

## Drug mule grateful

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A VICTIM of a drug syndicate, K. Punithamani, who was jailed in Peru for drug smuggling returned on Monday, reported *Berita Harian*.

"I never thought that I would return home. I thought I was going to die in Peru. I would like to thank Umno Youth for bringing me home," Punithamani, 55, said.

"It feels like I have been reborn again," she said, adding that she was detained for three hours for further investigations by Interpol as soon as she reached KLIA.

Umno Youth Community Complaints Bu-reau chairman [Datuk Mohd Khairun Aseh](#) and two other representatives helped arrange Pu-nithamani's return.

The victim claimed that she was tricked into becoming a drug mule by a syndicate that offered her a well-paying job in the cosmetic jewellery industry.

She went to Spain in 2007 to meet with the syndicate that told her to fly to Peru to collect her jewellery stock.

She claimed that she was given a bag but was told to fly to Italy first and was threatened with a gun.

She complied but was detained by Peru airport authorities for drug possession.

She was sentenced to four years' jail but in 2010, after serving two years, was paroled.

She stayed at the Convent Church in Lima, Peru, as she did not have the money to return home.

With the help of Wisma Putra and Umno Youth, she was finally brought home on Monday.

> The boyfriend of a 16-year-old girl threatened to distribute her nude pictures, which was taken about a year ago, and demanded RM10,000, reported *Sinar Harian*.

The Form Four student lodged a police report against her boyfriend at the Shah Alam station last Friday.

The victim was threatened twice by the boy, who is also her classmate