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FRENCH STRIKE HITS AIRPORTS

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Mega yacht *Rising Sun* pays a visit to Majorca. PHOTO: GABRIEL ALOMAR

● Further industrial action by French air-traffic controllers resulted in 31 cancellations at Palma's Son Sant Joan Airport yesterday.

Two of these were flights to and from France, the remainder were flights to and from other European countries.

At the airport in Ibiza there were thirteen cancellations in all, one of them from France. At Mahon in Minorca there was a total of four cancellations.

Delays were in general not lengthy at any of the three Balearic airports.

Passenger traffic at Palma was yesterday forecast to have been 182,863. At Ibiza it was 52,438 and at Mahon 27,800. There was a total of 1,581 flights.

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Ryanair has warned it could be a summer of travel 'melt-down' due to the strikes by French air traffic controllers.

The Irish carrier revealed yesterday that it had to cancel 1,000 flights last month due to walkouts by air traffic control staff as well as shortages across Europe. And now the carrier, which is one of the largest in Europe, is calling for urgent action by the EU Commission and European Governments to step in and put an end to the disruption.




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