with ethnic armed groups and are scattered around Golden Triangle to participating in methamphetamine production actively.

Members are suggested to pay more attention on suspicious air passengers travelled from South East Asia countries, especially the passengers used circuitous routing of travelling.

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