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BADUNG: A Tanzanian man was arrested in Bali after more than a kilogramme of methamphetamine was found inside his stomach, Indonesian authorities said.

Immigration officials on the holiday island - who routinely detain foreigners for drug offences - said yesterday they nabbed Abdul Rahman Asman at the international airport on Jan 30.

An X-ray and CT scan turned up some 99 plastic baggies filled with white powder that Abdul Rahman

had swallowed, topping a kilo in weight, authorities said.

Dozens of the baggies were displayed on a table at the customs office as Abdul Rahman, 42, was paraded before reporters in an orange jumpsuit and restrained with hand and leg irons.

It was not clear if prosecutors will seek the death penalty against Abdul Rahman but Indonesia has some of the world's strictest drug laws, including execution by firing squad for traffickers.

There are dozens of smugglers on death row, including a cocaine-mule British grandmother, an American caught with crystal methamphetamine and several west African inmates sentenced to death for drug crimes.

American Husein Ashadi Bahri, 60, was also shown at the conference after his arrest in a drug sting that discovered some 45g of marijuana inside a computer keyboard.

Bahri faces a maximum of 15 years in jail if convicted. — AFP



Risky ingestion: An officer preparing the plastic packages of meth recovered from Abdul Rahman before a press conference at the Customs office in Bali. — AFP