

Ryanair cabin crew in Spain announce 12 more days of strikes

Reuters | Madrid

Spain-based cabin crew at Ryanair (RYA.I) plan to strike for 12 days this month to demand better working conditions, the USO and SICTPLA unions said yesterday, raising the prospect of travel chaos as the summer tourist season gets under way.

The announcement came on the final day of the crews' current strike, which began on Thursday and forced Ryanair to cancel 10 flights in Spain yesterday.

Cabin crew will strike on July 12-15, 18-21 and 25-28 across the 10 Spanish airports where Ryanair operates, the unions said in a statement. "The unions and crew of Ryanair ... demand a change of attitude from the airline," they said in a statement, calling for Ryanair to resume negotiations over issues including payment of the minimum wage.

The unions also urged the government "not to allow Ryanair to violate labour legislation and constitutional rights such as the right to strike".

Ryanair cabin crew unions in Belgium, Spain, Portugal, France and Italy had taken strike action in recent days.

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The Labour Fund "Tamkeen" continues to hold meetings with enterprises that had received support through recently launched programmes to deliver a greater impact on the national economy and respond to the changing market needs.

This initiative is a part of Tamkeen's efforts to communicate with micro, small, medium and large enterprises to understand their future aspirations while also exploring how they can utilize Tamkeen's support in a number of areas, including training, investment, and expansion.

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Meeting with Tamkeen backed enterprises

explore solutions.

The attendees praised this proactive initiative, stressing the importance of enhancing collaboration opportunities.

Haleema Ammar, the Founder of Kashta for Paper and Paper Products, thanked Tamkeen stating: "This was a very fruitful meeting where we were able to meet with Tamkeen's leadership to explore solutions in line

with the needs of the market. We were able to learn and hear from various enterprises and projects within the Kingdom, which confirmed the willingness of Tamkeen's management to explore and address the inquiries and challenges raised."

Hussain Sharaf, the Chief Executive of Nawat Trading W.L.L. praised Tamkeen's transformation initiative. He said, "The

meeting with Tamkeen's team came at the right time, as we are now seeing even greater collaboration and cooperation with the private sector. From our end, we are working with various parties to further embrace digital transformation and eCommerce so that we can achieve strong and sustainable growth and have a positive impact on the national economy."

Boeing disappointed after China's top three airlines buy 300 Airbus planes

Reuters

Boeing Co (BA.N) said yesterday "it is disappointing that geopolitical differences continue to constrain US aircraft exports" while responding to China's three biggest state-owned airlines buying 300 jets from European planemaker Airbus SE (AIR.PA).

The US planemaker added that it continued to urge a productive dialogue between the US and China governments.

Tesla's deliveries fall, hurt by China's COVID shutdown

Reuters

Tesla Inc (TSLA.O) delivered 17.9% fewer electric vehicles in the second quarter from the previous quarter, as China's COVID 19-related shutdown disrupted its production and supply chain.

The world's biggest electric car maker said yesterday that it delivered 254,695 vehicles in the April to June period, compared with 310,048 vehicles in the preceding quarter, ending a nearly two-year-long run of record quarterly deliveries.

A resurgence in COVID-19 cases in China had forced Tesla to temporarily suspend production at its Shanghai factory and also affected suppliers' facilities in the country.

Tesla is ramping up production at the Shanghai factory with the easing of the COVID-19 lockdown, which will help boost deliveries in the second half.

Early in June, Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk told executives that he had a "super bad feeling" about the economy and needed to cut about 10% of staff at the electric car maker.

GM outsells Toyota in second quarter

Reuters

General Motors Co surpassed Toyota Motor Corp in second-quarter US car sales, data on Friday showed. GM, which lost its crown as the US sales leader last year for the first time since 1931 to Toyota, said it sold 582,401 vehicles in the quarter through June, 15% lower than a year earlier.

Toyota sold 531,105 vehicles, down 22%. GM said it had nearly 100,000 vehicles waiting for more parts, which forced it to offer a weak second-quarter profit forecast.

Philippines President Marcos vetoes economic zone bill championed by sister

Reuters | Manila

In one of his first legislative acts, newly-inaugurated Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos Jr has vetoed a bill sponsored by his lawmaker sister that would have created a special economic zone north of the capital, the presidential office said yesterday.

Marcos, 64, who took office on June 30 after winning the May election by a landslide, has inherited over \$200 billion in government debt driven by his predecessor's pandemic re-



Newly-elected Philippines President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr

sponse and the impact on the economy.

"Fiscal prudence must be exercised particularly at times when resources are scarce and

the needs are abundant," Marcos said in a letter on Friday addressed to Congress.

Creating a new special economic zone, which offers lengthy and wide ranging tax perks to investors, would pose a "substantial financial risks to the country", Marcos said.

In May, the upper chamber of congress passed a bill creating a special economic zone in Bulacan province. It was authored by Senator Imee Marcos, one of the president's many political allies in Congress.

The special economic zone

would have included a \$15 billion international airport project of conglomerate San Miguel Corp (SMC.PS). The international airport will be designed to handle 100 million passengers annually, compared with the 31-million capacity of the existing main gateway in Manila.

Marcos, the son of the Philippine ruler overthrown in a popular uprising 36 years ago, was sworn in as the country's president on Thursday, promising to strive for unity and a better future while praising his late father's legacy.

iGA, Microsoft hold workshop on best government practices in Cloud

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The Information and eGovernment Authority, and Microsoft, a leading technology company, organised a workshop on the latest innovations with the participations of Chiefs Information Officers and managers representing various government agencies in Bahrain.

The workshop is inline with the recent renewal of the strategic partnership between the government of Bahrain - represented by the Information and eGovernment Authority - and Microsoft to support national efforts and accelerate the pace of digital transformation in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Mohammed Ali Al Qaed, CE of the Information and eGovernment Authority, said the existing cooperation between Bahrain and leading organizations in the information and communica-



Participants of the workshop during a photocall

tion technology field, including Microsoft, played a pivotal role in achieving national goals and supporting the digital transformation process in the Kingdom.

"This event is an important

opportunity to showcase the new capabilities that will be achieved through this partnership," the CE said.

"Workshops for employees of government agencies will also

help to refine and develop national competencies working in the technology sector in the government." Sheikh Saif bin Hilal Al Hosani, General Manager of Microsoft Bahrain and Oman,

said: "We look forward to fulfilling our duty in this partnership to support the government to take advantage of these opportunities."

During the workshop, the

Information and eGovernment Authority reviewed its experience in the End Point Manager (Intune) cloud computing service, which is the best leading practices in managing users' devices from computers and smartphones to work the necessary updates and improvements to operating systems and applications.

Microsoft reviewed its leading cloud services such as Azure, Azure Marketplace and Power Platform, which would support the government Bahrain in providing its citizens with services, modernizing infrastructure, and enhancing cloud computing security and compliance standards.

The company also made recommendations on best measures and practices to improve the digital experience and reinvent the way services are delivered to citizens and residents.