

## Thai drug trafficker to hang

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KUALA LUMPUR: A 32-year-old Thai woman was sentenced to death by the High Court for trafficking in 258.3gm of cocaine.

Kaewmorakot Weeraya, a salesgirl, committed the offence at the KL International Airport (KLIA) in Sepang at 7am on July 22, 2007.

Justice Siti Khadijah S. Hassan Badjenid said Kaewmorakot was detained at the KLIA upon arriving from Argentina when the authorities found two bottles containing 13 capsules of the drug in her bag.

"When brought to the hospital for an X-ray examination, the doctor found foreign objects in her body, around the pelvic region," said Justice Siti.

An additional 26 pills were removed from Kaewmorakot's body. Twelve pills were placed in a condom while the rest were found in her stools.

Justice Siti asked why Kaewmorakot had not raised any objection when she was first caught, if she claimed to have been framed.

She said the elaborate measures to conceal the drugs and the fact that Kaewmorakot maintained that she was the one who packed her bag showed that she intended to smuggle the drugs.

"The defence failed to raise reasonable doubt and failed to dispute the prima facie case; thus the court finds the accused guilty," she said.

Kaewmorakot was represented by Norman J. Fernandez while Zainal Azwar Kamaruddin prosecuted.