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Cuban Customs efficiently thwarts drug traffic attempts

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Cuban Customs have detected 46 drug traffic and consumption-related cases, though the institution still must systematically increase preparation to face a complex scenario marked by diverse ways used to import such narcotic drugs.

The announcement was made by Colonel Nelson Cordobes, first vice-chief of the Cuban General Customs Services at the Parliament's National Defense Commission.

Up to date, Customs officials have confiscated 27, 25 kilos of cocaine; 30,46 kilos of marihuana and detected 0,5 kilos of drug already consumed, thanks to the high-tech equipment being used in air terminals.

The official said that they have detected 10 thousand 939 violations from January to June, out of which 5 thousand 920 are related to rules established for the import o non-commercial items.

Some of these violations have included attempts to introduce satellite equipment and subversive literature aimed at doing counterrevolutionary acts, along with fire weapons and other artifacts that pose a threat to the country's security.

Attempts to import highly demanded goods at the informal market still persist, the official said and added that they have also detected attempts to take out of Cuba some items like medications, patrimonial items, animals, and others.

In the face of changing scenarios, the official said that the Customs services are consolidating their current detection systems and improving its control activity in terms of aviation security at the exit of international airports, particularly for direct flights to the U.S.A., they are also improving the dispatch system for travelers and purchasing technology to allow for more effective detection and control work.

