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Ryanair pilots begin 48-hour strike



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Ryanair pilots have begun a 48-hour strike over pay and working conditions – the second of seven walk-outs planned for September.

10 Members of the Balpa (British Airline Pilots' Association) union are leading the strike on Wednesday and Thursday over issues including pensions and maternity benefits, with further 24-hour walk-outs scheduled for September 21, 23, 25, 27 and 29.

But the impact on Ryanair's services has been minimal. Some of the airline's flights departing the UK this morning have been delayed but up to an hour, but not one has been cancelled.

15 A statement from Ryanair said that during previous Balpa strikes (August 22-23 and September 2-4), "all Ryanair flights to and from UK airports operated as scheduled – with zero cancellations – thanks to the efforts of over 95 per cent of our UK pilots who flew as rostered".

20 The low-cost airline is facing another staff-related headache in Spain. Cabin crew in Spain are striking in protest at Ryanair's decision to close four bases in January. Ryanair has blamed the decision, which will put the jobs of 500 workers at risk, on the ongoing woes of the Boeing 737 MAX aircraft. The jet remains grounded following two fatal crashes in six months. [...]

Ryanair isn't the only airline locked in an industrial dispute with its staff. Balpa members working for British Airways are planning their own strike on September 27, one that is causing far more disruption to services [...]

25 "We have emailed customers travelling on impacted flights," says BA. "We will offer impacted customers the option to receive a full refund or the option to re-book to another travel date or on an alternative airline."

A strike = a walk-out

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