

## **S. African woman detained for attempting to smuggle in drugs**

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**JOHOR BARU (Sept 18, 2013):** The Johor branch of the Royal Malaysian Customs detained a South African woman at the Senai International Airport, here last Thursday for attempting to smuggle in 4.9 kilograms of methamphetamine worth almost RM1 million.

Johor Customs Deputy Director Abdullah Sidik said the 22-year-old woman, who arrived on a Malaysia Airlines (MAS) flight from Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), was detained at about 11.10pm when a scan on her trolley bag showed she was carrying a doubtful object.

"A closer check on the brown-coloured bag found two packages wrapped in tin foils which were packed in brown plastic sheets hidden on the left and right sides of the bag.

"Further inspection revealed that the two packages contained crystal slabs believed to be methamphetamine estimated to weigh 4.9 kilograms and valued at RM931,000," he told reporters, here today.

Abdullah said an investigation showed that the woman concerned was entering the country for the first time.

She is being remanded until tomorrow under Section 39B(1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952 which carries the mandatory death penalty upon conviction, he said. – *Bernama*