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KUALA LUMPUR: Malindo Air has confirmed that one of its cabin crew was among eight individuals arrested by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) for allegedly trying to smuggle drugs from Malaysia to Australia.

In a statement, the airline said the female cabin crew was arrested at Melbourne International Airport on Jan 7.

"However, we have not had any official communication either with our staff or from the AFP on the said detention.

"We had nevertheless duly raised the matter with the Malaysian Consul-General's office in Melbourne," the statement read.

Malindo Air also said the airline had suspended the cabin crew with immediate effect and it was ready to cooperate with all relevant authorities, both in Australia and locally.

"Based on the findings of our internal investigations, we are confident that this arrest appears to be an isolated incident arising out of a crew member's misconduct.

"None of the remaining Malindo Air crew on the said flight were detained."

International media yesterday reported that an employee of a Malaysian airline was among eight people arrested in Australia on charges of trafficking more than 14kg of heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine worth A\$20 million (RM58.9 million). - Bernama