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France, Britain send patrol boats to Jersey in post-Brexit fishing row

London.—France and Britain deployed maritime patrol vessels to the waters off the Channel island of Jersey yesterday as a dispute over post-Brexit fishing rights escalated.

The European Union called for calm over the row, which on Thursday saw a flotilla of French trawlers sail in protest to Jersey's main harbour and a French minister suggest earlier in the week that Paris might cut electricity to the island.

French fishermen say they are being unfairly deprived of access to rich fishing grounds off the coast of Jersey, a self-governing British Crown Dependency.

Jersey says it is following the rules for issuing licenses set out in Britain's post-Brexit trade deal with the European Union.

Talks between island officials and representatives of the fishermen were not positive, said Hugo Lehuby, spokesman for the Normandy Regional Fisheries Committee.

"We're getting deeper into deadlock," Lehuby told Reuters. "Either this gets resolved, or retaliatory measures are taken."

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who led the 2016 Brexit campaign, had cast the trade deal as a way to take back control of the United Kingdom's destiny after Brexit.



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● Balearic High Court backs local government and restrictions will remain even though nation-wide state of alarm ends on Sunday. See Page Four Inside.

EasyJet ahead of green list warns UK risks being left behind in travel

London.—The chief executive of easyJet said Britain was likely to be left behind the rest of Europe if the government does not allow quarantine-free travel to most of the continent when it announces where people can go on today.

Britain is set to publish its "green list" of low risk places where people can travel without needing to quarantine on their return home, but reports suggest that just a hand-

ful of countries will make the list, with major destinations like Spain and Greece excluded.

A limited list will be a blow to UK-based easyJet, whose home market is its biggest and which is counting on a big pick-up in travel to help repair its finances after a year of COVID-19 restrictions.

Chief Executive Johan Lundgren told the FT Live online conference yesterday that with Europe opening up it would be ironic that the

"UK, which has been the most advanced when it comes to the rollout of the vaccination programme, is actually going to find themselves left behind. "I think this is going to need to change, it's going to need to change very rapidly," he said.

Smaller holiday destinations such as Gibraltar, Iceland, Israel and Malta are expected to make the green list, while airlines and travel companies are hoping that bigger markets like Portugal and the

United States will also be on it.

Returning to the UK from a green list country will involve taking two COVID-19 tests, one before arrival and one on or before the second day of returning.

Britain has said that it will review travel plans again in late June, meaning that easyJet and competitors Ryanair, TUI, Jet2 and British Airways, could be forced to wait for a larger scale re-opening of UK travel.



Spain tourist arrivals slump 76% in March, recovery still far off: See Inside Today.