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European Union tells Britain to ease up on migrants

London.—European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker warned Britain not to discriminate against workers from fellow EU countries and said any moves to restrict the free movement of people could ultimately harm capital flows into London's financial centre.

His remarks during a panel discussion on Austrian television came after British Premier David Cameron laid out a blueprint for restricting EU migrants' access to welfare benefits but stopped short of proposing quotas if Britain felt too many people were settling in the country.

"This fundamental right of free movement of workers cannot be

questioned existentially because if you question the free movement of workers, Great Britain has to know that one day the free movement of capital will also have to be called into question," Juncker said.

He said the Commission wanted to discuss the matter calmly with Britain but added that migrants from eastern European countries go to other EU states to work and should not be treated as criminals.

"One should stop - especially Britain, which was always for expansion of the European Union - discriminating against countries only because it comes across well in the current context if you beat up on others," he said.

"I am strictly against that one should - and this is the key point - act as if all Poles, all Romanians, all Bulgarians who are on the European labour market are doing this out of a basically criminal disposition. These are people who are working to get paid," Juncker said.

A spokeswoman at the office of the British prime minister declined to comment.

Under the European Union's freedom of movement rules, EU citizens are entitled to work anywhere in the bloc.

That has seen hundreds of thousands of EU nationals come to work in Britain, which has the group's fastest-growing economy.



Computer fault identified as UK flight chaos abates

London.—A system failure affecting air traffic control workstations was to blame for disruption to thousands of passengers coming in and out of Britain's biggest airports, officials said, as services returned to normal yesterday. A small number of flights remain delayed or cancelled at London's Heathrow Airport, which calls itself the world's busiest international airport, according to its website. Air traffic officials said Friday's system failure occurred during a switchover of air controllers' workstations, which are put into operation or placed on standby as demand varies. "In this instance a transition between the two states caused a failure in the system which has not been seen before," National Air Traffic Service said in a statement. "The failure meant that the controllers were unable to access all of the data regarding individual flight plans which significantly increases their workload," NATS said, adding that traffic was then reduced.

British Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin had on Friday demanded a full explanation for the glitch that forced authorities to limit access to British airspace at one of the busiest times of year. He will appear before lawmakers on Monday as a parliamentary committee begins an investigation into the disruption.

TO BE DEPLOYED NEXT MONTH

British troops for Iraq

● Britain will send hundreds of troops to train Iraqi and Kurdish forces in Iraq, Defence Secretary Michael Fallon told *The Daily Telegraph* newspaper yesterday, in a bid to step up the battle against Islamic State fighters.

U.S President Barack Obama has already authorised the deployment of over 3,000 troops to the country and the top U.S commander guiding the coalition effort said earlier this week that allies would send about 1,500 additional troops.

Fallon said troops in the "very low hundreds" would be sent next month. He said that following air strikes by U.S.-led forces including Britain, Islamic State had changed its methods, moving away from use of large formations in open space.

ANGLICAN CHURCH CONCERT



The Georgie Insull Singers and guests, accompanied by Richard Vinton on piano, gave a concert at the Anglican Church in Palma on Friday night. The church was packed and everyone enjoyed the evening of music, followed by wine and mince pies. A good time was had by all!